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## SORONC to support CIS for CF20-0491

**Agenda Item:** SB052120-1

**Date:** May 21, 2020

**Proposed By:** Terrence Gomes LANCC

**Include motion in  
Consent Agenda?** If possible

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### Background

Discussion and possible action for the South Robertson Neighborhoods Council who is gravely concerned with CF 20-0491. In a recent article on Fox5NY, Councilmember Bonin told a news reporter that “the City Council supports the proposal and is looking to fast track it....” This statement suggests that Councilmember Bonin has been communicating, directly or indirectly, with other Councilmembers to build support for this policy decision without complying with the Brown Act. (See *216 Sutter Bay Associates v. County of Sutter* (1997) 58 Cal.App.4th 860, 877 [holding that Brown Act prohibits serial meetings by majority of legislative body to engage in collective deliberation on public business].) Second, Bonin’s statements to the press suggest that he has already determined how he would vote on the issue of using federal funds to purchase distressed properties. To the extent that Bonin is ever asked to vote on whether to acquire distressed properties, he has demonstrated sufficient bias as to require his recusal. (See e.g., *Woody’s Group, Inc. v. City of Newport Beach* (2015) 233 Cal.App.4th 1012, 1021–1022 [holding that council member whose conduct creates probability of actual bias must recuse from land use decision].) South Robertson Neighborhoods Council finds it disgraceful that our local elected officials, who have had a hand in placing residential properties in a distressed condition, would consider a process to quickly identify residential properties for potential acquisition. The South Robertson Neighborhoods Council recommends that the City Council create a motion to use stimulus funds for bridge loans for Angelenos whose homes have become distressed due to COVID-19 and would keep those Angelenos from becoming homeless and adding an additional burden to the taxpayer.

See “LA City councilman proposes using federal stimulus funds to buy distressed properties for homeless housing,” Published April 23, 2020 and available at: <https://www.fox5ny.com/news/la-city-councilman-proposes-using-federal-stimulus-funds-to-buy-distressed-properties-for-homeless-housing>

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0491\\_mot\\_04-22-2020.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2020/20-0491_mot_04-22-2020.pdf)

### Proposed Motion

SORO NC should adopt the following:

- I. Submit CIS for CF20-0491





- II. Submit copies of CIS to Ethics, Council President Martinez and City Attorney Feuer.

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### Considerations

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**Committee review:**  
*(highly recommended)*

Votes For: 0

Against:

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**Amount previously allocated in Committee's working budget:**     \$  
*(applies to funding motions only)*

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**Arguments for:**

**Arguments against:**

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