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The Honorable David E. Ryu 200 N. Spring Street, Room 425 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember Ryu:

I am writing this letter to offer my support for your motion that would prohibit contributions to elected officials and candidates for City office by "Restricted Developers." As you know, "Restricted Developers" would include individuals who have filed an application for a large project, defined as more than 4,000 square feet of residential space or 15,000 square feet of commercial space, and their application requires approval or other action by City elected officials or candidates for City office.

I believe this is a sensible approach to limit those who may attempt to influence development decisions of elected officials in the City of Los Angeles via direct campaign contributions or behested payments. I commend you for making this commitment in your own campaigns for elected office, and for bringing this motion forward.

I understand that you authored a similar motion was two years ago, but it was never brought forward for a vote. It is my hope that this new motion passes the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and then the full City Council, thereby addressing the concerns of City of Los Angeles residents on developer influence, real or perceived, at Los Angeles City Hall.

Sincerely,

HILDA L. SOLIS

Supervisor, First District

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