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September 2, 2021

## COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT CF 20-0980

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Yea (x), Nay (x), Abstain (x) on September 2, 2021

Honorable City Council  
Los Angeles City Hall  
200 North Spring Street, Room 395  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### FOR IF AMENDED

### RE: CF 20-0980 APPROVAL REVOCATION / DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND PROJECT APPLICATIONS / CORRUPTION OR FRAUD / LAMC / AMENDMENT / ORDINANCE

Dear Honorable City Council members:

The Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council agrees with a moratorium or even permanent ban from developing properties in the City of Los Angeles by those found to have engaged in corrupt practices. The City Attorney's ordinance seeks to grant City Council the authority to terminate applications and approvals tainted by fraud. The ordinance is a toolkit to help City Council "utilize its authority" under the City Charter and LAMC to weed out corruption from within.

The city's land use process is rife with fraud and corruption and all entities are being investigated. Two former PLUM Committee members are in prison for racketeering. City Council's abuse of power in the land use process has eroded the public trust. There is no oversight, regulation, monitoring or accountability within these departments. The CPC is headed by appointees who are commercial real estate investors. LADBS accepts bribes and is subservient to City Planning. The City Attorney cannot implement change from the top down because he too aids and abets unlawful activity. Even the appointed Ethics Commission heeds to the demands of the City Council, who holds their pursestrings.

The draft ordinance authorizes City Council to monitor itself, applicants, City Planning and LADBS. There needs to be real regulatory oversight with consequences. The city's countless self regulatory ordinances are band aid on a massive hemorrhage. This urgent time sensitive ordinance has seen no council action for over a year. Meanwhile, City Council/ PLUM Committee members are accepting campaign contributions from developers who have pending projects in their respective council districts.

Sincerely,

Sara Clendening, President  
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

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