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Amendment for Item 35: Significant Community Benefits from Five Tall Downtown Buildings

Recommendation: Request the City Manager to draft a Council resolution establishing a system for Downtown building projects over 75 feet to provide significant community benefits. The projects would be assessed a fee of \$100 per square foot for the residential portion of the building between 76 and 120 feet, and \$150 per square foot for the residential portion above 120 feet. A Project Labor Agreement (PLA) ~~would be required. It would include~~ including local hiring and training components, would be designated a high City priority. ~~Projects that include a~~ The PLA would receive provide a credit, equal to 5 percent of the project construction costs, which would be deducted from the fee. In addition, the fee could be further reduced by voluntary on-site benefits for arts and culture, which must be approved by the City Council. The remainder would be paid into a City fund to be used for affordable housing and arts and culture benefits.