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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(19) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 07/16/2019

Type of NC Board Action: For

Impact Information

Date: 07/23/2019

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0046

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports Council File 19-0046 and efforts to limit the influence of non-individuals and developers on our local democracy. We urge the City Council to support all of the recommendations unanimously approved by the Ethics Commission on February 19, 2019, which include: ● A ban of contributions and fundraising by non-individuals and developers; ● A ban of fundraising and bundling by non-individuals, developers, bidders, lobbyists, and contractors; and ● A ban of behested payments from restricted sources and enhance disclosure. A review by Ethics Commission staff found thirty-three enforcement orders involving developers and development projects. This amounted to over \$1 million in administrative penalties—over half of the penalties for that period. In addition, recent news coverage has raised further ethical concerns about pay-to-play politics occurring within City Hall. By banning contributions from non-individuals and developers with projects requiring discretionary approval, we remove a clear conflict of interest, increasing transparency and offering administrative, auditing, and enforcement clarity for donors, candidates, campaign staff, and Ethics Commission staff. To ensure that these recommendations effectively restrict developers' ability to influence our elected officials, we also encourage the City Council to consider restricting elected officials' ability to solicit behested payments from developers. Doing so would prevent developers from circumventing the contribution ban by gaining influence through behested payments. We encourage City Council to take swift action and adopt the Ethics Commission's recommendations to restore public faith in our local government.



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Council File: [19-0046](#)

Title: Developer Contribution Restrictions / City Elected Officials / Candidates for City Office

Position: Support

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APPROVED

July 16th, 2019

19 Yay 0 Nay 0 Abstention 0 Absent