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## Item 14-0057-S3 and Item 14-0057-S7 on TODAY'S Agenda

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Tue, Mar 1, 2016 at 11:04 AM

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### **Item 14-0057-S3** (Cedillo - O'Farrell) regarding amending the Site Plan Review Ordinance

This motion would severely limit transparency in government and result in increased alienation of the public, the citizens. It would place additional authority in the hands of a few without even the opportunity for the public to take a look at projects.

This motion would end the participation of neighborhood residents to create a better project, a better fit for our communities, and would endanger the character and integrity of our neighborhoods.

The motion would result in increased litigation for lack of effective community input. Please do not support this measure.

### **Item 14-0057-S7** (Cedillo - Wesson)

This motion would severely limit the ability of neighborhood councils to comment on projects.

The neighborhood council review often works out problems with neighbors that prevents litigation and works toward a better project. It serves the preservation of neighborhoods.

It takes three months to get a project through the process of meeting with the land use committee, then with the full neighborhood council. Most often the developer must return to the land use committee with additional information, modifications to plans, and after additional meetings with immediate neighbors.

Please do not support this motion.



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## PLUM Meeting 3-1-16, Item Nos. 14-0057-S3 & 14-0057-S7

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Tue, Mar 1, 2016 at 11:52 AM

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Dear Ms. Dickinson,

I was surprised and disturbed to learn about two items on the PLUM agenda for today. The two items I cite below seem to be an attempt by the City to further undermine the public review process for new projects.

- 1) Item 14-0057-S3 (Cedillo - O'Farrell) regarding amending the Site Plan Review Ordinance to raise the threshold above 50 units to an currently undefined number and to establish an administrative review process for these projects.

*Are they kidding? Has the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative not made it clear that the public already feels they're being shut out of the planning process? Do Councilmembers Cedillo and O'Farrell not realize that this will only further infuriate citizens who feel that the City is ready to greenlight any project backed by developers with deep pockets?*

- 2) Item 14-0057-S7 (Cedillo - Wesson) moving forward with a report on the feasibility of the continued and accelerated use of outside consultants to prepare and review project EIRs to facilitate project approvals through using the expedited processing unit.

*While I can understand the need to expedite the review process, this seems like another thinly veiled attempt to speed things up and avoid necessary public scrutiny.*

Please communicate my comments to the members of the PLUM Committee, and let them know that these actions will only exacerbate citizen outrage over the broken and corrupt process that currently governs development in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Casey Maddren

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**Fwd: OPPOSITION to Item 14-0057-S3, Changing Site Plan Review threshold. & OPPOSITION of Item 14-0057-S7**

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Please enter into the appropriate file to oppose these two Items.

Thank you.

Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject: OPPOSITION to Item 14-0057-S3, Changing Site Plan Review threshold. & OPPOSITION of Item 14-0057-S7**

Dear Rep. Cedillo and PLUM Members,

I am writing you in STRONG OPPOSITION of Item 14-0057-S3 (Cedillo - O'Farrell) regarding amending the Site Plan Review Ordinance. THIS IS INSANITY!!!!!! We Stakeholders are already extremely effected in countless negative aspects due to the UNCONTROLLED SB1818 Density Bonus Law, of which the CITY UTTERLY FAILED to establish the State recommended control guidelines protocol and has enabled out of character, scale and massing development to INVADE our Residential neighborhoods, dismissing ALL previously set Zoning Laws and Restrictions AND STAKEHOLDER RIGHTS!!

THIS IS INSANITY!!!! You cannot control or monitor what is already slamming the Planning Department, ruining neighborhood character, causing traffic congestion and trampling on Property Owners dreams and rights of the neighborhoods they chose to deeply invest in by purchasing and or raising their family in. Now you want to INCREASE that??? ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!!!!

THIS IS NOTHING BUT A CORPORATE DEVELOPER BUYOUT OF THE LA CITY COUNCIL SOLELY FOR THEIR BENEFIT AND IGNORING STAKEHOLDERS THAT ACTUALLY VOTED FOR THE POSITION YOU WERE ELECTED TO HOLD, REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE!!!!!! IT STRIPS FURTHER RIGHTS TO BE HEARD FROM US.

I am heavily in opposition to this item. This should NOT be allowed and would be disastrous for neighborhoods. This takes any interest and concern for your stakeholders OUT of our hands. There are so many issues with projects that are over 50 units and these issues impact the neighborhood GREATLY. Especially in the middle of Los Angeles and the city wide building frenzy that is happening. Of course there is parking, but in addition there are huge traffic implications of projects this size and infrastructure is a huge concern of neighborhoods. These issues are very complicated and take time to assess and make sure that these projects are being built safely and the neighborhoods can support them. Traffic in Los Angeles is a huge concern and where I live the accidents have increased due to the influx of these projects.

Your STAKEHOLDERS are your voice. They are the ones that show up for you and give input on whether these projects are a benefit to the community. There are many developers that are not following City-Wide protocol and the process now keeps them all in check. I urge you to NOT RAISE the limit on site plan review. This would be a disastrous move for the neighborhood.

DO NOT pass this gasoline on fire Item 14-0057-S3!!!!!! Stop stripping away Rights of the Stakeholders!!!!!!

Item 14-0057-S7 Is MORE of the SAME!! This would outsource Stakeholders' Rights to susceptible outside Parties to influence EVEN FARTHER than the City seems to be.  
NO NO NO NO NO!!!!!!!!!! This NOT a fix, it's giving steroids to the already rampant problems

Please