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RULE #16 9-17-13
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Development in the City of Los Angeles is of paramount importance to people that live, visit, or do business in the City. It is through development that jobs are created, housing is erected, businesses thrive, and neighborhoods are livable. To cultivate well planned development in the City, development processes have been studied for decades looking for ways to cut red tape, provide transparency and accountability, and make services more efficient and accessible. Some improvements have been made, but more are needed.

As part of the FY 2013-2014 Budget and as well as by further Council action (CF 13-0046), City staff were directed to work to functionally integrate the development services of the Departments of Planning and Building and Safety and portions of other departments, into a new department. A consultant was hired to develop recommendations for a plan on how the consolidation could be implemented by January 1, 2014.

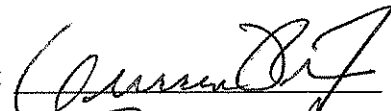
Concerns have been raised by various stakeholders, including labor organizations, neighborhood councils and businesses, about consolidating these departments without considering various options for improving processes that may be more beneficial than consolidation.

In order to allow the consultant to consider other solutions and make recommendations on ways to improve development services in the City, the previous Council action needs to be amended.


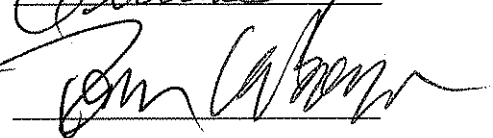
I THEREFORE MOVE, that the Council action of May 29, 2013 relative to the realignment of City departments to create a new department of City Planning and Development (CF 13-0046), BE AMENDED to instruct the involved Departments to expand the scope of work of the consultant hired to advise the City on this matter to include a report on options, other than consolidation, that would improve the City's development process. This report should include best practices in other large municipalities, a cost benefit analysis, pros and cons of consolidation, other viable realignment options, and an implementation timeline.

I FURTHER MOVE, that pending preparation of this report and additional analyses, any actions to implement the consolidation of the Departments of Planning and Building and Safety be delayed until FY 2014-2015.

PRESENTED BY:



SECONDED BY:



September 13, 2013