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1 (Beginning of audio recording.)

2 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Good morning.
3 Welcome back, everybody. We can take down the notice
4 that Commission is in recess because we are back in
5 session. The Commissioners present are myself,
6 Commission President Millman, Vahid Khorsand, David
7 Ambroz, Dana Perlman, Marc Mitchell, and Helen Leung.

8 Case number 7 is VTT-82152-1A. The related
9 environmental is ENV-2018-2116-EIR. The project is
10 located at 1720 through 1770 North Vine Street within
11 Council District 13. Cecilia, I saw that there were
12 submissions. Can you please give instructions for how
13 to access those?

14 CECILIA LAMAS: Cecilia Lamas for the record.
15 Commissioners, we do have submissions for this item.
16 The submissions are located in the (inaudible) shared
17 drive.

18 For members of the public, compliant day of
19 submissions can be viewed in the shared drive by
20 clicking on the link located at the top of the first
21 page of the agenda. Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you, Cecilia.
23 Commissioners, please note that there is a request for
24 continuance to a date uncertain. Before we take a
25 vote to continue this item, I'm going to allow ten

1 minutes for public testimony for any of the member of
2 the public who wishes to speak regarding the
3 continuance of the item.

4 Members of the public can either press *9 or
5 raise hand if they're accessing via Zoom. Each
6 speaker who has pressed *9 will have one minute to
7 speak. Marcos Gajoy (phonetic) will call out the last
8 four digits of your phone number when it is your turn.

9 Please first state your name clearly and then
10 proceed with your comment. You'll hear a message that
11 states you are unmuted. At that time, please press *6
12 to unmute yourself. If you're accessing via Zoom this
13 morning, please click the raise hand button at the
14 bottom of your screen. Marcos will call out your name
15 when it is your turn to speak. You will see a prompt
16 stating the host would like you to unmute. Please
17 click on unmute, state your name for the record, and
18 begin your comment.

19 Again, we are limiting public comment to ten
20 minutes. Marcos, please begin to call our public
21 speakers.

22 MARCOS GAJOY: Will do. Marcos Gajoy for the
23 record. Caller Mickey, you're unmuted.

24 MICKEY JACKSON: Hi, this is Mickey Jackson. I'm
25 with Housing is a Human Right, AHF, Healthy Housing

1 Foundation.

2 This project has long concerned us because it is
3 an improper project for the geological situation. As
4 our science advances, as we know from what the
5 communication from the State, we find out it's even
6 worse, it's even worse, it's even worse.

7 We need to do full trenching process. We need to
8 get all the geographics lined up. This builder has a
9 history now of taking totally unsuitable projects for
10 the geographic situation. How can we trust a builder
11 who defied the science in San Francisco and now has a
12 sinking tower? So they could end up with a sinking
13 tower in San Francisco and us foolish enough to let
14 them build a tumbling tower, a falling-over tower here
15 because of earthquakes.

16 You're going to be doing earthquake shakeout
17 exercise today. Think about it. All right? There's
18 a reason we do earthquake shakeout exercise and
19 Wyoming doesn't usually do one. Maybe they should
20 with all the fracking.

21 But we have got to get real and follow the
22 science. We have a whole world now having trouble
23 because they didn't follow the science.

24 MARCOS GAJOY: Time.

25 MICKEY JACKSON: Follow the science, please.

1 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you.

2 MARCOS GAJOY: Caller Daniel, you're unmuted.

3 DANIEL WRIGHT: Thank you. Daniel Wright of the
4 Silverstein Law Firm.

5 You heard during general public comment our
6 comments in support of a full seismic review. That is
7 so important to do given some of the history -- some
8 of the history that Ms. Jackson just referred to.

9 But while this Commission is on a pause, it also
10 needs to look very, very carefully at the design of
11 this building and this project and how it could ever
12 got this far having a separate building for the
13 affordable units.

14 This Commission's own policy requires that the
15 affordable units be interspersed within a housing
16 project and that they be of comparable quality and
17 character as the market rate units. That is
18 definitely not happening here, and it is another very
19 important issue that this Commission needs to
20 consider, particularly in a time where there is a
21 reckoning going on with regard to the treatment of
22 people of lower income and of color. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you.

24 MARCOS GAJOY: Caller R, you're unmuted.

25 RAQUEL VADOY: Hi, my name is Raquel Vadoy

1 (phonetic). I am a resident of (inaudible) 13. I've
2 been here for more than 30 years. And although I
3 appreciate that this hearing is being continued or the
4 other items, at least, have been continued, what I
5 don't understand is how you jump at the request for
6 Mitch O'Farrell to continue. But when several,
7 several, several stakeholders and residents asked you
8 to push back these hearings during a pandemic, during
9 protests of social justice, you remain silent, you
10 hold steadfast to your deadlines, and don't allow
11 proper participation of the public and residents.

