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Oppose Section 245 request for CF 04-0171 / Case No. 1402-ZV-ZAA-ZAD-1A / 10550 Bellagio Road, Bel Air, COUNCIL MTG of Mar 5, 2014

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At its Board of Director's meeting of March 4, 2014 the Board of Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. Homeowners Association (WSSM) authorized the attached letter to be sent to the full City Council re: CF 04-0171 / Case No. 1402-ZV-ZAA-ZAD-1A / 10550 Bellagio Road, Bel Air. We are strongly opposed to the invocation of Charter Section 245 to overrule the recent West LA Area Planning Commission's decision to deny the request for overheight development and support the appeal of resident Janice Lazarof.

Please submit our letter to the Council File and share it with members prior to the vote on this matter.

Thank you,

Barbara Broide, President

Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. Homeowners Assoc.

LA's City Council: Campaign Cash Is King

Written by Jack Humphreville

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LA WATCHDOG - As the City Council is preparing to place a \$7 billion tax increase on the November ballot to finance the repair of our systematically neglected streets and sidewalks, ask yourself, "Do you trust City Hall?"

At the urging of Council Member Paul Koretz, the City Council has asserted jurisdiction pursuant to Charter Section 245 over the West Los Angeles Area Planning Commission

unanimous decision to deny a 50 foot height variance requested by two well heeled, Beverly Hills real estate developers for a speculative 42,409 square foot monster mansion on a two acre site on Bellagio Road in Bel Air, one of the priciest neighborhoods in the country.

But the approval of the 50 foot height variance appears to be a done deal. On Tuesday afternoon, March 4, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee of the City Council (“PLUM”) will review this variance. On Wednesday morning, the full City Council will no doubt vote to approve this variance for the campaign funding real estate developers, Mark and Arman Gabay.

Underlying the railroading of this variance through the City Council is the flow of almost \$60,000 of campaign cash from these litigious and favor seeking developers and their families to nine of our elected officials, including

<http://www.citywatchla.com/lead-stories-hidden/6538-la-s-city-council-campaign-cash-is-king>

