



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Council To Discuss Mayor's Veto of TFAR Ordinance Tomorrow, Friday, March 23rd

Tomorrow morning, City Council will discuss next steps in addressing the Mayor's recent veto of the Transfer of Floor Area Rights (TFAR) Ordinance. It is possible that Council will either move to override the veto, requiring 10 Council votes, or amend the current ordinance to meet the Mayor's objections. Specifically, the Mayor wants the ordinance to "incorporate Mayoral approval or veto, with possible override, of the Council's approval, conditional approval, or disapproval of transfer applications." As currently written, the City Council has final approval over transfer applications.

CCA has taken a leadership role on this issue, as TFAR has the potential to significantly increase residential density and investment in Downtown. TFAR will make it easier for residential developers to transfer density rights from underdeveloped Downtown sites (such as the convention center) to other sites, where developers will be allowed to build in excess of what the zoning code would otherwise allow.

If you would like to attend the Council hearing tomorrow, please plan to arrive no later than **10:15 a.m.** TFAR is **Item # 29** on the agenda (attached).

Los Angeles City Council
John Ferraro Council Chamber
Room 340, City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please contact CCA's Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Veronica Perez Becker, at 213-624-1213, if you have questions, comments or concerns.



AGENDA

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

10:15 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER

AS COUNCIL RECESSES ITS REGULAR MEETING

JOHN FERRARO COUNCIL CHAMBER
ROOM 340, CITY HALL
200 NORTH SPRING STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING; UPON 24 HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE, OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS, SUCH AS SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION, AND TRANSLATION SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (213) 978-1059. TDD AVAILABLE AT (213) 978-1055.

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BASIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING RULES

AGENDAS - The City Council meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 A.M. The agendas for City Council meetings contain a brief general description of those items to be considered at the meetings. Council Agendas are available in the Office of the City Clerk, Council and Public Services Division, Room 395, City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, and on the City's World Wide Web Home Page site on the Internet at www.lacity.org; click on "Council Calendar."

Ten (10) members of the Council constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Council may consider an item not listed on the Council Agenda only if it is determined by a two-thirds (10) vote that the need for action arose after the posting of an Agenda. Some items on the Agenda may be approved without any discussion, however any item may be called "special" by a Councilmember. If an item is called "special" it will be "held" until the remainder of the items on the Council agenda have been acted on by the Council. An item may also be called "special" if a member of the public has requested to speak on the item and a public hearing has not previously been held on the matter.

The City Clerk will announce the items to be considered by the Council, however items will be grouped. For example, all items for which required public hearings have not previously been held are listed in one section on the printed Agenda. The Council President will ask if any Councilmember or member or the public wishes to speak on one or more of these items. If anyone wishes to speak on an item, it will be called "special." The remaining items in this section will be voted on by Council with one roll call vote.

PUBLIC INPUT AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS - An opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items for which public hearings have not been provided will be provided before or during consideration of the item. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested to complete a speaker card for each item they wish to address, and present the completed card(s) to the Sergeant-At-Arms. Speaker cards are available at the back of the Council Chamber.

The Council will also provide an opportunity for the public to speak on public interest items for a cumulative total of up to ten (10) minutes. Testimony shall be limited in content to matters which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. The City Council may not take any action on matters discussed during the public testimony period.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND TIME LIMITS - Councilmembers requesting to address the Council will be recognized by the Council President in the order requested. For any item, the Chairperson of the Committee, or the maker of the original motion, or the member calling a matter "special" shall have up to six (6) minutes to discuss the item. All other Councilmembers may speak up to three (3) minutes each on the matter. After all members desiring to speak on a question have had an opportunity to be heard once, the time for each Member desiring to speak again shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

A motion calling the "previous question" may be introduced by any member during a Council debate. If adopted, this motion will terminate debate on a matter and the Chair will instruct the Clerk to call the roll on the matter.

VOTING AND DISPOSITION OF ITEMS - Most items require a majority vote of the entire membership of the Council (8 members). Items which have not been discussed in a Council Committee and have been placed directly on the Council Agenda will require 10 votes to consider. Once considered, these items will normally require eight (8) affirmative votes to be adopted. Ordinances require a unanimous vote (at least 12 members must be present) in order to be adopted on first consideration. If an ordinance does not receive the necessary unanimous vote, it is laid over one calendar week. The votes required for approval on second consideration vary and depend upon the type of ordinance, but a typical ordinance requires eight (8) affirmative votes upon second consideration.

When debate on an item is completed, the Chair will instruct the Clerk to "call the roll." Every member present must vote for or against each item; abstentions are not permitted. The Clerk will announce the votes on each item. Any member of Council may move to "reconsider" any vote on any item on the agenda, except to adjourn, suspend the Rules, or where an intervening event has deprived the Council of jurisdiction, providing that said member originally voted on the prevailing side of the item. The motion to "reconsider" shall only be in order once during the meeting, and once during the next regular meeting. The member requesting reconsideration shall identify for all members present the Agenda number, Council file number and subject matter previously voted upon. A motion to reconsider is not debatable and shall require an affirmative vote of eight members of the Council.

When the Council has failed by sufficient votes to approve or reject an item, and has not lost jurisdiction over the matter, or has not caused it to be continued beyond the next regular meeting, the issue is again placed on the next agenda for the following meeting for the purpose of allowing the Council to again vote on the matter.

The City Council rules provide that all items adopted by the Council will not be presented to the Mayor, or other designated officer by the City Clerk until the adjournment of the regular meeting following the date of the Council action. A motion to send an item "forthwith" if adopted by ten (10) votes, suspends these rules and requires the City Clerk to forward the matter to the Mayor, or other officer, without delay.

RULE 16 MOTIONS - Council Rule No. 16 allows a member to send an item directly to the Council without it having to go to a Council Committee first, by giving the City Clerk a motion (seconded by an additional member) during a Council session to be placed on the next available Council Agenda.

Los Angeles City Council Agenda, **Special Council Meeting**
Friday, **March 23, 2007**
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 10:15 am

- - - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - - -

10:15 a.m. or as soon thereafter
as the Council Recesses its Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL

Veto Message From the Mayor - Item 29

ITEM NO. (29) - Motion Required

[05-1776](#)

MAYOR'S VETO MESSAGE disapproving the Ordinance adopted by the Council on March 7, 2007. amending Article 4.5 of Chapter I of the Los Angeles Municipal Code relating to the transfer of floor area rights in the Central Business District and City Center Redevelopment Plan Areas and Chapter 45 of Division 5 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code relating to the Transfer of Floor Area Rights Public Benefit Payment Trust Fund.

TIME LIMIT FILE - MAY 7, 2007

**[LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION - MAY 4, 2007,
PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 250 (C)]**

10 VOTES REQUIRED TO OVERRIDE MAYOR'S VETO

Items for Which Public Hearing Have Been Held - Items 30-31

ITEM NO. (30)

[07-0533](#)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Mayor's appointment of Ms. Marissa Castro-Salvati to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners.

Recommendation for Council action: