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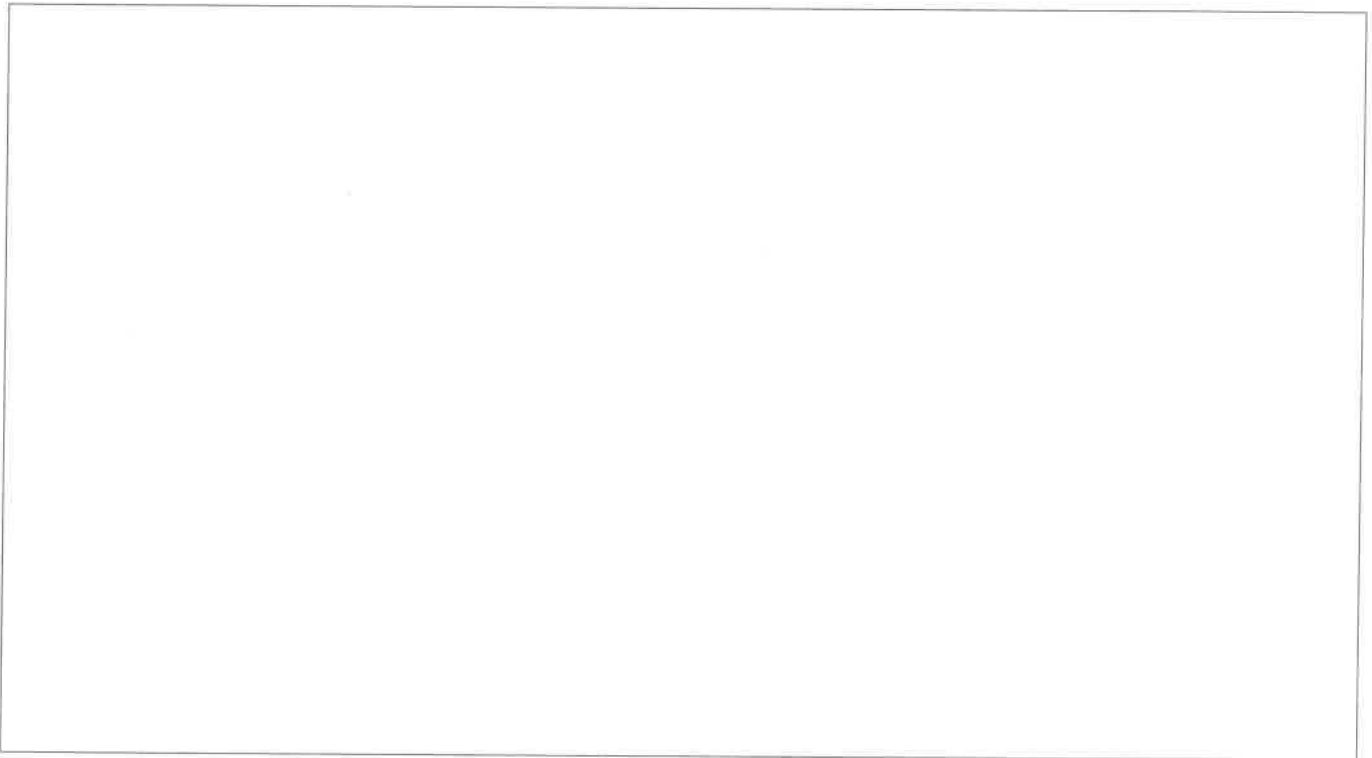
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URGENT FAX FOR CECILIA LAMAS IN COMMISSION OFFICE

Cecilia:

I'm sorry this took so long. I wanted to include a photo of the inept fault-testing. I got the photo but couldn't get the camera to deliver it to the computer (new camera).

I left the Item Number open with an underline. Please add the number.

Thank you for your help.

Jim McQuiston



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STATEMENT of J. H. McQUISYON on
1756,1760 No. ARGYLE AVE, 6210-6224 W. YUCCA ST, 1779 No. VISTA del MAR AVE

Honorable Members of the City Planning Commission:

1. THIS MATTER SHOULD INSTEAD BE BEFORE THE CENTRAL AREA PLANNING COMMISSION.

It is not an airport, or a terminal, or a transportation hub. IT IS NOT AFFECTING ALL THE CITY BUT ONLY THE LOCAL AREA. Charter Sec 555 & 558 notwithstanding, this project is not asking for more than "spot zoning" which leaves surrounding properties with unamended zoning.

The proper approach is per Charter Sec 565, delegation of such local Hollywood matters to the Central Area Planning Commission by the City Planning Commission.

2. ANYONE OCCUPYING ANY PART OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IS LIABLE TO BE KILLED, MAIMED, OR PSYCHOTERRIFIED. This project in this location is THAT DANGEROUS.

