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Fwd: Council File 11-1705 City Wide Sign Ordinance

1 message

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To: Edwin Grover <edwin.grover@lacity.org>

Mon, Oct 31, 2016 at 1:22 PM

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From: **Patrick Frank** <plf@grabados.org>
Date: Mon, Oct 31, 2016 at 12:23 PM
Subject: Council File 11-1705 City Wide Sign Ordinance
To: etta.armstrong@lacity.org

Dear Ms. Armstrong Please add this communication to the file:
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To: Honorable Members, Planning and Land Use Management Committee
Subject: Council File #11-1705 Citywide Sign Ordinance Revisions

Dear Chairman Huizar and committee members:

Billboard companies and their executives have donated more than \$96,000 to the most recent election campaigns of four sitting members of the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee. The bulk of that money, in direct cash contributions as well as free billboard ads for their campaigns, has gone to Chairman Jose Huizar and members Mitchell Englander and Gilbert Cedillo.

The committee is currently considering far-reaching changes to the city's billboard and sign regulations, including plans that could allow hundreds of new digital billboards on commercial streets, and these contributions raise the question of whether the committee members can be totally objective in weighing these matters that will have a profound effect on communities throughout the city.

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In light of these facts, I call upon those three members of committee to recuse themselves from further discussion and action on the currently pending sign ordinance and related sign regulations. The public deserves to know that whatever is ultimately approved by the City Council has been the product of objective deliberations and free of the influence of money from companies and others with a major financial stake in the outcome.

Sincerely,
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