

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE REPORT relative to updating fees collected in connection with the Arts Development Fee Ordinance.

Recommendation for Council action as initiated by Motion (Huizar - O'Farrell - Cedillo):

INSTRUCT the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), with the assistance of the Planning Department, the Department of Building and Safety, and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), and in consultation with the City Attorney, to report in 45 days with recommendations and a draft Ordinance to update the amounts collected and the process for collection and disbursing funds with said recommendations to include recommendations for expanding the types of projects generating Arts Development Fees and appropriate credits and exemptions.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**(Also referred to the Budget and Finance Committee)**

Summary:

On October 9, 2013, your Committee considered a Motion (Huizar - O'Farrell - Cedillo) relative to instructing the Department of Cultural Affairs, with the assistance of the Planning Department, Department of Building and Safety (DBS), and CAO and in consultation with the City Attorney, to report with recommendations and an Ordinance to update the Arts Development Fee Ordinance to update the amounts collected and the process for collecting and disbursing funds as well as recommendations for expanding the types of projects generating Arts Development Fees and appropriate credits and exemptions. According to the Motion, on November 29, 1988, Council enacted the Arts Development Fee Ordinance (Ordinance No. 164243). The ordinance was further revised in 1991, with the creation of the Arts Development Fee Trust Fund (Ordinance Nos. 166724 and 166725). The ordinance established fees based on size for certain types of new construction authorized by building permits on given development projects.

Such fees are to be used for provision of adequate cultural and artistic facilities, service and community amenities for the project. Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 91.107.4.6 requires owners of development projects for commercial or industrial buildings to pay an arts fee (Arts Development Fee). The Arts Development Fee is an exaction whereby owners of private development projects for commercial or industrial buildings are required to pay an arts fee in exchange for the right to develop the project and to lessen the burden placed on the City for services caused by the project. The amount of the fee is based on the project's type of land use; however, the amount of the Fee cannot exceed \$1.57 per gross square foot of any structure authorized by the building permit or one percent of the valuation of the project designated on the permit, whichever is lower, as determined by the DBS.

The Arts Development Fee Ordinance has not been amended in over two decades. In practice, the use of these funds is constrained in a number of ways. First, the multitude of separate and often small fund pools have made their comprehensive and coordinated use very difficult. Further, each

fund is available solely to the development project and its future employees as opposed to the surrounding community at large. Finally, the code directs this funding to be used in compliance with the principals and standards of the five-year "Cultural Master Plan" being implemented at the time. However, this plan has long expired.

After further consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend instructing the DCA and the CLA, with the assistance of the Planning Department, the DBS, and the CAO, and in consultation with the City Attorney, to report in 45 days with recommendations and a draft Ordinance to update the amounts collected and the process for expanding the types of projects generating Arts Development Fees and appropriate credits and exemptions.

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTS, PARKS, HEALTH, AGING AND RIVER COMMITTEE

<b><u>MEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE</u></b>
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O'FARRELL	YES
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LABONGE:	ABSENT
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BUSCAINO:	ABSENT
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CEDILLO:	YES
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PRICE:	YES
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