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Comments for Public Posting: I'M DEBBIE KINSINGER, CONSULTING BIOLOGIST AND CEQA PLANNER SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF KINSINGER ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, EPIC WORLD MEDIA, THE ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE AND BLUE ARCH INVESTMENTS FOR ITEM 9 DEVELOPMENT OF AN OFFICE OF ANTI-CORRUPTION AND TRANSPARENCY (LA ACT). AS PART OF LA ACT PROVIDE MEANS AND FUNDING FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF CEQA/NEPA DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE NOT ADDRESSED CUMULATIVE EFFECTS AND/OR MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE IN BIOLOGY. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY ASSESSED WITHOUT A REVIEW OF PAST ACTIONS THAT WERE APPROVED WITHOUT REQUIREMENTS FOR HABITAT ASSESSMENTS BY BIOLOGISTS QUALIFIED TO ASSESS URBAN HABITATS. TWO BAT COLONIES HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE LAST THREE YEARS BECAUSE OF A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN IMPLEMENTING CEQA. THOSE LOSSES WERE NOT DISCLOSED AS REQUIRED BY CEQA. BECAUSE CITY PLANNING HAS NOT REQUIRED PROJECTS TO PROPERLY CONDUCT HABITAT ASSESSMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL IMPACTS FOR BIOLOGY IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS, THE CITY CANNOT ADEQUATELY ASSESS CUMULATIVE IMPACTS GOING FORWARD WITHOUT A REVIEW OF PAST ACTIONS WITH POTENTIAL IMPACTS. DISCLOSURE OF CUMULATIVE IMPACTS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT. TRANSPARENCY REMOVES THE CLOAK FOR CORRUPTION TO OCCUR. TO BETTER SERVE THE GOALS OF TRANSPARENCY WITHIN PROJECT REVIEW, PROVIDE FUNDING FOR BIOLOGY STAFF WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW OF PAST APPROVALS. SINCE THE RETIREMENT OF THE LAST BIOLOGIST WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT THREE YEARS AGO, NO ONE REMAINS ON STAFF TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF PAST WORK OR ANY BIOLOGY REVIEW. THE REVIEW NEEDS TO INCLUDE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC IDENTIFYING KNOWN BUT PREVIOUSLY

UNDISCLOSED SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO BIOLOGY IN ADDITION TO THE TWO EXAMPLES OF BAT COLONIES THAT WERE DESTROYED WITHOUT A MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE OR CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ANALYSIS. UNTIL BIOLOGY STAFF ARE FUNDED WITHIN CITY PLANNING, PREPARE TO FUND PEER REVIEW OF CEQA/NEPA DOCUMENTS FOR PAST OMISSIONS OF MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND CUMULATIVE EFFECTS IN BIOLOGY.

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AS PART OF LA ACT PROVIDE MEANS AND FUNDING FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF CEQA/NEPA DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE NOT ADDRESSED CUMULATIVE EFFECTS AND/OR MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE IN BIOLOGY.

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY ASSESSED WITHOUT A REVIEW OF PAST ACTIONS THAT WERE APPROVED WITHOUT REQUIREMENTS FOR HABITAT ASSESSMENTS BY BIOLOGISTS QUALIFIED TO ASSESS URBAN HABITATS.

TWO BAT COLONIES HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE LAST THREE YEARS BECAUSE OF A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN IMPLEMENTING CEQA. THOSE LOSSES WERE NOT DISCLOSED AS REQUIRED BY CEQA.

BECAUSE CITY PLANNING HAS NOT REQUIRED PROJECTS TO PROPERLY CONDUCT HABITAT ASSESSMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL IMPACTS FOR BIOLOGY IN URBAN ENVIRONMENTS, THE CITY CANNOT ADEQUATELY ASSESS CUMULATIVE IMPACTS GOING FORWARD WITHOUT A REVIEW OF PAST ACTIONS WITH POTENTIAL IMPACTS.

DISCLOSURE OF CUMULATIVE IMPACTS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT. TRANSPARENCY REMOVES THE CLOAK FOR CORRUPTION TO OCCUR.

TO BETTER SERVE THE GOALS OF TRANSPARENCY WITHIN PROJECT REVIEW, PROVIDE FUNDING FOR BIOLOGY STAFF WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW OF PAST APPROVALS.

SINCE THE RETIREMENT OF THE LAST BIOLOGIST WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT THREE YEARS AGO, NO ONE REMAINS ON STAFF TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF PAST WORK OR ANY BIOLOGY REVIEW.

THE REVIEW NEEDS TO INCLUDE INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC IDENTIFYING KNOWN BUT PREVIOUSLY UNDISCLOSED SIGNFICANT IMPACTS TO BIOLOGY IN ADDITION TO THE TWO EXAMPLES OF BAT COLONIES THAT WERE DESTROYED WITHOUT A MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE OR CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ANALYSIS.

UNTIL BIOLOGY STAFF ARE FUNDED WITHIN CITY PLANNING, PREPARE TO FUND PEER REVIEW OF CEQA/NEPA DOCUMENTS FOR PAST OMISSIONS OF MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND CUMULATIVE EFFECTS IN BIOLOGY.