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Improving the Deal: Our Opportunity, Our Obligation

On Monday, June 27, 2011, Council District 11 sponsored a Town Hall Forum at the Mar Vista Recreation Center to discuss the proposed downtown stadium and event center. At the event, taped for later broadcast on Channel 35, officials from AEG gave a detailed presentation on their proposal, and took questions from neighborhood council representatives and other community members for nearly two hours.

The presentation to Council District 11 was more detailed, exhaustive, and current than any information the full City Council has received. The line of questioning from Council District 11 residents was more thorough and direct than any the City Council has been able to pursue. The feedback and suggestions from the public were smart and constructive, potentially strengthening and informing the City's negotiating position. The City Council would clearly benefit from the same presentation, and the same opportunity to engage actively on the issue.

With AEG asking for the City Council to agree to a Memorandum of Understanding on the project by July 31st, and with City representatives meeting regularly and negotiating with AEG, the time for members of the City Council to fully engage and shape the proposed deal is running short.

Additionally, while the Ad Hoc Committee on the Proposed Downtown Stadium and Event Center has discussed a set of negotiating principles, the full City Council has not ratified or endorsed those principles, and has not given official negotiating instructions to its negotiating team.

It is imperative that the City Council, as the elected representatives of the people of Los Angeles, be allowed to shape the proposed deal and insist on terms that best suit the City's interests. It is vital that the City Council not receive a proposal against a tight deadline with dire warnings that any amendments and changes could kill the deal. Clearly, our best time to participate in and influence the process is now.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council invite AEG to make a presentation on its proposal to the full City Council, and the City Council be allowed to ask questions about the proposal in open session.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA and CAO brief the full City Council on its current set of negotiating instructions, and the City Council be allowed to discuss and amend those instructions.

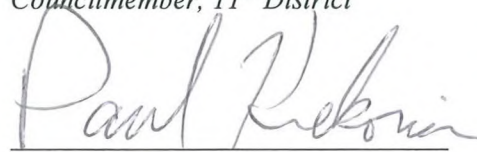

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA and CAO brief the full City Council in open session on the current status of negotiations with AEG.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to brief the City Council on what flexibility it will have to amend or change a proposed MOU with AEG if and when it is presented.

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