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To the PLUM Committee,

Regarding the hearing that took place on October 25 for item number 8 there are a few things you need to know.

1. If there exists such a document in the case file as staff planner Kevin Jones mentioned that appears to be the signature of one or more of the owners this is not an authentic signature.

What we have here is a very unfortunate situation where Eric S. Edwards, the grandson of one of two property owners, decided to go behind his grandmothers back, attempt to sell her property to developers without her knowledge thinking all would be well.

Both owners have testified as to not ever seeing any document authorizing Urban-Bloxx to do anything to their property.

Neither property owner had ever heard of Urban-Bloxx not knowing what or who they were.

2. It is a shame it appeared as though none of the Members of the Committee read the appeal. None of this would come as a shock to any of you if you were informed of the types of individuals Urban-Bloxx are. A lot of people came fourth to share their experience and put it to a good cause so you would have all the information.

3. Why does the Committee turn to the City Attorney when they are not the ones appointed to review the appeal and the findings necessary to uphold the appeals. The City Attorney's jurisdiction is to advise bodies provide legal advice involving the Brown Act, Zoning and Building Code regulations, City Charter and applicable state law requirements, among other matters both procedural and substantive. Their role and advice does not change based on the outcome of the decisions or whether there are people supporting one particular position over another.

Subsection (c) of section 271 specifies the City Attorney's role as prosecutor and identifies the types of cases handled by our prosecutors, including violations of the Charter and City ordinances, and all misdemeanor offenses arising from State law violations and occurring in the City.

Therefore, the entire purpose of the appeal process is for you to review the case file and review the findings that the advisory agency before failed to acknowledge. In a non-political forum, a committee might be grateful for citizens to take the time, spend their own money filing these appeals to point out important violations that are supposed to help prevent inappropriate projects and criminal developers into our neighborhoods that only contribute to problems of the future.

4. You asked the City Attorney if ownership was an issue. How can it not be sir. The basis of the application is specifically what allows it to move through the application process. If it is fatally flawed from the start, everything thereafter should be nullified and halted. It is outrageous to consider approving a project when the applicants have sued by the owners in an attempt to steal their property from under them!

There are possibilities these lands may be preserved through the right channels. Approving projects at this stage is only opening an enormous can of worms leading to the courts. Does the city need another lawsuit? These are civil matters. The city is involving itself by approving this nightmare and therefor becoming a party to a lawsuit that is a ticking clock.

**UPHOLDING ONE APPEAL FOR THE RIGHT REASONS DOES NOT MAKE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ALLEGED HOUSING CRISIS. PRESERVING OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING IN THE FIRST PLACE. IMAGINE THE VOTES YOU WOULD GET BASED ON THAT ALONE.**

5. Are you under the impression any condition of approvals to any project actually get enforced?

Do you have any idea what people go through to get anyone to come to a site that has built without permits? Or has built an extra story without permission? Are you under the impression applicants actually follow the guidelines or conditions of approval? The Committee has a habit of justifying their appeal denials by thinking whatever conditions they imposed on the applicant somehow makes everything else okay. Respectfully, you are wrong.

Please be informed this is not the case.

It seems to me Councilman Huizar this case has blown the lid off a few dozen procedural errors and has possibly brought to your attention matters which have possibly gone ignored until now, or matters that you are not aware of.

The Committee finds no issues with Staff Planner Marc Worshing having jurisdiction over this case when he sits on the board of the Neighborhood Council?

The Committee finds no issues with Staff Planner Courtney Shum being a registered lobbyist for a company personally involved with the applicants? She was assigned this case and has found the proposal to comply with the specific plan. How convenient! The corruption here has become so blatantly obvious there has been little to no efforts made to even cover it up!

The case before is a hot mess. From the day it started. This is because the entire foundation of this case was built on deceit, forgery, manipulation and perjury.

We see this as an opportunity we have brought to your attention to prove who your interest is. Who are you working for PLUM.

Best,  
Jake