

Re: Council File 12-0460-SA, Planning File Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA, CEQA Case No. ENV-2016-3183-CE

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Re: Council File 12-0460-SA, Planning File Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA, CEQA Case No. ENV-2016-3183-CE To Council Members:

I am writing to you urgently TO OPPOSE the Planning Department's recommendation as set forth in City Council File No. 12-0460-SA, Case No. CPC-2016-3182-CA and ENV-2016-3183-CE. Please consider this in opposition to the Planning Department's recommendation for approval of the proposed ordinance and please be sure this letter is part of the file before PLUM and before Council.

The Planning Department published 948 pages of these materials on September 12, 2018. I am still trying to understand it all but it seems clear that this proposed ordinance delegates and shifts away from City Council a tremendous swath of authority over planning and land use in violation of the City Charter, specifically Charter sections 556 and 558. Please consider this to be a request for Council to consider the findings required under Charter sections 556 and 558 and conclude that it cannot approve this Proposed Ordinance since none of the findings required by the Charter can be made on this record.

This Proposed delegates many decisions to the Mayor or to the Director of Planning without preserving either the right to appeal to City Council or City Council's ability to step in and remove a matter from Planning as set forth in the City Charter. Even more importantly, this proposed ordinance takes away notices and rights to public hearings for most people and for city certified neighborhood councils which are required by the City Charter.

This is a really deceptive ordinance and involves much more than just an administrative reorganization. All you need to do is look at the new chapter and how many decisions are now made ministerially or administratively that previously required far more extensive public notice and a public hearing and had a right of appeal to Council. Now the only people who get notice of a project are the immediately adjacent neighbors -- the ordinance took away the notice to residents within 500 feet of a proposed project, notice to the neighbors across the street and notice to certified neighborhood councils which is REQUIRED by the City Charter (see for example the early warning system required by Section 907 of the City Charter). I object to these efforts to amend the City Charter without a ballot measure approved by the voters.

Plum and Council should stop this illegal ordinance in its tracks.

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