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Subject: Re: Extension Requests for Hollywood Center Project DEIR Comment Period

Ms. Nguyen,

I am flabbergasted by your response and urge you to reconsider this decision.

In your letter you reference CEQA Guidelines Section 15105: “the public review period for a Draft EIR should not be less than 30 days nor should it be longer than 60 days, except under unusual circumstances.” If these are not unusual circumstances then what are? If not now, when? Why have such a provision if it will not be used? These are the **most** unusual circumstances in the last 70 years!

If the city cannot accommodate the requests of the community for more time to review, to discuss and to understand the true nature of this immense project then it is clearly doing its best to minimize any public input.

I am stunned that such requests are being disregarded and the city is acting as if nothing is any different from what normally would take place. The Public Comment period for this project needs to be extended to allow for proper community input.

All the best,
George Skarpelos
President
Hollywood United Neighborhood Council

On Apr 28, 2020, at 2:28 PM, Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Hello,

The City has received your request, together with other requests, for an extension of the Hollywood Center Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) comment period in light of COVID-19.

Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, the public review period for a Draft EIR should not be less than 30 days nor should it be longer than 60 days, except under unusual circumstances. While we agree that these are unprecedented times, as indicated in the Notice of Completion and Availability (NOA) for the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR, the Draft EIR, the documents referenced in the Draft EIR, and the whole of the case file, are available for public review on our website at the following location: <https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/hollywood-center-project-1>.

If you are having difficulty accessing the document in any way (i.e. if links are not working or the attachments cannot be viewed) please let us know immediately, as we are committed to making the document as accessible as possible from the safety of your own homes, and in compliance with the “Stay at Home” Order. In addition, and as also indicated in the NOA, the Draft EIR can be made available on CD-ROM, USB flash drive or hard copy for anyone who requests one.

While we understand that the “Stay at Home” Order prevents neighborhood groups from meeting in person, please be advised that CEQA does not require people to meet and confer on the EIR, and should not preclude anyone from reviewing the EIR and providing comments.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Governor's [Executive Order N-54-20](#), signed April 22, 2020, deadlines for filing, noticing, and posting of CEQA documents with county clerk offices have been suspended for 60 days. However, deadlines for public review and comment periods for CEQA documents, such as for draft EIRs, have not been suspended and the provisions governing public review remain unchanged.

As such, please be advised that, as the Draft EIR remains accessible to all individuals, the comment period will not be extended at this time. We understand your concern regarding this Project, and ask that you let us know if you have any difficulty accessing the Draft EIR or if you need additional accommodations to be able review it offline.

Please also be reminded that all comments must be provided in writing, and may be submitted electronically via email, or hard copy via mail. Submittal of comments in person is not required, nor recommended.

Thank you.

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