

Zev: “Planning is not being done by the city but by the developer interests.”

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky has said what we have all known for years – that the City planning process is being run by developers for developers – at our expense.

In truly remarkable comments, Zev has told us precisely why we have so much traffic and why huge projects keep getting approved. The reason? Because special-interests are running the process.

Unfortunately, for Tract No. 7260 and the rest of the City, the developers have no better friend than Councilman Jack Weiss who routinely approves huge development projects over the objections of his constituents.

CityWatchLA has provided the following highlights from Supervisor Yaroslavsky's remarks:

- “Planning is not being done by the city but by the developer interests.”
- In LA, “The development community believes they can get anything they want.”
- “There is no quantity control out of City Hall today.”
- Neighborhood councils “have no leverage ... absolutely no leverage ... at City Hall unless they think you can derail what they’re doing.”

In response to Zev’s comments, the Committee to Recall Jack Weiss released a press statement indicating that there was “no better way to derail special interests than to recall Jack Weiss.”

A YouTube video of Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s presentation can be found on the Tract No. 7260 website – www.Tract7260.Org.

**Tract No. 7260 Membership Form
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Email	It is important that we have your email address. Tract 7260 sends out monthly updates and neighborhood alerts.

Send this form and your \$25 2007 annual dues to: Tract No. 7260 Association, 2057 Kerwood Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025-6006.

Bellwood Developer to Speak at Next Tract No. 7260 Board Meeting

The developer of the newly re-designed Bellwood Project will be making a presentation to the Tract No. 7260 Board at its August 13th meeting. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to [Bellwood@Tract7260.Org](mailto:bellwood@tract7260.org) so that we can pick an appropriate meeting place.

Pico/Olympic Plan Report Out from the Department of Transportation

The department of Transportation has released its report on the Pico/Olympic concept. From the summary:

- The proposal with left-turns prohibited during peak periods would improve intersection capacity by 3 percent.
- The peak period left-turn restrictions and lack of left-turn lanes of the proposal would constitute an **extreme inconvenience in accessing residential areas** and retail centers and would invite **unwanted commuter traffic in residential areas**.

The full report from DOT can be accessed on the Tract 7260 website – www.Tract7260.Org.

Whether we like or dislike the proposal, we should commend Supervisor Yaroslavsky for bringing the issue of unacceptable traffic to the forefront and for seeking solutions.

The REAL first step that should be taken is a development moratorium. When something is on fire, you don’t keep pouring gasoline on it until you can find some water.

Many community leaders are pushing for the development moratorium for any project that increases density until our traffic problems have been addressed.

To quote a prescient 1975 DOT study: “*The street system now serving Century City and the surrounding area does not meet the needs of the area, nor will it in the future. As a consequence, it is recommended that further intensification of land use in Century City be halted...*”

Its time to take that advice.

Area News Briefs

Tract No. 7260 JMB Lawsuit

The lawsuit against the City relating to its approval of the JMB project will have a hearing on September 7th. The original hearing date was August 1st, but there was a change in judges.

Recall of Jack Weiss

The Committee to Recall Jack Weiss, which started collecting signatures on June 18th 2007, reported approximately \$20,000 in contributions and \$27,000 in accrued expenditures in the period ending June 30th, 2007. The Committee reports "it began major fundraising efforts on July 1st, 2007 and continues to hit internal signature collection targets. Signature gatherers are reporting enthusiasm as voters want to protect their neighborhoods from the traffic Jack Weiss is creating by approving big development projects. Many are angry because Weiss's office is so unresponsive."

Aqua Line Light Rail

State funding for the Aqua Line light rail was put at risk recently according to the L.A. Times. The transportation cuts are part of the budget fight in Sacramento.

Yaroslavsky/Feuer Attend Block Party

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Assemblyman Mike Feuer both attended a block party held by the Comstock Hills Homeowner Association on Sunday, July 22nd. The event was attended by 400 area residents.

Lawn Bowling at Holmby Park – Open House

Join the Holmby Park Lawn Bowling Club SUNDAY IN THE PARK on August 12th for the annual Open House from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Free lessons, Pizza and Beverages

Reservations: Richard Pozil: (310) 277-8821

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