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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(1) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 09/20/2021

Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 09/21/2021

Update to a Previous Input: Yes

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 19-0192

Agenda Date: 09/20/2021

Item Number: IX.B

Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council and the Stakeholders of Reseda respectfully request that any action initiated by Council File CF19-0192 be halted immediately, no further action be taken on this matter, and contract C-134581* associated with this motion be cancelled. Please see attached letter for our full statement on this topic.

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August, 2021
Councilman Bob Blumenfield
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street, Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Economic Study of Parking lots/CF19-0192.

Dear Councilmember Blumenfield and Honorable City Councilmembers;

The Reseda Neighborhood Council and the Stakeholders of Reseda respectfully request that any action initiated by Council File CF19-0192 be halted immediately, no further action be taken on this matter, and contract C-134581* associated with this motion be cancelled.

*(<https://cityclerk.lacity.org/lacityclerkconnect/index.cfm?fa=ccon.viewrecord&contractnum=C-134581>)

The community of Reseda has been suffering greatly under the current pandemic situation which has had a huge impact locally, regionally, nationally and globally. Many of our local businesses in our Central Business District which make use of the Public Parking lots in Reseda have had to shut down either due to Government Mandate or simply because of the severe drop-off in business they have suffered because of the pandemic. Any study of the Parking Lots in this current environment would therefore be tainted by the inability to obtain reliable data regarding their use. Our commercial districts are not at the occupancy they were at before the pandemic started, and the businesses that remain either suffer from reduced consumer volume, or altered consumer habits.

In addition, by their own admission, under the current pandemic conditions, Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. will not be able to properly complete the services they have been contracted to do, specifically Section 3, item 3.1 (completing a full inventory of businesses), and item 3.3 (completing an independent survey of parking lots). As well, they appear to have no definite plan in place to accomplish item 3.2 (2 meetings with business owners). As the balance of the services, (Items 3.4 to 3.7, inclusive) would rely upon successful

completion of items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, and those items will not be completed in any way that can produce reliable data, any studies done in the current environment would be prejudicial to the businesses that remain in the Reseda Central Business District, and inimical to the ability of Reseda to revitalize the District by attracting new businesses to the area.

At such a time as the turmoil, both social and economic, created by the pandemic has passed, this matter can be revisited in a more equitable fashion by considering in a completely transparent fashion exactly how every Public Parking Lot in Council District 3, and not just the ones in Reseda, can contribute towards solving the crisis of the unhoused. But for now, any review by the City Administrative Officer of any Public Parking Lot in Reseda to determine their conversion into housing must be halted.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this information or about this request.

Thank You,

Reseda Neighborhood Council

DJ Frank

President