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FYI

With kind regards,



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Please read the attached letter.

This massive development project in your council district needs a fair time frame for citizens to review and comment on the DEIR.

Rushing this through during quarantine/lock-down is unseemly and suspicious. Please prevail upon the planning commission to allow sufficient time for public review.

After years of development this is no time to rush this project through while folks are experiencing other agonies of loss, unemployment, and fear.

Sincerely,

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May 4, 2020

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Re: Hollywood Center Project
ENV – 2018-2116-EIR
2018051002 (State Clearing House Number)

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

I write to request that you extend the period to file comments in connection with the above-referenced EIR to a date to expire 90 days following the lifting of current “Shelter in place” orders.

The Hollywood Center Project is a massive re-development that will impact my neighborhood. I live in Council District 4, directly above Hollywood and Vine and I shop, and provide services in Council District 13 where the Hollywood Center Project is planned. I have lived in Hollywood since 1975 and seen many developments and improvements. But this huge building project needs to be fully understood by the people and neighbors it will impact.

The Draft EIR was presented to the public *during the lockdown for co-vid 19!!* The DEIR, whole casefile, and documents are only available for public examination by appointment at the closed-to-the-public Department of City Planning. There is no way to ask questions of those involved in its preparation and the minimal 45 day time period allowed during the quarantine period is simply too short a time for informed, careful evaluation by the public.

This project has been in the works for years. To allow a few more months to ensure fair public evaluation and comment is reasonable and consistent with the whole purpose of sharing information with citizens that will be affected. To present this massive DEIR during the quarantine and allow only 45 days for comment smacks of developer corruption. At a time when the City Council – and the former head of the Council planning committee – has just plead guilty to corruption, this is a time when transparency and public involvement need to be welcomed, not rushed out the door and down the street. Your rush approach to getting this past the public does nothing to enhance the reputation of Los Angeles or its politicians.

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You do a great disservice to the citizens of Los Angeles by rushing this huge development in Historic Hollywood past fair and careful citizen review. Please do the right thing and give us more time to understand, comment, and perhaps even improve the end result.

Sincerely,



Mary Ledding

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