12 I don't understand why we don't matter. You have
13 done this time and again. You have proven in many
14 ways that the --

15 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Time.

16 RAQUEL VADOY: -- residents don't matter.

17 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you.

18 MARCOS GAJOY: Caller 10, you're unmuted. 10,
19 please unmute yourself.

20 KENT BETA: Sorry, hi. Kent Beta (phonetic). I
21 object to the aesthetics of this project. It's way,
22 way out of scale with the neighborhood. I'm afraid
23 that buildings of this size will lead to a
24 downtownization of Hollywood, which is the last thing
25 anybody who lives here wants.

1 I understand that this project will lead to jobs
2 for people, but then those people will go onto other
3 jobs, and we, the residents, we're going to have to
4 live with these towers until they crumble or God knows
5 what happens. Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you.

7 MARCOS GAJOY: Caller Noah, you're unmuted.

8 NOAH ADLER: Hi, my name is Noah Adler. I am
9 with Manatt Phelps & Phillips, one of the Appellants
10 to the project.

11 We agree to a continuance to a date uncertain and
12 are hopeful that the additional time will allow us to
13 work with the applicant to reach a resolution of
14 (inaudible) concerns. Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you.

16 MARCOS GAJOY: Caller Anthony, you're unmuted.

17 ANTHONY KOMARENS: Can you hear me?

18 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Yes, go ahead,
19 please. Now we do not hear you.

20 ANTHONY KOMARENS: Hello?

21 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Hello. Please go
22 ahead.

23 ANTHONY KOMARENS: I represent the Vedanta
24 Society of Southern California. I understand a
25 continuance is going to be granted. I would like for

1 the Commission or City Staff to take that additional
2 time to analyze properly my October 5th, 2020, letter.
3 It's a very detailed letter sent in a very short
4 period of time because, as another caller pointed out,
5 only a short period of time was given.

6 It needs to be analyzed. It needs to be
7 addressed. And we need to have a proper CEQA
8 procedure here. So please take the time to analyze
9 the points I've made. Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you.

11 MARCOS GAJOY: Caller Aaron, you're unmuted.

12 AARON EPSTEIN: You talk about me?

13 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Yes, please go
14 ahead.

15 AARON EPSTEIN: Yes, good morning. My name is
16 Aaron Epstein. I've been a resident of Los Angeles
17 since 1930. I have witnessed the 6.4 earthquake in
18 Long Beach in California in 1933, the 6.5 earthquake
19 in 1971 in San Fernando, the 6.7 earthquake in 1994 in
20 Northridge.

21 It is not a question of whether or not another
22 disaster is coming. It's only a question of when it
23 will happen. Both the official state of California
24 geologists and the U.S. Government geologists have
25 state unequivocally that there is a fault going

1 underneath the proposed site.

2 I plead with you, the Commissioners, to not put
3 lives of fellow humans at risk for permitting this
4 structure, especially knowing that the developer's
5 failure to build the safe structure in San Francisco -
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7 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Time.

8 AARON EPSTEIN: -- occurred.

9 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you.

10 MARCOS GAJOY: Caller 8990, you're unmuted.

11 FEMALE VOICE: Hello, yes. 35-year resident of
12 the area. This -- seismic issues and state geologists
13 confirm the dangers of building on this building site
14 the last time around. The City decided to go with
15 Millennium's paid consultant. All of those findings
16 were totally ignored.

17 Department of Building and Safety pushed it
18 through. Ray Chan was promoted right after that.
19 He's now being investigated by the FBI. The new
20 findings are even more damning. It's the State and
21 the U.S. Government. As Lucy Jones said in the LA
22 Times, that is the gold standard. They know what
23 they're doing. If they say it's dangerous to build
24 there, no one should build there.

25 The money that Millennium threw around Hollywood

1 was the top of the list for lobbying (inaudible) in
2 the whole country nationwide last time. How much do
3 people have to be paid to put lives in jeopardy, to
4 build these buildings?

5 Hopefully 60 Minutes is listening in. They did
6 the episode of Millennium's leaning and sinking tower,
7 which Millennium literally knew was dangerous before
8 they started selling condos. And this is who you
9 might approve --

10 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Time.

11 FEMALE VOICE: -- skyscrapers on dangerous,
12 active -- multiple active faults. Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: That is time. Thank
14 you. Cecilia, do we have a neighborhood councilmember
15 with us who wishes to speak this morning?

