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Subject: Re: Broadway Hollywood Building Public Comments on the Hollywood Center EIR- Traffic Study

Dear Eric,

Thank you for your email. As with your previous comments, your subsequent comments have been received and will be included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center Project EIR. Response to your comments will be provided in the Final EIR, for which you will be notified once available for public review.

Once the Final EIR is released, there will be a public hearing process for the related entitlements, at which time, I would advise that you provide any comments regarding non-CEQA related issues for the decision maker's consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

On Sat, May 30, 2020 at 10:11 PM Bescher Éric Pascal <bescher@ucla.edu> wrote:

Dear Ms. Nguyen,

As a homeowner at the Broadway Hollywood building on the corner of Hollywood and Vine. I am writing in opposition to the draft EIR, on the following bases.

1- The city did not allow for an extension of the June 1 deadline. We are in the middle of a pandemic and a stay-at-home order imposed by the City. It is unreasonable for the Planning Department to expect that a proper response could be prepared under such circumstances. Only 45 days to review a document of 1,300 pages is unacceptable. I quote your response from 5/21/20 on our request for extension:

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 (*emphasis added*). While we agree that these are unprecedented times (*emphasis added*) 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>.

It is nonsensical to state that these are unprecedented time, yet a sentence earlier state that the period could be extended under unusual circumstances. Is this pandemic not sufficiently unusual, or are you expecting a worse one?

2-This discriminates against residents who do not have a computer. Forcing Angelenos to have access to a computer in order to file a comment is wrong.

2-The draft EIR is deeply flawed, as outlined in the response sent to you earlier by our Homeowner's Association. The EIR did not take into account the impact on our building, inter alia:

- impact to the only ingress/egress to our 96 unit building. This is safety hazard.
- impact on the scramble crosswalk and on the Heart of Hollywood project.
- impact on our building as a historical resource.

Furthermore, concluding that a project of this magnitude will not affect the VMT is ludicrous on its face.

3-This project is egregiously incongruous and out of scale for the neighborhood. It is better suited for downtown. A 46-story building will dwarf the Capitol Records building and will block our view of the Hollywood Hills. I am not opposed to development but the magnitude of this project is simply outrageous.

4- The project will decrease the value of my home.

5- The project will affect trips to and from the Hollywood Bowl.

7-We are under lockdown, under curfew and the National Guard has been activated in the City. Under these circumstances, granting an extension is imperative.

Your immediate response to this matter is appreciated

Sincerely,

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