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#### Impact Information

Date: 04/13/2019

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Council File Number: 19-0046

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: Our Board supports the proposed new ordinances on campaign contributions to "Restricted Developers" within a time frame related to their proposed developments. Additionally, the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council asks that proposed new industrial construction is also included in the restrictions on "Restricted Developer" contributions and any future restrictions on contributions for behested payments.

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April 12, 2019

Councilmember David E. Ryu  
City Hall  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council File 19-0046 (Los Angeles Ethics Commission recommendations for developer contribution restrictions)

Dear Councilmember Ryu:

On April 9, 2019, our Board voted 10-0-0 to support Council File 19-0046, the Los Angeles Ethics Commission recommendations in regards to restrictions on campaign contributions from restricted developers.

The proposed ordinance would prohibit contributions to City elected officials and candidates for City office from “Restricted Developers.” “Restricted Developers” shall be defined to include the owner or owners of real property (and if ownership is held in the name of a legal entity, the term shall also include the principals of the entity), when (a) an application for any significant Planning Entitlement Process administered by the Department of City Planning for the property has been filed, and (b) the completion of the Planning Entitlement Process requires approval or other action by City elected officials or candidates for City office, and (c) the Planning Entitlement Process involved would allow the construction or addition of more than 4,000 square feet of residential floor area or 15,000 square feet of commercial floor area. The prohibition on contributions described herein would extend from the date of the application to a date twelve months following the final resolution of the application.

Additionally, the Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council asks that proposed new industrial construction is also included in the restrictions on “Restricted Developer” contributions and any future restrictions on contributions for behested payments.

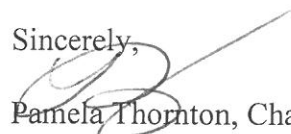
We request that the Chief Legislative Analyst, in consultation with Ethics Commission staff, be requested to report back on a strategy for a draft Ordinance restricting city officials from

requesting, and developers and their principals from providing, behested payments under the same conditions described herein.

We also support having the City Attorney prepare and present an Ordinance amending Section 49.7,16 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code which would require contributors to certify, under penalty of perjury, that the contribution is being made according to the City's applicable ethics and campaign finance laws, including an affidavit certifying that the contributor is not a Restricted Developer prohibited from contributing as described herein.

And we further support study of campaign contributions from non-individual entities (Humans Only or Federal Models) and the implementation of a model, similar to that employed by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (LA METRO), requiring that elected officials be recused from voting on issues relating to the Planning Entitlement Process for a property owned by a Restricted Developer where the official has accepted contributions from that Restricted Developer.

Sincerely,



Pamela Thornton, Chairperson  
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

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