

MOTION

Open for Business Initiative

The development permitting process for small projects in the City is complex. It can be a lengthy and confusing endeavor, especially for first-time business owners.

Currently, Building and Safety's Development Services Case Management office (DSCM) provides a special service to major and special projects to help applicants navigate the permitting process and make it as easy as possible to move businesses to, or expand them within, the City of Los Angeles. The office is comprised mainly of Case Managers from the Department of Building and Safety, Department of City Planning, Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering, Department of Transportation, and Department of Water and Power.

Small business owners and developers can face the same challenges in navigating the permitting process and completing their projects and may be less able to bear the cost of unnecessary delays. These small businesses are key to the City's cultural dynamic and are the backbone of the City's economy. It is critical that the City do what is in its power to guide small projects through the various city agency requirements during the design, planning, entitlement and permitting stages.

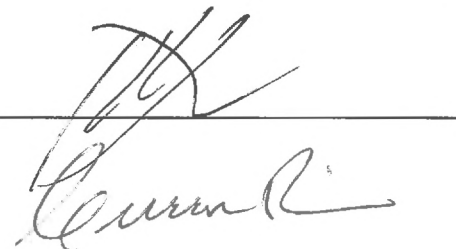
I THEREFORE MOVE that Council instruct the Department of Building and Safety to report back on the existing process for permitting and entitling new small businesses and developments, and how best to streamline this process, including the need for and feasibility of expanding the department's Development Services Case Management Services to small projects.

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