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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION RELATED TO ITEM D18 - CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REVIEW

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Subject: City Council Meeting 1/21

Dear Mr. Hensley:

I am writing to inquire whether any City Councilmembers will be required or asked to recuse themselves from tonight's discussion of Item 18 on the agenda: "Cultural Development Program Review."

Since the potential elimination or modification of the CDP directly impacts fees levied on commercial developments, it seems appropriate for the City Attorney to clarify the standard for recusal and determine whether any Councilmembers with potential conflicts should abstain from these discussions or votes (as seen when Councilmembers recused themselves from matters related to the Downtown Specific Plan on past agendas).

Allowing Councilmembers with conflicts of interest to participate could raise ethical concerns and undermine public trust. For this reason, I respectfully request that your office provide the requested clarification before the start of tonight's City Council meeting.

Thank you,

John Pickhaver