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Residents Association

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Submission to Future Melbourne Committee

City of Melbourne, Council Meeting Room, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building
17 May 2016, 5.30pm – Meeting No.81

Agenda Item 7.3 Notice of Motion, Cr Watts: Call for candidates to voluntarily decline donations from property developers, tobacco, liquor and gambling industries

Southbank Residents Association commends Cr Watts for her motion calling for candidates to voluntarily decline donations from property developers, tobacco, liquor and gambling industries. This motion is further evidence Cr Watts understands the implications that campaign donations have had on the municipality, and Southbank specifically, with relation to this Council giving due consideration to developments that have an enormous impact on our livelihood as residents.

Every election we hear candidates telling us they are elected for the people by the people to represent the people. Time and time again Southbank has not had the opportunity to be heard on a number of development applications because of conflicted Councillors' from campaign donations, particularly from property developers.

While we acknowledge this motion is for voluntary rejection and in no way binding, we are certainly advocates of the spirit of the motion and trust that any candidate will also acknowledge this spirit as they go about their campaign.

Southbank Residents Association trust Councillors' will support this motion particularly for these upcoming elections so we, the constituents, know where we stand when a candidate claims to have the best interests at heart for the people of the municipality.

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