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Summary:

We fully support the Motion for the City to create an ordinance that prohibits contributions to City officials and candidates for office from developers and their principles. As the City currently has a surplus of available vacant luxury units and a severe deficit of affordable housing, curbing any undue influence of developers on City officials is absolutely essential for creating a housing market that works for everyone.

While we would like to see "recent" development projects defined as those having been completed within at least 5 years prior to any campaign donation being made, and would also like to see language created that would prohibit any developer or their principles from applying for any new developments for a period of 5 years after any contribution is made, our hope is for a ban on all contributions from LLCs and corporations, businesses, unions, and all other organizations with the exception of political parties. San Diego's ban in this regard was upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals, and New York's ban has greatly decreased the amount of money coming from non-individual entities. This gives people more faith in the system and more certainty that their vote counts, and that the voices and interests of the people of Los Angeles won't be diluted by special interests.