


TO: TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: TOWN MANAGER 

RE: DEVELOPMENT REVIEW POLICY

ISSUE

Council Member Liss asks that the Council adopt a policy concerning development review by elected and certain appointed officials.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve resolution adopting a policy concerning development review.

CEQA

There are no CEQA issues because it is self evident that a policy on processing a development will not impact the environment since there would be no changes in the paper work to be filed or environmental determinations needed for any development project.

MONEY

There are no money issues with this matter.

DISCUSSION

The Brown Act and FPPC address the legal requirements concerning the responsibility of elected and appointed officials in dealing with developers or anyone on matters that may come before the elected and appointed bodies of the Town. Council Member Liss suggests that the Town have a separate policy that defines a Loomis preference when dealing with developer representatives. To that end the following resolution is submitted for Council consideration:

TOWN OF LOOMIS

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS
APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT REVIEW POLICY**

WHEREAS, Town Council Members, Planning Commissioners and appointed Committee Members will be lobbied by people interested in developing property in the Town of Loomis; and

WHEREAS, there are established State laws such as the Brown Act that govern and regulate the interaction of elected and appointed officials with each other and with developer representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the Loomis community is unique and there is a strong wish to maintain that uniqueness for the benefit of the citizens of Loomis; and

WHEREAS, a component of the community's uniqueness is that there be maximum exposure and review of ideas and plans for development in the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the community for developer representatives to talk to Council Members, Commissioners and Committee Members about development projects primarily in scheduled and noticed meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Loomis to encourage each other, and the appointed Commissioners and Committee Members, that when contacted individually or in small non-quorum groups, by developer representatives about ideas and/or plans for projects within the Town of Loomis, to advise those developer representatives to present their ideas and plans at a noticed meeting of the appropriate elected or appointed body and not to ask Council Members, Commissioners or Committee Members for their position on the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of February 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Town Attorney