

RESOLUTION TO FIX THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN LA

WHEREAS, the approval process for construction and development in Los Angeles has a number of problems that make it opaque, arcane and inconsistent; 1) inherent conflicts of interest in that developers hire their own consulting firms to do the Environmental Impact Study, 2) outdated Community Plans and General Plan For L.A., and 3) lack transparency in the approval process resulting in environmental impact, infrastructure stress, traffic congestion, and changing the nature of neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Democrats believe in transparency, accountability, value quality of life and stakeholders input, it is important that certain procedures in the approval process be changed: 1) have developers pay for Environmental Impact Study but contracted through a blind system and managed independently from the developer, 2) every effort must be made to speed up the Community Planning and General Plan For L.A. process so that a cohesive, with updated city zoning framework, with a long term plan that takes into account stakeholders, the environment, traffic, infrastructure impact, and neighborhood character, and 3) that an approval process be established and made public that is both clear in its requirements and its steps to approval, so that stakeholders, developers, the planning commission and the city council are clear and transparent about what is being done and that all requirements are being met.

WHEREAS, the needs of new housing while maintaining quality of life are great in our community it is vital that these issues be addressed quickly and comprehensively; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Valley Grassroots for Democracy urges our elected officials in the Los Angeles City Council to treat the approval process and city zoning with speed care and transparency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Mayor Eric Garcetti, all 15 City Council Members and Planning and Los Angeles City Planning Commission President David Ambroz.

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