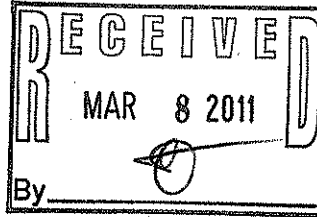


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I personally wish you the best with your proposal to eliminate all CRAs in California.

Thanks,
Mike Kolker
Elected member of the
Community Redevelopment Agency - Los Angeles
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Subject: Fw: PAC Executive Committee Procedural Issue

FYI

There's a procedural problem for the Adelante Eastside CRA Project Area Committee that has just been created by the CRA management:

Yesterday I wrote an email to Angie Garcia simply asking when the PAC's Executive Committee is meeting next (email copied below).

Today, in response, I got a call from David Riccitiello the Regional Administrator of CRA-LA for the Adelante Eastside, Downtown and Harbor regions.

He said that the Community Redevelopment Agency is no longer supporting the CRA Adelante Eastside Project Area Committee in any way, including -

- no meeting rooms
- no translation services
- no agenda distribution under the Brown Act
- no printing of agendas
- no posting of agendas
- no recording of meetings
- no minutes of meetings
- etc.

He made it clear that it was in retaliation for the PAC's voting unanimously last month for a motion to support the Governor's plan to eliminate CRA's in the state.

He said that we can call our own meetings, but he didn't say how that would be possible without meeting rooms, translation services, etc.

Mr. Riccitiello refused to send me or the PAC an email confirming what he was telling me on the phone.

We're elected officials required by state law and L.A. City Council actions.

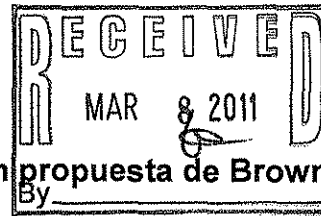
Procedurally this is uncharted territory.

Thanks,

Kris Kolker
Vice Chair

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Consejos vecinales contra CRA



Afirman que esta agencia malgasta millones y apoyan propuesta de Brown

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Molestos por considerar que las Agencias de Reurbanización Comunitaria (CRA) están beneficiando a los promotores inmobiliarios y no al desarrollo de los vecindarios, representantes de decenas de consejos vecinales en Los Ángeles pidieron ayer apoyar la propuesta del gobernador Jerry Brown para desaparecer esa entidad.

Reunidos en Los Ángeles City College a través del Citywide Alliance of Neighborhood Councils (ALLNCs), los representantes vecinales reprocharon al director del CRA en Los Ángeles, Jim Dantona, del favoritismo hacia los desarrolladores.

José Aguilar, miembro de los concejos vecinales de Boyle Heights, El Sereno y Lincoln Heights, expuso que a pesar de los problemas que se tienen con el presupuesto, el CRA está malgastando los millones de dólares que obtiene de impuestos a los inmuebles.

"Hace unas movidas que son completamente corruptas desde mi punto de vista", consideró Aguilar.

Se refirió al caso de una propiedad en Hollywood que hace tres años el CRA adquirió de un desarrollador por 5 millones de dólares y que recientemente vendió al mismo desarrollador en 800 mil dólares.

"Esta clase de abusos se repiten en toda la ciudad", aseguró el representante vecinal. "Los recursos los están utilizando para beneficiar a desarrolladores, sería mejor usarlos en programas de escuelas, bibliotecas, bomberos y policías".

Al tomar posesión como gobernador, Brown propuso la desaparición de las 424 oficinas de CRA que hay en todo el estado, junto con las 42 Zonas Empresariales de California (CEZ).

Para el nuevo mandatario estatal, la desaparición de tales organismos le ahorraría al estado más de 900 millones de dólares, considerados muy útiles cuando California enfrenta un déficit fiscal de 28 millones de dólares. Con el gobernador

Durante su exposición ante los consejos vecinales, Jim Dantona defendió la operación de la CRA en Los Ángeles, ya que dijo, además de parques y complejos habitacionales, se han podido realizar varios proyectos a los que calificó como "catalíticos", es decir, que han transformado a la ciudad.

Se refirió especialmente al L.A. Live, que dijo, ha podido generar desarraigo económica en la zona.

Pero a los consejos vecinales no les convenció y le insistieron que el CRA ampara más a los grandes desarrolladores que a los vecindarios.

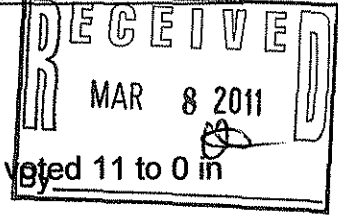
Mike Kolker, otro representante vecinal, dijo que el próximo 25 de enero a las 6:00 de la tarde habrá una reunión del Project Area Committee (PAC) en la biblioteca Benjamin Franklin, en el Este de Los Ángeles, donde se tratará la propuesta de desmantelar las CRA.

"Estamos apoyando la propuesta del gobernador", indicó Kolker.

Bradley (sólo así se identificó), miembro de la junta directiva del ALLNCs, dijo que como organización que agrupa a todos los consejos vecinales de la ciudad, de manera frecuente llevan a cabo foros de discusión para tratar los asuntos de la comunidad.

"En esta ocasión", dijo, "el tema del CRA es un asunto caliente. La idea de nosotros es ser un puente entre los consejos vecinales y el gobierno para discutir los asuntos que preocupan a los angelinos en todos los vecindarios".

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