RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT relative to prohibiting Restricted Developers and non-individuals from contributing and fundraising to City Elected Officials and candidates for City Offices and restrictions concerning behested payments.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Ryu - Krekorian - et al. - Wesson):

1. ADOPT the City Ethics Commission Report; REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the City Ethics Commission and the Department of City Planning, to prepare and present a draft ordinance; and, AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to make any technical modifications and/or legal corrections to the requested draft ordinance in order to further the objectives as described in these recommendation, and in accordance with current case law.

2. REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present a draft ordinance as outlined in Councilmember Ryu's letter dated January 1, 2019 (attached to Council file No. 19-0046) and the initiating motion; and, AUTHORIZE the City Attorney to make any technical modifications and/or legal corrections to the requested draft ordinance in order to further the objectives as described in this recommendation and in accordance with current case law.

3. INSTRUCT the City Ethics Commission to hold a townhall meeting with campaign treasurers to discuss the proposed developer contribution regulations, and report on the discussion within 45 days.

4. INSTRUCT the City Ethics Commission to hold a townhall meeting with nonprofit organizations to discuss the proposed behested payments regulations, and report on the discussion within 45 days.

5. INSTRUCT the City Ethics Commission, with the assistance of the Department of City Planning and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report on the implementation of a developer database, including staffing needs, funding, and timeline for implementation.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Ethics Commission. Neither the Chief Legislative Analyst nor the CAO has conducted a fiscal analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes
For: Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
                 Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
                 Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
                 Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council
                 Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
                 NoHo Neighborhood Council
                 Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council
                 Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council
For if Amended: Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

SUMMARY

At a special meeting held on April 10, 2019, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee considered a Motion (Ryu - Krekorian - et al. - Wesson), CEC report relative to prohibiting Restricted Developers and non-individuals from contributing and fundraising to City Elected Officials and candidates for City Offices and restrictions concerning behested payments.

During discussion, Councilmember Ryu presented the motion and the Committee asked the CEC questions regarding their recommendations to amend the Los Angeles Municipal Code to ban the solicitation from restricted sources, lower the disclosure threshold, and require additional disclosure details. Councilmember Ryu express the importance of amending the current campaign finance laws, to increase transparency. After further discussion, the Committee recommended that that before any changes are made to the Codes, the CEC should conduct outreach and research. Therefore, the Chair provided recommendations for the Committee's consideration, which would request from the City Attorney for an ordinance amending relative codes, and additional instructions to CEC to conduct further outreach and research.

After an opportunity for Public Comment, the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee approved the recommendations submitted by the Chair. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MEMBER	VOTE
WESSON	YES
HARRIS-DAWSON	YES
MARTINEZ	YES

AC 4/10/19

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