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**Case No.: VTT-73718**

**CPC-2014-4705-ZC-HD-DB-MCUP-CU-SPR**

**Re: 1756 N. Argyle Avenue, 6220 West Yucca  
Planning Department Notice of Hearing for August 19, 2020  
Request for Hearing Postponement**

The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council's (HUNC) Board of Directors at their August 10, 2020 Board Meeting voted to send this request:

Notice has been issued for the Planning Department's hearing set for August 19, 2020. The final EIR has not been issued as of this date. It appears that the department plans on hearing this project regardless of the issuance of the EIR. The Hollywood United Neighborhood Council requests a 60 day extension from the date of the issuance of the final EIR to review it and submit comment.

It appears from the notice that there may be two alternatives now presented one of which has not been presented to HUNC. If the EIR was issued today, August 11, 2020, it would only allow one week to review and comment. Setting a hearing for a project as large as this one with several alternatives on the table without the final EIR or with only one week to review the EIR is unprecedented.

This is in addition to the Hollywood Center Project's hearing being scheduled 7 days later on August 26, 2020, again, without the final EIR being issued or if issued beforehand with only a little more than one week to review. These are two major projects literally next to each other that have been proposed for several years. To schedule hearings this quickly after the draft EIR comments were submitted and to allow virtually no time to review a final EIR is a substantial issue and one that affects not only Hollywood but much of Los Angeles due to the combined size and affects they will have on the Hollywood Freeway and the severe increase of anticipated traffic from these projects. Also, to

schedule these projects this quickly and close together without time to review is puzzling given that the project has been under review for several years.

A concern of HUNC is that with the current land use corruption allegations being pursued with the Los Angeles City Council that to schedule hearings this quickly with little to no chance for significant public input would seem to be counter-productive to the city's need to demonstrate that the land use review process is open, fair and complete.

As a result of the above comments, we urge the Planning Department to postpone the hearing scheduled for this project for 60 days following the issuance of the final EIR.

Sincerely yours,

Jim Van Dusen \*

Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee

George Skarpelos \*

President

\*signed electronically