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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(7) Nay(2) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/20/2019

Type of NC Board Action: Against

#### Impact Information

Date: 09/17/2019

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 14-1349-S2

Agenda Date: 08/20/2019

Item Number: 7.G

Summary: Subject: Speaker Cards and Systems In Regard To Item 8 (EIFDs) Of The Agenda For The Regular City Council Meeting Of 7/3/19. Please see attached transmittal letter.



## Transmittal Letter

September 17, 2019

Subject:

Speaker Cards and Systems

In Regard To Item 8 Of The Agenda For  
The Regular City Council Meeting Of 7/3/19



At a duly noticed Brown Act compliant meeting on August 20, 2019, the RVNC Board of Directors voted 7-2 to issue the following letter:

To The Honorable Members Of The Los Angeles City Council,

On behalf of the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council, and all Empower LA neighborhood councils, we address this letter to LA City Council in order to streamline and assist the City of LA in protocol and procedure in regards to speaker cards and systems. It is important to bring notice and solutions to systematical problems that can have a direct effect on the voice of concerned citizens and representatives. In order to do so, we must be cognizant and aware of any mistakes made and find solutions to move forward.

The City Council agenda for July 3, 2019 states in Item 8 that there are no submitted Community Impact Statements for CF# 14-1349-S1 and 14-1349-S2. In fact, the postings for those CFs confirm that the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council posted a CIS submission.

Members of this Neighborhood Council who were present at the July 3, 2019 regular Council meeting were upset when LA City Council President Herb Wesson announced that there were no speaker cards and moved the matter to consent.

It is our strongly held belief that elected officials of the City of Los Angeles pay heed when the people speak and that we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards possible.

The concrete steps that we would like to see taken include:

- Adopting a process in which a representative of the City Clerk's office will announce whether there are submitted Community Impact Statements in the files and whether speaker cards were received.
- Referring in the minutes of the July 3, 2019 Council meeting to Attachment A to this letter since the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council was not afforded an opportunity to speak on the matter during the meeting in spite of our having submitted a speaker card.

Our RVNC President was present at this meeting where she submitted a speaker card prior to the commencement of the meeting for the item as is substantiated by the public record contained in the associative city council files.

At the point where Item 8 was called by the clerk during the proceedings, Council Member Wesson announced there were no speaker cards. This was a clear error on which he based moving the matter to consent.

It is our strongly held belief, as elected officials of the City of Los Angeles, that the voice of the people be heard and that we hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards possible. This prompted our president to write a letter (Attachment B) to the City Clerk's office pointing out the omission. The clerk's office responded they would make an announcement when the item was called, which they did.

Lastly, because our President was not afforded an opportunity to speak on the matter, we include her statement as Attachment A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachael Rose Luckey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachael Rose Luckey, President  
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council

## Attachment A

Mr. President. I would like to start with some very startling numbers with regard to housing and homelessness, which I will reiterate here just so we are all perfectly clear as to the nature of the current crisis.

16% increase in homelessness citywide despite having spent huge sums of money.

Roughly 20,000 people housed in 2018 at yet more people are homeless.

An alarming up-tick from last year in the number of first-time homeless people.

For every market rate unit built we need a low-income unit built just to keep up with demand. The current ratio of housing being created is 1 low-income unit for every 10 market-rate units.

600,000 low-income housing units need to be built countywide to house all those in need.

When it comes to being rent burdened, Los Angeles ranks 3rd in the nation according to a Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation report issued in April of this year only surpassed by Miami and San Diego. ([https://mf.freddiemac.com/docs/rental\\_burden\\_by\\_metro.pdf](https://mf.freddiemac.com/docs/rental_burden_by_metro.pdf))

The average median income of stakeholders within my council boundaries is less than \$25,000 per year. I think everyone here in this chamber can agree, these numbers do not bode well for half or more of the tenants within my neighborhood council boundaries who are just one financial mishap away from living in a tent.

Add to this the rental price gouging of non-RSO units we are seeing across the city, where landlords are raising rents sometimes by double or more, you can see how a good deal of renters don't have a fighting chance.

So what does all this have to do with EIFDs? One word, opportunity. You have a wonderful opportunity to work with the county to bring in matching funds that can be used for low-income housing.

The County of Los Angeles has adopted an EIFD policy that includes a mandatory 20% allotment of all EIFD funds to be used for low-income housing. Why this mandate is not included in the motions before you is beyond my comprehension. One would think this would be a no-brainer. If for no other reason than this, I plead with the members of this body to vote no today and to have the councilman from CD13 bring forward another motion that includes this mandate.

We cannot afford any missed opportunities if we are serious about getting people out of tents and into the low-income housing they desperately need.

And speaking of matching funds from the county, Councilman Krekorian rightfully asserted at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting the week before last that without the participation of the county we would be doing nothing more than robbing Peter to Pay Paul.

Attachment B



**Transmittal Letter**

May 29, 2019

Subject:  
Request For Correction To  
LA City Council Agenda  
For July 3, 2017, Item #8



To The Clerk for the City of Los Angeles,

Item #8 on the City Council agenda for July, 3, 2019, states there are no submitted Community Impact Statements for CF# 14-1349-S1 and 14-1349-S2. One only needs to look at your postings in those CFs to confirm this blatant error.

As one of the Neighborhood Councils with a CIS submission posted, I insist your office remedy this omission with haste.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachael Rose Luckey".

Rachael Rose Luckey, President  
Rampart Village Neighborhood Council