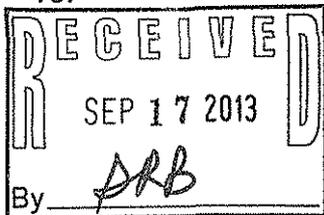


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Subject: RE: LADBS 13-046 - Item 60



Dear Council Members, I respectfully request your support of Council Members Price and Labonge in the time extension request to fully review the proposed re-alignment of the city departments.

I (we - the construction industry) depend on the LADBS permit process and the timely qualified inspections in running our Los Angeles construction projects.

The service LADBS provides is second to none in the region. As you know the amendment ask the questions of looking into other LARGE Municipalities, but I would like to that request to include that they also look at local southern California municipalities that surround Los Angeles, and they **will** find that LADBS is surprisingly efficient, and that the service they provide overall is exceptional. Their efficiencies help us run our businesses, schedule our crews, and create jobs and opportunities for a lot of people.

Thank you in advance for your support of this more extensive review and cost analyses, I truly believe that you will be very proud to see how well ran the LADBS is. I look forward to seeing what new changes come from this extended review process.

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Subject: RE: LADBS Notes

Gentlemen, I Thank you for the time in speaking with you at yesterday's meeting, I was unaware that of the budget and finance meeting was occurring or I would have been better prepared for the allotted 2 minutes of comments. For your consideration I would like to offer the following bullet points of my thoughts.

Again, I thank you for your time and appreciate the feeling that you welcomed the public comments and input, I felt that you all were open minded, and that my thoughts were important to you.

Additional Talking Points:

- Change cost money, Matrix needs to let council know what is "the full cost of combining the departments", Even though I believe the lead agency should be Building and SAFTEY (should this consolidation effort go through), either way everyone needs to know the true cost. From Personnel, Real Estate, Printing, Move Cost, Real Estate etc.
- "Bigger is not always better" Transparency is blurred, when something gets too large.
- I am concerned that Matrix is tasked with "how to implement the consolidation of the departments" I think that is a error, they should also be tasked to advise if the consolidation makes sense ? I would think that they should look at surrounding cities, and see how their permit processes and their Building and Safety Items are handled, If they do a good job the report back to you in the surprising efficiencies of LADB&S
- I am aware that this consolidation idea was a part Mayor Villaraigosa's Budget, but I truly believe that this undertaking should be re-visited by the current City Council, Including the new Mayor, and New Council Members, as well as the existing Council Members.
- LADB&S is accessible, their efficiencies allow us to obtain permits in a timely fashion, and receive timely Building and Safety Inspections, this allows us to build on schedule, and stay on schedule, which is great for our business, and good for our clients in Los Angeles
- LADB&S treats the contractors like customers, and they are respectful of timelines, the need for fast permits and inspections. They are courteous, and helpful. I am concerned that this will go away under the larger consolidated " Planning and Development" department.
- The Management of LADB&S promotes customer service, I have attached some old correspondence to show that this customer service is consistent, even going back over 13 years, the attitude of the department continues to get better, the management strives to be the best Building and Safety in the region. From the most upper management to the rank and file inspectors, to even the clerks.
- Implementing new Ideas is good, but trying to completely fix something that is not broken is not good. LADB&S continues to be innovative and provides better service year after year.

Thank you again for your time and consideration, I look forward to seeing the report by Matrix Consulting, I do not know how they are going to pull off a good report without the resource of time, I do not think the current timeline allows for good review, I think they were a bit misleading at the meeting yesterday . As the construction industry as a whole are grateful for the good service we receive from the "LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY.

If there is anything that I can do to provide any additional information on this important issue, please feel free to contact me. My personal cell # is 818.919.2340

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- LADBS - Innovative, adaptive to change
- Works well with industry and has respect of industry
- LADBS - Vision Statement
- Public Health and Safety Policy
- LADBS is there to PROMOTE Safety
- LADBS Should be the lead agency
- Planning is under the LA City Charter
- LADBS is an Independent Asset to the city that contributes to the General Fund
- LADBS has the support of all Professional Industries BIA, AIA, SMACMA, Professional Engineers Etc.
- LADBS has consistency, and works well under the existing management structure
- LADBS provides professional services, in a very timely manner and limited lead times
- Planning - Not so much
- Planning, should not run Building and Safety, Safety should run Safety.
- LADBS Inspectors, Best in the industry