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From: 'KIKI GINDLER' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Sat, Nov 17, 2018 at 10:42 AM

Subject: Council File #: 12-0460-S4 OPPOSITION

To: <David.Ryu@lacity.org>

Cc: <CityClerk@lacity.org>, Cindy Chavatl <Snorekel@gmail.com>

Dear Councilman Ryu,

Together with a large number of residents in my neighborhood (Hancock Park HPOZ, Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council) who have been actively involved with City Planning, I am writing to strongly oppose the above-referenced proposal referenced as the Zoning Code / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Reorganization of Administrative Provisions / Amendment, Council File 12-0460-S4; Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA; ENV-2016-3183-CE ("Proposed Ordinance").

Residents of Los Angeles should have the right to provide input regarding development of our communities. The Proposed Ordinance would strip residents of any voice in the development process and sends us down the wrong path. Development across our city should be mindfully planned, not abdicated to the influence of for-profit developers. For profit interests are necessarily more focused on reaping the highest market benefits from real estate speculation and development, rather than any aspirational greater good serving the people of Los Angeles and our quality of life. The civil servants working for the City of Los Angeles must keep the public benefit in mind when working with for-profit developers; City Planning should work in service of our community to balance all interests with the goal of creating a more livable city for residents, voters and taxpayers. The quality of life in this city needs to be improved, not handed over to unrestrained development by for-profit interests who often do not have a long-term stake in the bigger picture.

Please send this Proposed Ordinance back to City Planning and do not pass on to PLUM or the Council until City Planning has undertaken the following steps:

1. Modified the Proposed Ordinance to include the Neighborhood Councils in the authorities section of the Proposed Ordinance with all of their Charter and LAMC powers, notices and rights—no exceptions.

2. Modified the Council powers section: no portion of this section should eliminate, suspend, transfer or delegate any of Council's powers to anyone else—not Vince Bertoni or his successor, not Eric Garcetti or his successor, not the State of California, and not any other individual or governmental authority.

3. Modified such that there is no amendment to the charter to bring State law into our LAMC or Charter.

4. Modified as follows:

- The Director of Planning should not be able to grant incentives, to waive like reduced parking or deviations from the zoning code setbacks, density or Floor Area Ratios other than through the existing affordable housing provisions.
- The Director should not be able to waive public hearings to make "back room" deals.
- Developers should not be allowed to "stack" incentives to maximize their bonuses but provide the minimal amount of affordable housing units which then double count or triple count as both replacement units under state law and new affordable units under the Transit Oriented Communities.
- The Director of Planning should not be able to "interpret" ordinances passed by Council without a right of appeal back to Council to confirm original intent of those ordinances.

5. Modified the Proposed Ordinance with respect to the 500 foot radius (or more if not at least 20 neighbors), across the street, Certified NCs and resident notification rights: all existing processes and procedures that insure public comment need to be preserved for notice, public hearing and right of appeal.

6. Modified HPOZ provisions: the Planning Department should not be determining Certificates of Appropriateness without appeal to Council (the status quo) or determine Certificates of Compatibility. There are also serious concerns about the approvals of historic monuments being completely given to the Director of City Planning.

And this is just the tip of the iceberg. There is much more concerning about the Proposed Ordinance. It is fundamentally flawed and needs to be sent back for correction and review.

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From: **Geoff Missad** <gmissad@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Nov 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM

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

To: <cityclerk@lacity.org>

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 alot 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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From: Travis <travis@travishuff.com>

Date: Sat, Nov 17, 2018 at 10:19 AM

Subject: OPPOSE Council File #: 12-0460-S4

To: <David.Ryu@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>

Dear Councilman Ryu,

Subject: OPPOSE Council File #: 12-0460-S4

I am writing to strongly OPPOSE Zoning Code / Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) / Reorganization of Administrative Provisions / Amendment, Council File 12-0460-S4; Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA; ENV-2016-3183-CE ("Proposed Ordinance").

Everyone needs a voice when it comes our communities and this ordinance takes away that voice and sends us down a path of reckless development. City Planning should be planned not just abdicated to the for-profit market benefiting from real estate speculation. The City and developers must compromise to create a more balanced livable city for residents, voters and taxpayers.

Please send this Proposed Ordinance back to Planning and do not pass on to PLUM or Council until Planning has done the following:

1. FIXED the Proposed Ordinance to INCLUDE the Neighborhood Councils in the authorities section with all of their Charter and LAMC powers, notices and rights. No exceptions.
2. FIXED the Council powers section -- there is no section of this that ought to eliminate, suspend, transfer or delegate any of Council's powers to anyone else -- not Vince Bertoni or his successor, not Eric Garcetti or his successor, not the State of California and not anyone else. It would be easy enough to say up front that there is no intent to do that and the Proposed Ordinance does not do that.
3. FIXED to get rid of every single solitary reference to State law and every addition to the City Charter (like Advisory Agency authority added per Charter) in this Ordinance. We should not amend the Charter or bring State law into our LAMC or Charter.
4. FIXED and revised every substantive law change. There are many:
 - The Director of Planning should not be able to grant incentives, to waive like reduced parking or deviations from the zoning code setbacks, density or Floor Area Ratios other than through the existing affordable housing provisions
 - The Director should not be able to waive public hearings to make "back room" deals.
 - This ordinance now allows developers to "stack" incentives to maximize their bonuses but provide the minimal amount of affordable housing units which then double count or triple count as both replacement units under state law and new affordable units under the Transit Oriented Communities
 - The Director of Planning ability to act to "interpret" ordinances passed by Council without a right of appeal back to Council to ask what they really meant.
5. FIX 500 foot radius (or more if not at least 20 neighbors), across the street, Certified NCs and any resident who has asked to be notified of any item within an area - all need to be preserved for notice, public hearing and right of appeal.
6. FIX HPOZ provisions - Planning Dept should not be determining Certificates of Appropriateness without appeal to Council (which is the way it is now) or determine Certificates of Compatibility. There are also serious concerns about the approvals of historic monuments being given to just the Director of City Planning.

There is more that is of serious concern it is clear the Ordinance is fundamentally flawed and needs to be sent back for correction and review.

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Fwd: OPPOSE CITY COUNCIL FILE 120460-S4,CPC-2016-3182-CA-snf ENV-2016-3183-CE

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Nov 17, 2018 5:22 PM

Posted in group: **Clerk-PLUM-Committee**

To Whom it May Concern,

Just so you know, That I am on the Board of Beverly Wilshire Home owners and we oppose the above City Council file, please help us, by your opposition also

Thanks

Amy Challenger

Thomas Challenger and family

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