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Craig,

Here's a heads up on the CM's statement on the Hollywood Center project:

"When I consider development projects, such as the [Hollywood Center Project](#), I closely consider the reports prepared by experts in the relevant fields and verified as true by City Departments with review authority. I am not an expert in seismic engineering, and must rely on the conclusions of experts to help me determine if a development project can be constructed safely.

Which is why I am so deeply concerned by the results of the recent California Geological Survey report indicating an active fault strand at the project site. Given that previous studies and this new study differ so widely I don't believe there can be confidence in the project's safety until an independent panel of experts: seismologist, geologists, and seismic engineers are convened to review the conflicting reports and data as they presently stand and present recommendations for additional steps. Until such time as this review is publicly available, I stand in strong opposition to the Hollywood Center Project. Safety must be the first priority at the site.

I and my constituents are left with uncertainty, not only about the safety of the proposed future project, but also the current safety of existing buildings in the area. As I understand it, if the site has an active fault strand on it, there is no possibility of any future building at the site ever being safe to build, no matter how sophisticated the engineering.

Furthermore, I believe that the Departments of Building and Safety and City Planning need to fully explain the review process used to verify seismic studies, namely, what the City does to independently confirm the information provided by the project applicants and address conflicting credible reports. I would like to better understand what level of confidence we have in the accuracy of seismic reports prepared for similar projects within the City of Los Angeles and hope that the expert panel could make recommendations to strengthen the verification process.

I think it'll be debuting this evening in a short format on a call with hillside residents.

Take care,  
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