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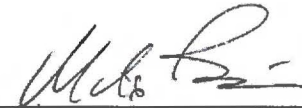
The City of Los Angeles has implemented a series of reforms designed to minimize the influence of campaign contributions on public officials, and increase public faith in the integrity of local government. While falling short of full public financing, the City has a robust matching funds program, and has taken actions to prohibit campaign contributions from registered lobbyists, entities with business before the City, and solicitations of contributions from City employees and commissioners. Most recently, the City put in place developer contribution restrictions to ensure that discretionary approvals of development projects are made on the merits and free from influence of contributions.

Per Council File 19-0046, the Council approved an ordinance in December 2019 to restrict developer contributions. This ordinance bars real estate developers from giving political contributions to Los Angeles city officials and candidates for council, mayor or city attorney while the City weighs key approvals for their building projects, including zone changes and allowing added height. However, these restrictions do not take effect until the start of the municipal **general** election in 2022, meaning the developer ban does not apply to fundraising for the **primary** election.

That is a huge loophole. Restrictions on developer contributions should become effective as soon as possible, applying for the remainder of the 2022 primary fundraising cycle in order to restore waning confidence in our political process.

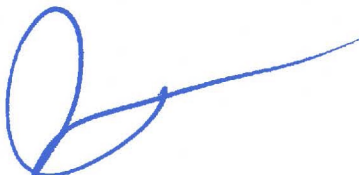
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct City Attorney to AMEND Ordinance 186477, Section 6, to move up the operative date to include fundraising for the 2022 primary election.

PRESENTED BY :



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SECONDED BY :



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