



Fwd: Council File No. 12-0460-S4; Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA; ENV-2016-3183-CE

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Please attach to CF 12-0460-s4.

Thank you

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Date: Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 2:24 PM

Subject: Council File No. 12-0460-S4; Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA; ENV-2016-3183-CE

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Re: Council File No. 12-0460-S4; Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA; ENV-2016-3183-CE ; Referred to by Planning and the City Planning Commission (CPC) as the "Planning and Processes Ordinance" and Renamed after the CPC hearing as Zoning Code / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Reorganization of Administrative Provisions / Amendment, OPPOSE

Dear City Council Members, Council Staff, and Clerks;

I am going to start my email by telling you how much I love my city and my neighborhood. For 20 years I have called Los Angeles home.

Citizen participation is key to our democracy and although the process is not easy it is critically important because it those of us who live here have the long term interests of all residents at heart. That is why we voted for JJJ because we want desperately to provide shelter and a place to call home for all of our population. Unfortunately, money and special interests keep finding ways to torpedo or bulldoze over the individual rights of human beings and voters in increasingly complicated ways.

It is my hope that you too believe that all truly good government (regardless of party affiliation) can handle public outcry and criticism. City Planning has been writing this Ordinance to alter the path to approval and notifications regarding development in Los Angeles. I am not sure who directed them to take these steps but I know that very intelligent community members have tried to point out this glaring shift of power to an unelected official and agency but have been dismissed and given the runaround. The name of the Ordinance and the file number was changed between the time that it was considered by the City Planning Commission and sent to PLUM without any cross-reference or link in the City Planning file or City Council, making it really difficult for most of us to figure out how to voice our opposition on the record. That is not how a city agency should work with concerned taxpaying residents.

As a resident, voter and taxpayer, **I vehemently OPPOSE this Zoning Code/Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC)/Reorganization of Administrative Provisions.**

Everyone needs a voice when it comes to our communities and this Ordinance takes away that voice and sends us down a path of reckless development. If we have learned nothing else in the last two years of politics it is that when something does not appear "just" or transparent that we, the people, need to "follow the money" and ask "Who is going benefit from this"?

Well, it is not homeowners, renters or the homeless. By providing some of the upzoning menu incentives at the discretion of the Director of Planning without going through the process and dedicating the housing mandated by Measure JJJ, this Ordinance ONLY benefits the developers who want the keys to the valuable real estate in this city for speculative real estate investments. That is not "Planning", that is pandering to special interest lobbyists who pay for access to policymakers and elected officials. City Planning should be planned not just abdicated to the for-profit market benefiting from real estate speculation. City Planning is an agency made up of employees that are paid with taxpayer dollars and are supposed to implement policy written and put forth by LA's elected officials with the input and support of their taxpaying, voting constituents.

Per our Charter all planning and development is supposed to be on notice to and input from our Neighborhood Councils. This ordinance

- *fails to include the neighborhood councils in the process,
- *cuts back on notices required to surrounding neighbors,
- *has all kinds of special interest provisions that are hard to find but that affect the Baseline Ordinance, the Hillside Ordinance, our Zoning Code provisions, the HPOZ Ordinance, Specific Plans and a host of other carefully thought through and transparently drafted and negotiated zoning features,
- *shifts a lot of power from City Council to the unelected bureaucrats at Planning who have shown themselves to be deceptive in describing what this Ordinance does.

This ordinance is fundamentally flawed and done without transparency or community input. This is unacceptable and as elected officials who have sworn to act on behalf of the people of the city, I ask you to

REJECT

REVISE

RECIRCULATE (with an accurate summary) and

RECONSIDER

this Ordinance.

Thank you,

Geoff Missad

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