

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

October 30, 2018

**To:** Vincent Bertoni, AICP, Director of Planning  
Department of City Planning  
Attention: Elva Nuno-O'Donnell

**From:** Fire Department

**Subject:** Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact

**CASE NO.:** ENV-2018-2116-EIR  
**PROJECT NAME:** Hollywood Center Project  
**PROJECT APPLICANT:** MCAF Vine LLC, 1750 North Vine LLC, 1749 North Vine Street LLC, 1770 Ivar LLC, 1773 North Argyle LLC, and 1720 North Vine LLC  
**PROJECT LOCATION:** 1720-1724, 1740-1768, 1745-1753, AND 1770 North Vine Street; 1746-1764 North Ivar Avenue; 1733-1741 North Argyle Avenue, 6236-6270, and 6334 West Yucca Street, Los Angeles, CA 90028. APNs: 5546-030-034, -004-020, -030-028, 030-032, -030-031, -030-033, -004-021, -004-032, -004-029, -004-006.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The development would be comprised of a new mixed-use development (Project) on an approximately 4.46- acre site (Project Site) in the Hollywood Community Plan (Community Plan) Area of the City of Los Angeles (City). The existing Capitol Records Complex, composed of the Capitol Records Building and the Gogerty Building, would be preserved; although portions of its supporting parking area along with some existing parking not adjacent to the Capitol Records Complex, would be reconfigured and relocated to the new East Site five-floor subterranean and grade-level parking garage. The remaining surface parking uses on the Project Site would be removed in order to develop a mix of land uses, including residential uses (market-rate and senior affordable housing units), commercial uses, parking, and associated landscape and open space amenities. Four new buildings are proposed, including a 35-story "West Building," a 46-story "East Building," and two 11-story senior buildings set aside for extremely-low and very-low income households (one building on each site). The Project would develop approximately 1,287,150 square feet of developed floor area, including 1,005 residential dwelling units (872 market-rate units and 133 senior affordable housing units) totaling approximately 1,256,974 square feet of residential floor area, approximately 30,176 square feet of commercial floor area (retail and restaurant uses), approximately 160,707 square feet of open space and amenities, 1,521 vehicle parking spaces, and 551 bicycle parking spaces. The Project would have a floor-area ratio (FAR) of 6.975:1 (up to 7:1), which includes the existing 114,303 square foot Capitol Records Complex (consisting of the 92,664 square-foot Capitol Records Building and 21,639 square-foot Gogerty Building), for a total buildable area of 1,401,453 square feet.

Under a proposed Hotel Option associated with the East Site, in lieu of the East Building Residential development described above, the Hotel Option would replace 104 of the

market-rate units with a 220-room hotel such that the proposed Project would contain 220 hotel rooms and 319 market-rate residential housing units (there would be no change to the building height and massing for East Building). Under the Hotel Option, the senior housing building on the East Site would be reduced from 11 stories to 9 stories and would contain 48 affordable housing units. There would be no change to the West Site described above under the Hotel Option. Thus, under the Hotel Option, the Project would develop approximately 1,272,741 square feet of developed floor area, including 884 residential dwelling units (768 market-rate units and 116 senior affordable housing units) totaling approximately 1,112,287 square feet of residential floor area, a 220-room hotel totaling approximately 130,278 square feet of floor area, 30,176 square feet of other commercial floor area, 147,366 square feet of open space and amenities, 1,521 vehicle parking spaces, and 554 bicycle parking spaces. The Hotel Option would have a FAR of 6.903:1 (up to 7:1), which includes the existing Capitol Records Complex, for a total buildable area of 1,387,044 square feet.

Assuming the two sites are built one after another, construction of the Project would be completed over an approximately six-year period. Activities would be phased, beginning on the West Site as early as 2021 and Notice of Preparation for Hollywood Center Project Page 3 of 5 on the East Site in approximately 2024. Construction timing could vary for both sites and could potentially overlap on the West and East Sites, and the EIR will analyze the most conservative construction schedule.

The following comments are furnished in response to your request for this Department to review the proposed development:

#### **FIRE FLOW:**

The adequacy of fire protection for a given area is based on required fire-flow, response distance from existing fire stations, and this Department's judgment for needs in the area. In general, the required fire-flow is closely related to land use. The quantity of water necessary for fire protection varies with the type of development, life hazard, occupancy, and the degree of fire hazard.

Fire-flow requirements vary from 2,000 gallons per minute (G.P.M.) in low density residential areas to 12,000 G.P.M. in high-density commercial or industrial areas. A minimum residual water pressure of 20 pounds per square inch (P.S.I.) is to remain in the water system, with the required gallons per minute flowing. The required fire-flow for this project has been set at **9,000 G.P.M. from four to six fire hydrants flowing simultaneously.**

Improvements to the water system in this area may be required to provide 9,000 G.P.M. fire-flow. The cost of improving the water system may be charged to the developer. For more detailed information regarding water main improvements, the developer shall contact the Water Services Section of the Department of Water and Power.

**RESPONSE DISTANCE:**

Based on a required fire-flow of 9,000\* G.P.M., the first-due Engine Company should be within 1 mile(s), the first-due Truck Company within 1 ½ mile(s).

