

MOTION

PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT

On January 3, 2008 the Community Redevelopment Agency and the Planning Department issued what purports to be an Industrial Land Use Policy for Los Angeles with directions to staff to implement the policy.

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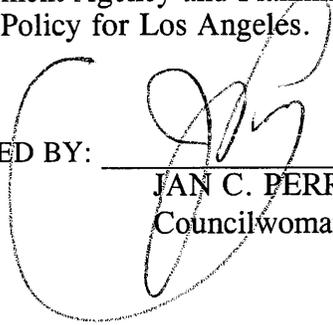
This action was taken in the face of and with complete disregard to three related motions currently pending before the City Council on the purported Industrial Land Use Policy. The first Motion (CF 07-0486) was approved by the Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee and spoke to the need for formal public review of the policy by community stakeholders. The second motion (CF 07-0486) spoke to the need for the City Council to review and legislate this policy and hold public hearings. And the third motion (CF 07-0486 S-1) again directly addressed the need for the elected legislative body of the City to consider this policy before it is implemented.

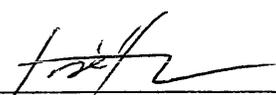
The January 3 document is not being voted on by the Planning Commission or the CRA Board and its attempted promulgation is designed to circumvent the normal review and approval processes for new policies. Although the policy will not initiate zone changes and is supposed to serve as a guide for future land use and community benefit decisions, any document that will determine land use and community benefit decisions needs to be reviewed through the established public process of City Planning Commission, PLUM committee, Council, and the Mayor. In addition, there has been inadequate public outreach regarding the purported Industrial Land Use Policy. Although City Planning and the CRA held a public meeting on January 3rd the 'policy' was not available for public review prior to the meeting. Therefore the January 3, 2008 Industrial Land Use Policy should be transmitted to Council for review and approval.

Most significantly the thrust of the purported Industrial Land Use Policy raises serious public policy issues and concerns which must be resolved not administratively but by the City's legislative body. Although maintaining industrial land in the City of Los Angeles is part of our General Plan Framework element the purported Industrial Land Use Policy attempts to make this 'policy' more important than any other element within the General Plan Framework without proper review. Neither the City Planning department nor the CRA have the legal authority to establish what is effectively a new policy.

The importance of industrial land to the City of Los Angeles is unquestioned and it is especially for this reason that any attempt to establish a policy governing it should be implemented properly through the legislative process that includes community input and Council review.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be directed to prepare and present within 30 days an ordinance to prohibit the implementation of the January 3, 2008 Community Redevelopment Agency and Planning Department document purporting to be an Industrial Land Use Policy for Los Angeles.

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