

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I write to voice my strong opposition to this proposed measure. While it is laudable to seek to root out any corruption in City Hall, this measure does nothing to improve transparency and to assure that the general public has the opportunity to participate and be heard during the entitlement process for "high value projects." The removal of a venue where the public can weigh in and the City can more carefully examine proposed projects is important. Furthermore, it is specifically the "high value projects" that have the greatest impacts on neighbors and that should be more broadly discussed. Having the opportunity to raise issues at the PLUM level, should provide the opportunity for important issues or concerns to be addressed that have somehow not been adequately resolved to date. Review by the PLUM Committee should be an open process whereby testimony is taken and CONSIDERED. The problem with PLUM in the past has been that all too often, decisions were already made prior to the opening of the hearing and the testimony is taken to fulfill the duty of hearing testimony -- but not considering or acting upon it. That is made quite clear when pre-prepared decisions or instructions are read at the conclusion of testimony as if there had been no public comments received. Cleaning up our ethics and campaign finance reform rules that more strictly limit contributions from those related to seeking land use entitlements, and creating more transparency to make public all interactions between City representatives and project representatives would go a long way to addressing the problems that this measure says it seeks to address (but does not).

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Comments for Public Posting: Requesting "high value project" for the cities of Mar Vista, Venice, and Santa Monica for use of the Santa Monica airport as an affordable housing zone for working class residents, students, seniors, and those living with disabilities. The district is not zoned correctly, Santa Monica has too much land space for a city that claims to be "small" and REFUSES to build affordable housing. That airport location should be Mar Vista's district. The working class needs housing that belongs to them, our right to safe, clean and affordable housing is being denied.
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