TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to revised rules and procedures for preferential parking districts to exclude new developments with parking reductions.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) and the Department of City Planning to report with recommendations for customizing Preferential Parking Districts (PPD) based on local parking supply and demand factors.

2. REQUEST the City Attorney to seek an opinion from the current State of California Attorney General on the City's authority to exclude the residents of new Transit Oriented Community (TOC) developments located within existing PPDs from receiving parking permits.

Fiscal Impact Statement: LADOT reports that this action will not impact the General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: Yes.
For: Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council

SUMMARY

In a report to Council dated February 27, 2019, LADOT discusses the feasibility of excluding new developments that were granted parking reductions from PPDs. LADOT reports that the former State Attorney General opined that California Vehicle Code section 22507 does not authorize local authorities, in issuing long-term residential parking permits, to distinguish among residents based on the type of dwelling in which they live. The City Attorney also believes that excluding new developments granted parking reductions from PPDs violates California Vehicle Code 22507.

At its meeting held March 27, 2019, the Transportation Committee discussed this matter with LADOT staff. The Department representative stated that as currently interpreted, State law prohibits the City from distinguishing between residents relative to the issuance of parking permits. During the public comment period, speakers expressed opposition to the findings of the LADOT report. Residents discussed the negative impact of new TOC developments on available parking for the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The Transportation Committee recommended that Council instruct LADOT and the Planning Department to report with recommendations for customizing PPDs based on local parking supply and demand factors, and to request the City Attorney to seek a new opinion from the State Attorney General relative to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEMBER  VOTE
BONIN:  YES
MARTINEZ: YES
KORETZ:  YES
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