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DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION BAN GOES INTO EFFECT

A ban on political contributions from restricted developers goes into effect today. In December 2019, the City Council adopted an ordinance that limits the ability of persons involved in certain City development projects to make City campaign contributions, and they specified that it should take effect with the 2022 regular general elections. See [Council File No. 19-0046](#).

The ban prohibits restricted developers from making contributions to the Mayor, the City Attorney, a City Council member, a candidate for one of those offices, or a City committee controlled by one of those individuals. Restricted developers are the applicants, property owners, and principals associated with 17 types of significant planning entitlements, which are identified in [Los Angeles Municipal Code § 49.7.37\(A\)\(5\)](#).

The contribution ban begins the day that an application for a significant planning entitlement is submitted to the Planning Department. It ends 12 months after the date a letter of determination is issued or, if no letter is issued, the date the decision on the application is final.

Applicants for significant planning entitlements are required to register their cases with the Ethics Commission. Registration must be done online through the [Restricted Developer Filing System \(RDFS\)](#). Planning applications are not complete and cannot move forward until registration is confirmed.

Additional information is available [online](#) and in the restricted developer [flyer](#). For assistance with the contribution ban or the registration requirement, please contact the Ethics Commission at ethics.rdfs@lacity.org.

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.

