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Council File No.

May 31, 2013

To All Interested Parties:

City Attorney (w/blue sheet)

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 13-0046,
at its meeting held May 29, 2013.

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Your **PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT** Committee

reports as follows:

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the realignment of City departments to create the Department of City Planning and Development.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the Department of City Planning (DCP) and the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) to attend meetings with various industry organizations (DIAC, CCA, AIA, BIA, BOMA, VICA), Plan Check Neighborhood Council, and Chambers of Commerce, to discuss the recommendation contained in the joint DCP and LADBS report dated April 5, 2013, obtain feedback, and consider suggestions, by July 1, 2013.
2. DIRECT the Director of City Planning, in consultation with the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to retain a management consultant to work with the Director of City Planning and the General Manager, LADBS, or their designees, to develop a plan to fully integrate the planning and development functions recommended in the joint DCP and LADBS report which considers the feedback from the development industry by January 1, 2014. The management consultant is to assist the DCP to develop a transition plan working with stakeholders, such as the business community, residents, industry organizations, and Neighborhood Councils.
3. INSTRUCT the CAO to conduct a financial analysis of fiscal and organizational impacts associated with departmental consolidation and assist in the development and administration of the budget and work programs accordingly.
4. DIRECT the Personnel Department, along with the City Attorney and CAO, to analyze necessary position authorities, job classifications, and civil service requirements for new and transferred positions required to staff the consolidated Department of City Planning and Development.
5. INSTRUCT the DCP, in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, to prepare any and all amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code, including but not limited to, Chapter 1, Article 2 and Chapter 9, Articles 1 through 9, to transfer all functions from the LADBS to the Department of City Planning and Development.
6. DIRECT the LADBS, and other affected departments (such as the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Bureaus of Engineering and Contract Administration), to work in conjunction with the CAO and DCP, to ensure a smooth transition of authority and work program, including preparation of documents to analyze current plan check and inspection work load and all other specific tasks to be transferred and/or consolidated.
7. INSTRUCT the Department of General Services to work with the DCP, LADBS, and other affected departments (such as the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, LAFD and Bureaus of Engineering and Contract Administration), to facilitate the relocation of staff into Figueroa Plaza.

8. DIRECT the DCP and LADBS to:
 - a. Identify key process changes along with expected performance improvements supported by metrics and timelines.
 - b. Streamline case processing and ensure current projects are not delayed.
 - c. Provide a proposed organizational chart.
 - d. Maintain a commitment to long term planning efforts.
9. INSTRUCT the DCP to provide quarterly updates, with the first update to be given before June 30, 2013, to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee relative to the proposed consolidation of the DCP and the LADBS.
10. DIRECT the management consultant, in consultation with the City Attorney, to provide an analysis relative to the concern expressed regarding the proposed elimination of the Director of Buildings.
11. ESTABLISH a working group, led by PLUM Committee Chair, to review, along with the management consultant, the implementation plan of the proposed Department of City Planning and Development.
12. DIRECT the CAO, with the LAFD and the City Attorney, to review the concerns of the LAFD relative to both the positions transferred and the inspection of high rise buildings as codified in Health and Safety Code Sections 13145-46.
13. ADOPT the following mission statement:

In conformance with the City's general, community, and specific plans, the mission of the Department of City Planning and Development is to create, implement and enforce policies, programs and codes that realize a vision of Los Angeles as a collection of healthy and sustainable communities and neighborhoods. The Department strives to ensure that each community and neighborhood has a distinct sense of place, based on a foundation of mobility, economic vitality, and improved quality of life for all of its residents. The public's safety and welfare is promoted by ensuring compliance with up-to-date building regulations and reliance on sound engineering principles. Through timely and transparent processes, the Department carries out this mission through ongoing and inclusive engagement with the City's diverse communities and neighborhoods

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the DCP and LADBS. Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For proposal: Eiyasian Valley Riverside Neighborhood Council

(Budget and Finance Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

Summary:

At a public hearing held on April 30, 2013 (continued from April 23, 2013), the PLUM Committee considered a joint report from the DCP and LADBS regarding the realignment of City departments to create the Department of City Planning and Development. Representatives from the DCP, LADBS, LAFD, CAO, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation gave the Committee background information on the matter.

After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendations contained in the joint DCP and LADBS report as amended. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



MAY 28 2013 Continued to ~~May 29, 2013~~

MEMBER
REYES:
HUIZAR:
ENGLANDER:

VOTE
YES
YES
YES

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ADOPTED
* as amended
MAY 29 2013
see attached Motion
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

- Not Official Until Council Acts -

MOTION

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I MOVE that the matter of PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the realignment of City Departments to create the Department of City Planning and Development , Item 36 on today's Council Agenda (CF 13-0046), BE AMENDED to ADOPT the following revised language:

2. DIRECT the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to retain a management consultant to assist in developing a transition plan in consultation with the Planning Department, LADBS, and other affected departments, to fully integrate the planning and development functions recommended in the joint DCP and LADBS report dated April 5, 2013. The transition plan should consider the feedback from the development industry, business community, residents and Neighborhood Councils and the following:

- a. Identify key process changes along with expected performance improvements supported by metrics and timelines.
- b. Streamline case processing and ensure current projects are not delayed.
- c. Provide a proposed organizational chart.
- d. Maintain a commitment to long term planning efforts.

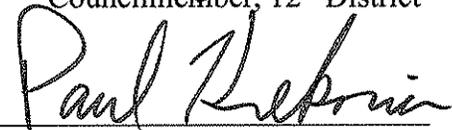
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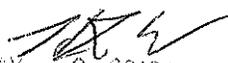
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PRESENTED BY:


MITCHELL ENGLANDER
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:




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