

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE relative to development services reform.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. INSTRUCT the General Managers, Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), Department of City Planning (DCP), and Public Works, Bureau of Engineering (BOE), or their designees, with the assistance of the City Attorney, City Administrative Officer (CAO), and Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), to develop Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) that:
 - a. Establish the division of authority, roles, and responsibilities between LADBS and DCP for zoning and land use compliance and review. LADBS should continue to work collaboratively with DCP on a transition plan to shift zoning compliance review to DCP.
 - b. Establish the division of authority, roles, and responsibilities between LADBS and DCP for discretionary approval condition compliance and enforcement based upon the issuance of the certificate of occupancy or final inspection. DCP should continue to oversee and monitor compliance of conditions of approval, but should not dedicate full-time staff to enforcement after the certificate of occupancy is issued or beyond final inspection.
2. DIRECT, in accordance with Revenue Policy III, the LADBS, DCP, BOE, Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and City Attorney to review existing and potential development services fees to ensure that the fees levied support the full cost of operations for which fees are charged, including all operating (direct and indirect) and capital costs and to provide a status report in 90 days. If fees are not set at 100 percent full cost recovery, then the departments shall request an increase to the fee schedule set at 100 percent full cost recovery or request the Mayor and Council to specifically recognize the subsidy and take action to appropriate the necessary funds to subsidize the fee for service.
3. INSTRUCT the affected departments, with the assistance of the CAO, and the Department of General Services, to report in 120 days to the Municipal Facilities Committee with a plan to co-locate development services in existing Metro and Van Nuys One-Stop Centers, as well as, to study and report back on the feasibility of establishing One-Stop Centers in West Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, and San Pedro.
4. DIRECT the LADBS, DCP, BOE, LADOT, and LAFD to begin the process to establish contracts with consultants to manage peak workload demands and report to the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee within 60 days to present plans for implementing such contracts.
5. INSTRUCT the LADBS, DCP, BOE, LADOT, and LAFD, in collaboration with the Offices of the Mayor and the Chair of the PLUM Committee, to facilitate the development of a City-wide implementation plan with the support of the City Attorney, CAO, and CLA.
6. DIRECT the LADBS, DCP, BOE, LADOT, and LAFD to report in 120 days on the status of development services reform implementation.

7. INSTRUCT LADBS, DCP, BOE, LADOT, and LAFD to report in 30 days on plans for each department to address the recommendations of the Matrix Consulting Group report.
8. DIRECT and AUTHORIZE the CAO to negotiate and amend the City's current contract with Matrix Consulting Group for an additional period of one year to allow the consultant the opportunity to monitor and to report on progress made by departments on a quarterly basis on all actions taken by the City Council and the Mayor relative to the development services reform initiative.
9. INSTRUCT the CAO to identify necessary funding, including the use of Construction Service Trust Fund and One-Stop funds, to fund the amended contract.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO and CLA report that there is no General Fund or Special Fund impact.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For proposal: Glassell Park Neighborhood Council

Summary

At the public hearing held on March 4, 2014, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee considered a joint CAO CLA report relative to development services reform. CAO staff and the consultant gave the Committee background information on the matter. Staff from the Mayor's Office and the general public also spoke. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee modified the recommendations contained in the joint report and recommended that Council approve the above actions. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR, CHAIR
PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT

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