



Ethics, Organization, & Personnel Committee

# Monthly Ethics Education

Item 6a

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## Subject

Overview of revised “pay to play” law

## Purpose

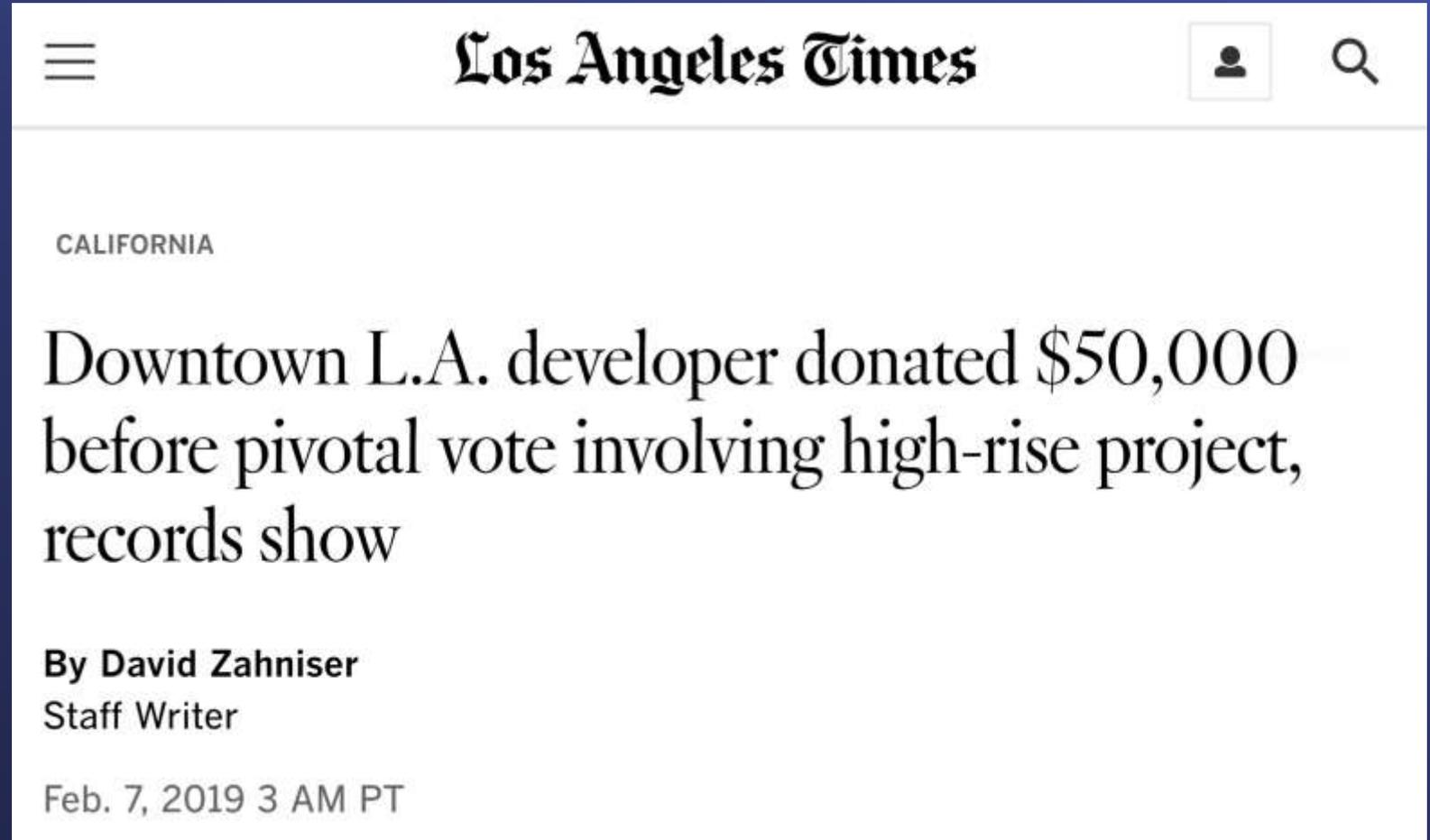
To help public officials avoid unintentional violations in the course of campaign fund-raising

# Pay to Play Law

## Levine Act in 1982

- LA Times report on Coastal Commission
- Gov Code sec. 84308
  - Campaign contributions
  - Prohibitions, disqualifications

2019



The screenshot shows the top portion of a web browser displaying a Los Angeles Times article. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a hamburger menu icon on the left, the "Los Angeles Times" logo in the center, and a user profile icon and a search magnifying glass icon on the right. Below the navigation bar, the word "CALIFORNIA" is displayed in a smaller font. The main headline of the article reads: "Downtown L.A. developer donated \$50,000 before pivotal vote involving high-rise project, records show". Below the headline, the author's name "By David Zahniser" and his title "Staff Writer" are listed. At the bottom of the article preview, the date and time "Feb. 7, 2019 3 AM PT" are shown.

Los Angeles Times

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News & Public Affairs

## Hefty Contracts for Campaign Contributors in Huntington Park



Several companies that donated to Huntington Park council members received city contracts: Sean McMorris, the policy and organizing consultant for California Common Cause, said the campaign report indicates a "classic culture of pay-to-play." | Erick Cabrera

 PBS SoCal

## Pay to Play Law

# Levine Act Amendments

- Appointed or Elected
- Ban extends from 3 months to 12 months after vote
- Cure for honest mistakes
- More public disclosure

