

# WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

November 14, 2018

Agenda Item #10

## **INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED PROCESS AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE**

### SUMMARY

#### PLANNING POWER GRAB

In October the City Planning Commission approved the proposed Processes & Procedures Ordinance. If approved by the City Council, this ordinance would add a new chapter to the LA Municipal Code, and bring about substantial changes to the way plans and projects are approved. Among the concerns are:

- > Allowing the Director of Planning to grant approvals without public input.
- > Reduced notification requirements.
- > Limiting some appeals only to adjacent property owners.
- > Creating an alternative approval process.
- > Weakening protections for HPOZs.

But the biggest problem is that this new addition to the LAMC would take planning authority from elected officials and give it to unelected bureaucrats. It will make it much easier for City Planning to grant developers' wishes, and much harder for the public to stop them.