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Los Angeles City Council Agenda for February 9, 2011, Item No. 31, Council File No. 11-0086

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Potential Violations of CAL. GOV. CODE § 1090

Conflicts of Interest involving city officers or employees shall not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by any body or board of which they are members.

Honorable Council Members:

Please accept my formal objections to Agenda Item No. 31, LA City Council File No. 11-0086. This supplements my previous objections which were submitted for the record to the CRA/LA Commissioners and the City Attorney.

The item before you today is based on actions taken by the CRA/LA on Friday, January 14, 2011, which were in clear violation of the Brown Act. Therefore you should not move forward with this item.

CAL. GOV. CODE § 1090

In addition, you have already been made aware of potential conflicts of interest issues involving the Management Team of the CRA/LA who were, according to Mr. Jim Dantona of the CRA/LA participated in the formulation, preparation, and presentation of a plan that is seeking to approve an agreement between the City of Los Angeles and the CRA/LA that involves almost \$1 Billion dollars.

By approving this plan, you would be moving forward with what would eventually be a contract. The members that participated in any part of this contract would be most likely in violation of California Government. CODE § 1090, Conflicts of Interest involving city officers or employees shall not be financially interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity, or by any body or board of which they are members.

According to Mr. Dantona of the CRA/LA, the following members attended a meeting of the Executive Staff (also known as "Management Team") of the CRA/LA on January 12, 2011 to prepare the plan and documents for the CRA/LA Special Meeting of January 14, 2011.

Mr. Dantona identified the following persons, all of whom were in attendance in the CRA/LA Special Meeting of January 14, 2011:

Christine Essel, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CRA/LA.

Jim Dantona, Assistant to the CEO of CRA/LA.

Calvin Hollis, Chief Operating Officer of CRA/LA.

Steve Valenzuela, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of CRA/LA

Dalila Sotelo, Deputy Chief of Operations for CRA/LA'

Sincerely,
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