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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(9) Nay(2) Abstain(1) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

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Type of NC Board Action: Against

Impact Information

Date: 10/16/2020

Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 20-1044

Agenda Date:

Item Number:

Summary: We oppose removing the City Council's PLUM Committee from review of "high value" projects. Bypassing the PLUM Committee does not solve the issue of potential pressure put on PLUM Committee members by developers but instead results in less review by the public of major projects. The City Council agenda does not allow enough time for adequate review and consideration of public comment on these types of projects.

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October 15, 2020

Councilmember Joe Buscaino
Council member Marqueece Harris-Dawson
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Re: Elimination of PLUM Committee review for “high value” projects

Dear Councilmembers Buscaino and Harris-Dawson,

On October 13, 2020, our Board voted 9-2-1 to oppose Council File 20-1044, which would eliminate review by the City Council’s Planning and Land Use Committee of “high value” projects and have them voted on after City Planning Commission review by the City Council only.

The argument for this new procedure is that the developers of these “high value” projects have the funds to hire consultants and lobbyists who put pressure on members of the Planning and Land Use Management to get their desired result. The proposed “solution” assumes that the “high value” developers will not have their consultants and lobbyists pressure fifteen individual City Councilmembers instead of five members of the PLUM Committee.

A potential solution to the issue is further restrictions on contributions related to developments before the City of Los Angeles. Bypassing the PLUM Committee means that there will be even less review by the public of major development projects than there is now. The City Council agenda does not afford enough time for the hour to two or more review of a large project; that is the role of a Committee.

Sincerely,

David Matthews, Chairperson
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

cc: Vince Bertoni, Director of City Planning
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