

Motion re Policies & Procedures Amendment (CF #12-0460-S4)

Whereas the Policies & Procedures Chapter 1A Ordinance, 2nd revision, Exhibits and “technical changes” are in excess of 950 pages, and

Whereas the “technical changes” to the Policies and Procedures Chapter 1A Ordinance were made public just 7 days before the most June 1, 2021 PLUM meeting which heard this matter and it contains substantial changes, not mere technical corrections, and

Whereas this is the most substantial revision to Chapter 1 of our City Charter made in over 40 years, which completely reorganizes and changes the land use zoning, entitlements, and procedures, and

Whereas the Chapter 1A land use reorganization has been provided to the public in 3 meetings of 1.5 hours each, which briefly summarized only a few sections of the complex and hard to digest land use procedures that most members of the public are not familiar with, and

Whereas the Los Angeles City Council has final authority under our City Charter for all land use issues and such authority must be maintained by the City Council in conformity with our City Charter so as to avoid protected litigation if the Charter is violated, and

Whereas the Policies and Procedures Chapter 1A Ordinance appears to transfer authority to an unelected official, the Director of Planning, when such transfer of authority violates our City Charter, and

Whereas the City Charter gives specific authority for Neighborhood/Community Councils to receive notice of land use issues within their boundaries and conduct public meetings (hearings) to engage stakeholders and provide feedback on land use issues, which language has been removed in the new Chapter 1A and attempts to transfer notice and authority to a Department of the City, not the Neighborhood/Community Councils as required,

Therefore,

The Mar Vista Community Council requests that the Los Angeles City Council postpone consideration of Council File #12-0460-S4 for a

minimum of six (6) months in order to enable further community engagement.

The language supporting the Neighborhood Councils' charter-given authority to hold public hearings and provide public comment and feedback concerning matters of land use must be restored to the Policies and Procedures amendment sections to ensure it complies with the Los Angeles City Charter and the specific authority it grants to Neighborhood Councils.

The community engagement has been insufficient to conduct a full review of the substantial changes involving land use authority and procedures, it's impact upon our communities and the authority of the City Council.

Further we encourage that the Los Angeles City Council obtain cumis council (independent council) to review the document in its entirety to ensure that no transfer of City Council authority occurs as a result of this document and that final decision regarding land use matters remains with the City Council pursuant to the City Charter.