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Summary:



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RE: CIS in support of CF 19-0046 Developer Contribution Restrictions / City Elected Officials / Candidates for City Office

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council represents tens of thousands of stakeholders who reside, own property and conduct business within our boundaries. We are steadfastly in support of Council Member Ryu's Motion pursuing a prohibition on contributions to elected officials and candidates for City office by "Restricted Developers." As defined, this would prevent such contributions from individuals who have filed an application for a project of more than 4,000 square feet of residential space or 15,000 square feet of commercial space, and whose application requires approval or other action by City elected officials or candidates for City office.

This motion is but an important first step in restoring the rapidly eroding trust community members have in our elected officials. As L.A. Times writer Steve Lopez aptly [points out](#), the perception of corruption in City Hall is pervasive and not without merit. With numerous officials named in FBI warrants, the public has wavering confidence in the ability of our representatives to impartially serve the interests of those they represent. Seeing this investigation include money from the voter approved bonds issued by the passage of Measure HHH is particularly worrisome, as these badly needed units of permanent supportive housing have been slow to come on line and are poised to fall short of the 10,000 units promised. Residents of Hollywood, an area that has seen both a massive boom in large scale developments and homelessness, deserves better from our elected officials.

We need strong and enforceable rules to limit undue influence on City Government by developers seeking approval of their projects. The board is greatly encouraged by the steps taken by the City Ethics Commission on February 19th 2019 and support their [recommendations](#) for sweeping reforms on developer contributions and behested payments.

As Council Member Ryu stated in his remarks before the Ethics Commission, doing nothing is not an option. We look forward to Council taking swift and serious action on this matter, for no matter is more important to the functioning of our democracy than trust.