**\* Fire Flow Availability Report Required.**

The Fire Department has existing fire stations at the following locations for initial response into the area of the proposed development: **1750 NORTH VINE STREET**

**FIRE STATIONS:**

<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>Fire Station No.</b>	<b>SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>STAFF</b>
<b>0.7</b>	<b>Fire Station No. 82</b> 5769 W. Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028	Engine and Paramedic Rescue Ambulance	<b>6</b>
<b>0.9</b>	<b>Fire Station No. 27</b> 1327 N. Cole Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90028	Assessment Light Force, Paramedic Rescue Ambulance, BLS Rescue Ambulance and Brush Patrol	<b>10</b>
<b>0.9</b>	<b>Fire Station No. 76</b> 3111 N. Cahuenga Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90068	Assessment Engine, Paramedic Rescue Ambulance,	<b>6</b>
<b>1.9</b>	<b>Fire Station No. 41</b> 1439 N. Gardner Street Los Angeles, CA 90046	Engine, Paramedic Rescue Ambulance and Brush Patrol	<b>6</b>
<b>2.7</b>	<b>Fire Station No. 35</b> 1601 N. Hillhurst Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90027	Assessment Light Force, Paramedic Rescue Ambulance, BLS Rescue Ambulance and Brush Patrol	<b>10</b>

Based on these criteria (response distance from existing fire stations), fire protection would be considered **adequate**.

**FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL & APPARATUS ACCESS:**

Access for Fire Department apparatus and personnel to and into all structures shall be required.

One or more Knox Boxes will be required to be installed for LAFD access to project. location and number to be determined by LAFD Field Inspector. (Refer to FPB Req # 75).

505.1 Address identification. New and existing buildings shall have approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.

The entrance to a Residential lobby must be within 50 feet of the desired street address curb face.

Where above ground floors are used for residential purposes, the access requirement shall be interpreted as being the horizontal travel distance from the street, driveway, alley, or designated fire lane to the main entrance of individual units.

The entrance or exit of all ground dwelling units shall not be more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.

No building or portion of a building shall be constructed more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.

The Fire Department may require additional vehicular access where buildings exceed 28 feet in height.

#### 2014 CITY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE, SECTION 503.1.4 (EXCEPTION)

- a. When this exception is applied to a fully fire sprinklered residential building equipped with a wet standpipe outlet inside an exit stairway with at least a 2 hour rating the distance from the wet standpipe outlet in the stairway to the entry door of any dwelling unit or guest room shall not exceed 150 feet of horizontal travel AND the distance from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane to the door into the same exit stairway directly from outside the building shall not exceed 150 feet of horizontal travel.
- b. It is the intent of this policy that in no case will the maximum travel distance exceed 150 feet inside the structure and 150 feet outside the structure. The term "horizontal travel" refers to the actual path of travel to be taken by a person responding to an emergency in the building.
- c. This policy does not apply to single-family dwellings or to non-residential buildings.

Building designs for multi-storied residential buildings shall incorporate at least one access stairwell off the main lobby of the building; But, in no case greater than 150ft horizontal travel distance from the edge of the public street, private street or Fire Lane. This stairwell shall extend onto the roof.

Entrance to the main lobby shall be located off the address side of the building.

Any required Fire Annunciator panel or Fire Control Room shall be located within 20ft visual line of site of the main entrance stairwell or to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.

Adequate off-site public and on-site private fire hydrants may be required. Their number and location to be determined after the Fire Department's review of the plot plan.

Fire lane width shall not be less than 20 feet. When a fire lane must accommodate the operation of Fire Department aerial ladder apparatus or where fire hydrants are installed, those portions shall not be less than 28 feet in width.

The width of private roadways for general access use and fire lanes shall not be less than 20 feet, and the fire lane must be clear to the sky.

Fire lanes, where required and dead ending streets shall terminate in a cul-de-sac or other approved turning area. No dead ending street or fire lane shall be greater than 700 feet in length or secondary access shall be required.

Submit plot plans indicating access road and turning area for Fire Department approval.

All parking restrictions for fire lanes shall be posted and/or painted prior to any Temporary Certificate of Occupancy being issued.

Plans showing areas to be posted and/or painted, "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" shall be submitted and approved by the Fire Department prior to building permit application sign-off.

Electric Gates approved by the Fire Department shall be tested by the Fire Department prior to Building and Safety granting a Certificate of Occupancy.

5101.1 Emergency responder radio coverage in new buildings. All new buildings shall have approved radio coverage for emergency responders within the building based upon the existing coverage levels of the public safety communication systems of the jurisdiction at the exterior of the building. This section shall not require improvement of the existing public safety communication systems.

City of Los Angeles Fire Department Hydrants and Access design requirements for the Outdoor and indoor use of dependent access (attended parking) Mechanical Car Stackers – 2, 3, & 4 by levels high. The provisions of this document shall regulate the use of Mechanical Car Stackers by addressing the arrangement, location and size of areas, height, separations, housekeeping, and fire protection.

Recently, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) modified Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) Requirement 10. Helicopter landing facilities are still required on all High-Rise buildings in the City. However, FPB's Requirement 10 has been revised to provide two new alternatives to a full FAA-approved helicopter landing facilities.

Each standpipe in a new high-rise building shall be provided with two remotely located FDC's for each zone in compliance with NFPA 14-2013, Section 7.12.2.

During demolition, the Fire Department access will remain clear and unobstructed.

The plot plans shall be approved by the Fire Department showing fire hydrants and access for each phase of the project prior to the recording of the final map for that phase. Each phase shall comply independently with code requirements.

The Los Angeles Fire Department continually evaluates fire station placement and overall Department services for the entire City, as well as specific areas. The development of this proposed project, along with other approved and planned projects in the immediate area, may result in the need for the following:

1. Increased staffing for existing facilities. (I.E., Paramedic Rescue Ambulance and EMT Rescue Ambulance resources.)
2. Additional fire protection facilities.
3. Relocation of present fire protection facilities.

For additional information, please contact the Fire Development Services Section, Hydrants & Access Unit at **(213) 482-6543**.

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