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Council File 11-1705 City Wide Sign Ordinance Revisions

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Dear Chairman Huizar and Honorable Members of the City of Los Angeles Planning and Land Use Management Committee,

I am writing you all regarding Council File #11-1705 (Citywide Sign Ordinance Revisions). To date 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, is in direct cash contributions as well as free billboard ads for their election campaigns, and 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.

In addition, Councilman Englander has used a public meeting of the Committee to impugn the honesty and integrity of the head of the Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight, the non-profit organization that has been at the forefront in advocating for regulations that protect communities and

neighborhoods from adverse effects of billboards and other forms of outdoor advertising. To date, the councilman has offered nothing publicly to support his accusations.

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.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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