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Thanks for the heads up.



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On Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 2:17 PM Yeghig Keshishian <[yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org](mailto:yeghig.keshishian@lacity.org)> wrote:

fyi. mayor's office just asked me to join this meeting last minute.

i'm going to update luci later today, and suggesting we touch base prior to the issuance of the FEIR.



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**From:** Nicholas Maricich <[nicholas.maricich@lacity.org](mailto:nicholas.maricich@lacity.org)>

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Can you join?



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**From:** Andrea Garcia <[andrea.f.garcia@lacity.org](mailto:andrea.f.garcia@lacity.org)>

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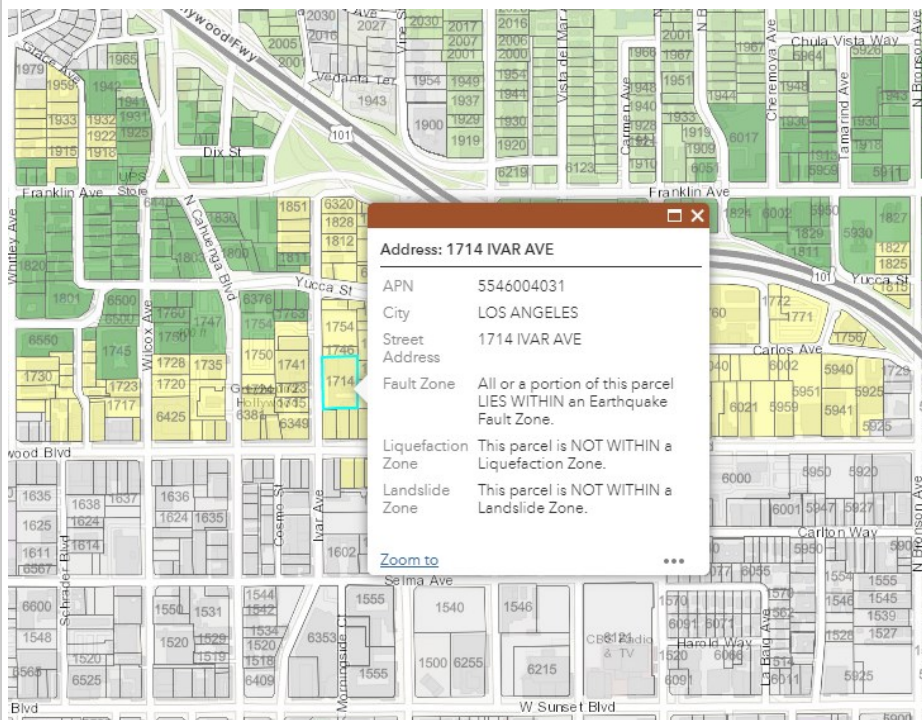
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Can everyone do 1PM? Nick - pls add Yeg if you think he can help.

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On Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 12:22 PM Neeraj Bhatnagar <[Neeraj.Bhatnagar@lacity.org](mailto:Neeraj.Bhatnagar@lacity.org)> wrote:  
Also FYI, here's another map. The development is in an earthquake fault zone.



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On Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 12:19 PM Nicholas Maricich <[nicholas.maricich@lacity.org](mailto:nicholas.maricich@lacity.org)> wrote:

I can jump on a call today between 1 and 2, or after 3:30. For his first question, I think we should refer him to Yeg at DCP.

Do we also want to have Yeg join our call? He may have more insights into the history of this..

**Eric Garcetti**  
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On Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 12:13 PM Neeraj Bhatnagar <[Neeraj.Bhatnagar@lacity.org](mailto:Neeraj.Bhatnagar@lacity.org)> wrote:

Wherever you build, there is a good chance you are on top of a fault.

<https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fam/>

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On Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 12:10 PM Andrea Garcia <[andrea.f.garcia@lacity.org](mailto:andrea.f.garcia@lacity.org)> wrote:  
Got it thanks Aaron. Plus Carlos.

Pls advise when we can discuss — I'm pretty flexible.. thanks!

On Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 12:08 PM Aaron Gross <[aaron.gross@lacity.org](mailto:aaron.gross@lacity.org)> wrote:  
looks to me like Carlos might also want to be on the internal call... just a suggestion.

On Tue, Jul 21, 2020 at 11:35 AM Andrea Garcia <[andrea.f.garcia@lacity.org](mailto:andrea.f.garcia@lacity.org)> wrote:  
HI MOPS & MOED,

Please see the below request -- I feel like this might require a quick group call. What time can you all jump on the phone?

Thanks,  
Andrea

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Hi Andrea, Alex:

As it turns out, I have an earthquake question for you, too. This story could run as soon as Wednesday morning.

It's about the proposed [Hollywood Center project](#), formerly known as Millennium Hollywood, a project that would be the tallest and largest development in Hollywood history, with a proposed 1.27 million square feet of developed floor area, including a 46-story building, a 35-story building and two 11-story senior housing buildings set aside for low income residents.

The previous version of this project has come under scrutiny before for, according to state geologists, having an earthquake fault running underneath the property, raising concerns that building on the site would violate a state law that does not allow buildings for human

occupancy to be built across the trace of an active fault.

The mayor in 2013 [backed this previous version](#) of the project, and the city's Department of Building and Safety in 2015 [signed off on geology reports](#) that found that no active earthquake fault runs under the site of the development, even though the [California Geological Survey in 2014](#) concluded there was one. The mayor has said in the past he would follow what the scientists say on the issue, but, given the conflicting viewpoints between the city geologist and state geology officials, the mayor seems to have sided with the viewpoints of city staff, who agreed with the developer the fault was too old to be considered active.

I've been reviewing government documents that suggest there is mounting evidence that earthquake faults do, in fact, run underneath the property.

First, the U.S. Geological Survey in May issued a report showing the latest information on where the Hollywood fault is; in Figure 4 of this document (also attached as a screenshot), there are four red arrows on Argyle Avenue showing where the fault was found (which runs in an east-west) direction, showcasing where the Hollywood fault exists just east of the Hollywood Center site; because the Hollywood fault runs in an east-to-west direction, the fault would have to go underneath the Hollywood Center parcel.

<https://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2020/1049/ofr20201049.pdf>

Second, the California Geological Survey last week transmitted to the city a letter on the Hollywood Center project. It's also attached. It says that the USGS report and other recent studies "strongly suggest an active strand of the fault crosses the project site" and that previous studies the developer of the site submitted to the city "did not clear the entire site of active faults," because they were inadequate and inconclusive.

I have a few questions for the mayor:

1. Can you tell me what the status is of the project, and when it might go to the City Council for a vote?
2. Based off the findings of the officials entrusted with knowing where California's faults are located, does the mayor still support the building of the Hollywood Center project?
3. Can the mayor explain why he has sided with the city geologist's decision to agree with the developer's geology consultants in the past instead of the California Geological Survey, which earthquake experts I've spoken to say are the definitive experts on where faults are in L.A. County?
4. The developer, Millennium Partners, is the same developer who built the Millennium Tower in San Francisco, which is now leaning and sinking. Can the mayor respond to critics who say the city should not allow construction to proceed by a developer responsible for a different skyscraper project that has ended up sinking and tilting?

Thanks,

Ron Lin

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