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Dear Mr. Bertoni,

Recently you sent a message celebrating your department's "increasing openness and transparency," which I appreciate. But this does not extend to the situation surrounding the proposed Hollywood Center project. The Draft EIR, which is complex and requires a great deal of analysis, arrived during the current lockdown, and the deadline for comment is still scheduled for this coming Monday. Not only can there be no face-to-face discussions during this time, but people and businesses that will be affected by this huge project are struggling to deal with radically altered circumstances, and in some cases, trying to figure out how to survive. Slipping the approval process forward at this time seems the antithesis of both openness and transparency.

It has been suggested that the comment period be extended until 45 days after the lockdown ends. This seems only fair to me.

As a 45-year resident of District 4 who lives only a fifteen-minute walk from the proposed project, I have attended endless community meetings about this project. Like many others, I have no issues at all with growth in Hollywood. It is the massive size of this project, grossly out of scale with the neighborhood, that I object to, along with the strains it will put on our crumbling infrastructure. Requests by community groups and residents to shrink the size of the project have barely been addressed.

I implore you to extend the comment time, out of respect not only for stakeholders but for the historic dignity of Hollywood's classic buildings, which will be dwarfed by this behemoth.

Sincerely,
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