It should NEVER BE BUILT ON AN ACTIVE FAULT. Especially not the Hollywood Fault, which is PREDICTED BY EXPERTS to PRODUCE A CATACLYSM, with 30 FEET of GROUND MOVEMENT, 6 feet of extensive shaking, an acceleration of 1 to 2 "g" (32 ft/sec/sec).

The STATE PROHIBITS BUILDING ANYTHING TALLER THAN 2 STORIES ABOVE GROUND, so survivors may jump out of its windows without death.

LOOK IT UP. My Statement for VTT 73718 which you are required to have per Constitution Amendment 1 breaks down the State prohibition piece by piece, and Courts¹ declared the prohibitory law² was mandatory on EVERY STATE AGENCY, EVERY COUNTY, and EVERY CITY in California.

The State mapped the Hollywood Fault long ago. That map controls this development, period.

People in Los Angeles shouldn't be so concerned about the San Andreas Fault; the Hollywood Fault is so close and so inherently powerful it MUST BE AVOIDED FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY, regarding projects like that proposed.

The Proposal Uses PHONY RESEARCH

The attached PHOTO shows the limited and phony boring the developers used to proclaim the Hollywood Fault, going from East of Pasadena along hills to the Channel Islands, mysteriously stopped on either side of the parcels. THEIR PHONY RESEARCH DID NOT CONFORM TO THE LAW, AND in STATE PUBLICATION 42, PRC Sec 2621.5(a) states the purpose of prohibiting developments on active Faults:

"[I]t is the intent of this chapter to provide the citizens of the state with increased safety and to MINIMIZE THE LOSS OF LIFE DURING AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKES * * *." (Emphasis added)

Publication 42 Sec 3.4 states:

¹ *Foundation v Univ of Calif*, No RG06-301644, *affirmed* 188 Cal App 4th 227 (2010).

² Public Resources Code Sections 2621-2630, "Alquist-Priolo Act".

"The lead agency ultimately is responsible for determining whether a project lies within an Earthquake Fault Zone * which the lead agency can overlay with its official parcel boundary maps to DETERMINE WHETHER A PROJECT LIES WITHIN AN EFZ."**

Publication 42 Sec 5.4 states:

"The evidence for identifying Holocene-active fault traces sometimes is subtle or obscure and the evidence to conclude the lack of Holocene activity may be difficult to obtain and locally may not exist."

"In some cases, it will be necessary to extend some of the investigative methods well beyond the site or property investigated."

But because there is an "OFFICIAL MAP" the Developer's pitiful and false "geology" is lawfully-invalid.

As a 60-year resident RIGHT ON THE FAULT, TRAINED AT CALTECH IN SEISMOLOGY and in business involving seismology I say anyone who says the Fault does not lie under the development is a LIAR and should forfeit the license to practice. Anyone being an accessory to this project for this location is an ACCESSORY TO MURDER, in my expert opinion.

DEVELOPER'S PLEA BASED ON RECENT CONSTRUCTION IN THE ACTIVE-FAULT ZONE

Just because the City disreputably-allowed other MURDEROUS BUILDINGS to be built on this Fault doesn't make it right or ethical to continue this MURDEROUS BENT.

PEOPLES' MONEY AT RISK

The City allows such developments at its INHABITANTS' EXTREME FINANCIAL PERIL:

"Sec 2621.8" "Notwithstanding Section 818.2 of the Government Code, a city * which knowingly issues a permit that grants an exemption *** may be LIABLE FOR EARTHQUAKE-RELATED INJURIES OR DEATHS CAUSED BY FAILURE TO SO ADHERE."**

If the proposed development is built, **City's liability is AT LEAST \$7 billion, 418 million, 158 thousand, 200, per accounting in the project file, but unaddressed in agency's analysis.**

CITY'S VOTERS SHOULD GET TO DECIDE IF SUCH RISKS SHOULD BE ALLOWED

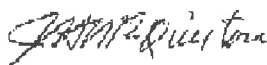
When the Mayor instituted full scale garbage collection fees, A MERE \$32 million per year, he had the voters decide if it were OK to charge them that much.

HERE THE AMOUNT IS STAGGERING. Not only this project but lots already OK'd on active faults amount to POTENTIAL BANKRUPTCY, loss of Policing and Firemen, not to mention Building and Safety and Planning and Parks and Recreation.

Please do not gamble that earthquakes will suddenly cease, or that human occupants in buildings on active faults will not suffer when they occur.

Especially the massive fault complex stretching from East of Pasadena to the Channel Islands, Especially when that fault complex suffered a substantial earthquake on part of it³.

Respectfully submitted,



J. H. McQuiston, P.E.

c: Interested parties

³ The Developer's papers casually mentioned this recent occurrence but did not recognize the fault system as being active! The Developer's geologic report did say that a strong earthquake could collapse the building.