

MOTION

Land Use Reform – High Value Projects

The Planning and Land Use Management Committee (PLUM) has significant power over land use decisions in the city. This includes the ability to over turn previous decisions made by the Planning Department and Planning Commission and to schedule when projects are heard, which can impact a developer's ability to meet critical deadlines.

For high value projects, the granting of entitlements can be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. The developers of these projects hire teams of consultants and lobbyist who often targets members of the PLUM Committee. In some cases these projects are very large and have citywide impacts. For this reason, it is necessary for these high value projects to bypass the PLUM Committee and go directly to the full City Council to be voted on.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Planning Department, in coordination with the Chief Legislative Analyst report back in 30 days on developing criteria for high value projects and amend the planning process so these projects are diverted from PLUM and go directly to the City Council, the report should analyze high value projects that have gone to PLUM since 2013 and take into consideration both the total cost as well as the cost per square foot.

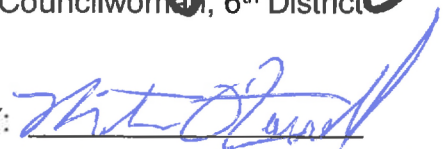
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Motion in OPPOSITION to Council File #20-1044

From the Planning and Land Use Management Committee
and Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Mover: Nury Martinez, 2nd by Mitch O'Farrell

The Motion is entitled: Land Use Reform - High Value Projects

Whereas, the Motion in Council File #20-1044 asks for a report back to develop criteria for HIGH VALUE PROJECTS (large development projects) to BYPASS the usual planning process:

In the current process, there exists many levels where stakeholders can provide feedback and comment on a development: Firstly, stakeholders can communicate through their local neighborhood or community council, then at the Planning Commission, further comment is available when the development then proceeds to the PLUM Committee of the Los Angeles City Council, and then finally when the development is heard and considered at the Los Angeles City Council.

This Motion would BYPASS the above procedures, and instead have the High Value Projects which are the largest developments that are proposed in the City, divert away from the PLUM Committee of the Los Angeles City Council and allow the development approval proceed directly to the Los Angeles City Council for consideration.

Whereas such a change in procedure would REDUCE the ability of the public to comment and provide feedback on a development, and

Whereas such a procedure change would produce long City Council hearings involving these developments that would necessitate delay for consideration of other Council business, and thereby producing grid lock to get matters heard by the City Council especially in light of reduced City Council meetings during the current COVID pandemic;

THEREFORE, the Mar Vista Community Council OPPOSES the proposed Motion in Council File 20-1044 and encourages the Los Angeles City Council to vote NO on changing the development procedures for high value projects.