

Comments to Agenda No. 4-CF 11-0023-S11 L.A. Event Center, LLC and L.A. Convention Hall, LLC (LACH) Supplemental Fee Agreement (SFA)

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The July 26, 2012 Memo from the Mayor was not signed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, but by Gaye Williams. Ms. Williams was not elected to the Office of the Mayor nor is Ms. Williams in line of succession and we see no duties permitted under the Charter for a proxy.

This Supplemental Fee Agreement appears to be another Environmental Document with a Lead Agency designation of DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING for review and analysis purposes.

This appears as a substitution for a Supplemental Environmental document that should be circulated to the Public.

The Advisory Agencies listed are:

1. Department of Transportation
2. Public Works-Bureau of Engineering
3. Los Angeles Convention Center Department
4. Department of Cultural Affairs

All will be represented by the City Attorney as they are City agencies. This becomes a ministerial process and deprives any public and other concerned agency involvement to comment on environmental impacts, mitigation and monitoring measures. This ministerial process cloaks the intention of the California Environmental Quality Act which includes but is not limited to:

Inform governmental decision-makers and the public about the potential, significant environmental effects of proposed activities

Identify the ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced

Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when the governmental agency finds the changes to be feasible

Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project in the manner the agency chose if significant environmental effects are involved

Changing a proposed project

Imposing conditions on the approval of the project

Adopting plans or ordinances to control a broader class of projects to avoid the adverse changes

Choosing an alternative way of meeting the same need

Omitted are the concerns of overtime, pension and health care cost liabilities in this Supplemental Fee Agreement. There could be an effect to the General Fund though this report denies any effect.

The ten year timeframe is not explained and leaves no option for denial of the project. It is a substitute guarantee that the developers have a pre-approved deal.

The property is owned by the City of Los Angeles and the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles, which is under the jurisdiction of the CRA/LA DLA Designated Local Authority.

Under this agreement, the land use requirements for a multi-use enterprise:

1. Exhibit Space
2. Events Center
3. Parking Facilities
4. Ancillary Retail
5. Restaurants
6. Office Space

This process should be in a public arena, not under a Supplemental Fee Agreement which takes the process outside of the legislative jurisdiction such as Commissions, Committees and the Council.

Also required are:

1. Signage Program
2. District-wide Parking/Transportation Programs through the Specific Plan

3. Development Agreement
4. Code Amendment
5. Discretionary Actions

The Director of Planning or a designee is authorized to sign the agreement, not an elected official representing the City.

Environmental impacts are more widespread than the subject properties and the Specific Plan, but which "Specific Plan" and "Development Agreement" are not indicated. Is it the Proposed Project and Specific Plan or the existing Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District Specific Plan and its related Development Agreement.

May we remind you that the original intention of the voters was to have the City or a State of California non-profit corporation operator at a tangible, stated net worth, operate the Municipal Auditorium, Arena or Sports Center for the benefit of the public, debts paid with any surplus funds allocated to the Reserve Fund.

Ad Hoc Committee on Downtown Stadium and Convention Center held a Special Meeting on July 30, 2012 to hear this item. There is no emergency or special circumstance that warrants a "Special" meeting.

There is no Conflict of Interest Code established for the governance of the SFA.

Deny this report.

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