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Thanks!

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On Aug 19, 2020, at 5:02 PM, Yeghig Keshishian <[yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org](mailto:yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org)> wrote:

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**From:** Emma Howard <[emma.howard@lacity.org](mailto:emma.howard@lacity.org)>  
**Date:** Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 4:51 PM  
**Subject:** Councilmember Ryu's Position on the Hollywood Center Project  
**To:**

Dear All,

I'm emailing to share the Councilmember's position on the Hollywood Center Project with those of you who have written in to ask us about the status of the EIR and shared your additional concerns.

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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 the possible presence of 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 there is clarity on the conflicting reports and data. Until such time as there is clarity, I stand in 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, it may not be possible for any future building at the site to ever be 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 reports. - Councilmember David E. Ryu

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I have also attached interdepartmental correspondence sent from a Geologist at the Department of Building and Safety containing recommendations for further study and verifications. Please feel free to contact our office if you have further questions. To submit a public comment to the project record also email Mindy Nguyen ([Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org)), who is the lead planner at the Department of City Planning. And if you want to email Councilmember O'Farrell's office, my counterpart there is Craig Bullock ([craig.bullock@lacity.org](mailto:craig.bullock@lacity.org)). This project is located in Councilmember O'Farrell's district, Council District 13.

Regards,  
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**DAVID RYU**  
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