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In 1995, the Development Reform Committee, chaired by Dan Garcia, released a report entitled "Permit Streamlining and Bureaucratic Reform in the City of Los Angeles: Report and Recommendations" which analyzed the efficiency and impact of the City's development approval process. The report offered a series of recommendations relative to entitlement/land use processing, the plan check process, customer service, and fair fee policies.

In the intervening years, the General Managers of the Planning and Building and Safety Departments, with the support of the City Council and the leadership of Councilmember Reyes, Chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee, have implemented many of the recommended reforms. Although some progress has been made, there remains work to be done.

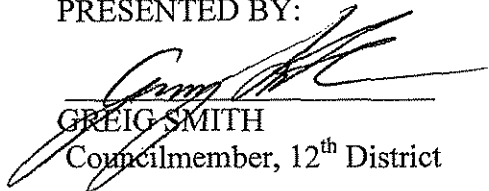
As such, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Council President Eric Garcetti recently called for the "Twelve to Two" program with the goal of reducing the number of departments that major projects must go through in order to gain approval; thereby enacting many of the recommendations in the Daniel Garcia Report.

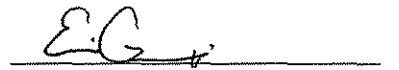
The Committee on Jobs, Business Growth and Tax Reform was established to improve the business climate in the City of Los Angeles. As the City's development review process becomes more efficient, less costly, and more certain in outcome, it will spur investment by the business community in the City of Los Angeles.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Planning Department and the Department of Building and Safety be directed to report to the Jobs, Business Growth and Tax Reform Committee within 30 days on recommendations relative to entitlement/land use processing, the plan check process, customer service, and fair fee policies found in the 1995 Development Reform Committee report entitled "Permit Streamlining and Bureaucratic Reform in the City of Los Angeles: Report and Recommendations."

I FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Department and the Department of Building and Safety be requested to report to the Jobs, Business Growth and Tax Reform Committee within 30 days on progress being made relative to the "Twelve to Two" program.

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