16 CECILIA LAMAS: Cecilia Lamas for the record.
17 Not that I am aware of. I have not received a
18 community impact statement report or a resolution.

19 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you. I do
20 know that we have CD-13 with us this morning.
21 Welcome.

22 CRAIG: Good morning.

23 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Please go ahead.
24 Take as much time as you need.

25 CRAIG: My name is Craig (inaudible) Mitch

1 O'Farrell's office. (Inaudible) recently available
2 staff reports, and after (inaudible) conversations,
3 the Councilmember thought it best to request the
4 Hollywood Center Project be continued until further
5 seismic review could be completed.

6 Additional seismic review will enable decision
7 makers from the City Planning Commission to the City
8 Council to evaluate and cast a vote based on the
9 merits of the projects without lingering questions or
10 doubts about fault lines.

11 The Councilmember asked that I convey his
12 appreciation to the City Planning Department,
13 particularly the Major Projects Unit, as well as
14 management.

15 He (inaudible) convey his appreciation to you for
16 your tireless work on the City Planning Commission.
17 Thank you for your consideration in this.

18 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you, Craig.
19 And we do have one more member of the public with a
20 raised hand. So I will allow that speaker.

21 MARCOS GAJOY: Caller 4563, you're unmuted.

22 MALE VOICE: Hi, I'm -- I'm -- yes, I'm calling
23 in and asking the Commission to -- even though this is
24 going to be continued to look at who is delivering the
25 science. Obviously Group Delta before trenched

1 intentionally between the two fault (inaudible). It
2 was very obvious that they were doing this.

3 They're also associated with (inaudible) Cap
4 (phonetic) Park. In other words, Group Delta stands
5 to reap \$2 billion in being able to build the Cap Park
6 over the 101 Freeway.

7 And so there's ethical concerns with whoever is
8 going to be doing the science behind this. And I
9 would like to ask the Commission to please ask for an
10 independent and not developer-paid study. They're out
11 there. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you very much.
13 With all of this discussion of earthquakes, the time
14 is 10:15. We're going to take a one-minute recess
15 right now for the Great California Shakeout. While we
16 are on recess, we would ask that members of the
17 public, Commissioners, City staff, everyone who is
18 with us today please drop, take cover, and hold on,
19 and in one minute, we will resume our hearing. We
20 will take a vote on the continuance, and then we will
21 adjourn. Thank you.

22 (Pause)

23 MALE VOICE OVER INTERCOM: Ladies and gentlemen,
24 may I have your attention, please. We are now
25 requesting all occupants of the building to observe

1 the Great California Shakeout earthquake drill. At
2 this time, please duck, cover, and hold on.

3 (Pause)

4 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Okay, the time is
5 10:16. I trust that have all successfully completed
6 your earthquake drill for the Great Shakeout. We have
7 resumed. Commissioners present include Vahid
8 Khorsand, Helen Leung, Dana Perlman, Marc Mitchell,
9 David Ambroz, and I am Samantha Millman, City Planning
10 Commission President.

11 And with that, I am going to go ahead and close
12 public testimony for this item. And I'm going to make
13 a motion for a continuance to date uncertain on this
14 item.

15 MALE VOICE: Second.

16 MALE VOICE: Second.

17 MALE VOICE: That was Vahid Khorsand.

18 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Okay, so we have a
19 second from Vahid Khorsand. Cecilia, will you please
20 call for the vote?

21 CECILIA LAMAS: Cecilia Lamas for the record.
22 Commissioner Millman?

23 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Yes.

24 CECILIA LAMAS: Commissioner Khorsand.

25 COMMISSIONER VAHID KHORSAND: Yes.

1 CECILIA LAMAS: Commissioner Ambroz.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVID AMBROZ: Yes.

3 CECILIA LAMAS: Commissioner Leung.

4 COMMISSIONER HELEN LEUNG: Yes.

5 CECILIA LAMAS: Commissioner Mitchell.

6 COMMISSIONER MARC MITCHELL: Yes.

7 CECILIA LAMAS: Commissioner Perlman.

8 COMMISSIONER DANA PERLMAN: Yes.

9 CECILIA LAMAS: And the motion carries.

10 PRESIDENT SAMANTHA MILLMAN: Thank you so much,
11 everyone. The time is 10:17. We will adjourn now.
12 Commissioners, we will see you next week at our
13 regularly scheduled City Planning Commission meeting.
14 Thank you, and have a great week.

15 (End of audio recording.)

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