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ETHICS COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND MATCHING FUNDS CONTINUES

The Ethics Commission’s review of developer contributions continues. The commission will conduct another public discussion and may take action at its meeting on February 19, 2019. The discussion will include the campaign activities of developers and non-individuals (entities, such as corporations, LLCs, etc.), including a possible ban on contributions. The discussion will also include potential restrictions on payments made by third parties at the behest of elected officials.

In addition, the February 19 agenda will include further discussion of and possible action on the qualification criteria for the public matching funds program. Modifications to the aggregate contribution thresholds and the debate requirement will be considered.

The Ethics Commission urges interested parties to provide written input regarding these issues. Comments may be emailed to ethics.policy@lacity.org and will be most helpful in shaping recommendations if they are received by January 31, 2019.

The Ethics Commission was created by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to impartially administer and enforce the City’s governmental ethics, campaign financing, and lobbying laws.