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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(12) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/24/2020

Type of NC Board Action: For if Amended

Impact Information

Date: 01/27/2021

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-0980

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: In light of the information that has come out of more than one of the City Council offices this NC is inclined to lend its support for the provisions that would strip developers of their permits, approvals and entitlements. As LA City Attorney Mike Feuerer stated "Adopting this ordinance, and using it to tackle projects tainted by egregious misconduct, would be important steps to help restore public confidence in the City's land use decision making process, In addition to revoking approvals and permits, this proposal would enable the Council to prohibit wrongdoers from participating in future developments requiring City action." Full Statement Attached

Community Impact Statement – CF 20-0980

Re: Council File 20-0980 Approval Revocation / Development Projects and Project Applications / Corruption or Fraud / Los Angeles Municipal Code / Amendment / Ordinance

Position: For if amended

Vote: 12 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstentions

Arroyo Seco NC Board Meeting Date: August 24, 2020

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The Arroyo Seco NC also agrees with the stipulation that calls for a moratorium or even permanent ban from developing properties in the City of Los Angeles by those found to have engaged in corrupt practices. We feel that, for those who are eventually allowed to continue to work with the city, additional penalties need to be considered. We feel that in this issue there can be opportunity and call on the city, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, to amend this proposal so that those developers who have faced a ban must, for a period of time to be determined by the City Council, include 5% very low income housing or 10% low income houses without density bonuses for any projects during that prescribed time period. Density bonus rules would apply as normal after this initial addition.

Another area where the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council feels this proposal falls short is in relation to those elected to or in the employ of the City of Los Angeles who are party to corrupt acts on our city and its communities. Currently the ordinance stipulates that those in the city who are party to such acts shall recuse themselves from participating in any hearings related to the project. While this is important that they discontinue their involvement it does nothing to root out the other half of these shady dealings.

The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council calls on the Los Angeles City Council to pass the addition of Article 1.3 to Chapter 1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to establish a procedure for the City Council to revoke approvals of development projects and terminate project applications tainted by corruption or fraud that was submitted by Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feurer and also proposes that the City Council with the assistance of the City Attorney's office include a section to this ordinance where city employees or officials found to be involved in corruption be stripped of any duties including Council Committees. Furthermore all projects involving the city employee(s) or official(s), for a period of time to be determined by the City Council, should be investigated and have penalties levied against any developers found to have acted in corrupt or fraudulent ways.