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Subject: Re: Hollywood Center Project (an added note)

Hello,

Thank you for your email. Your comments, along with your previous comments, have been received and will be included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center Project.

Regards,

On Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 11:12 AM <slow.andsteady@mail.com> wrote:

I wanted to add one thought to my email below: I wholeheartedly support the conclusions of the August 7 memo from Los Angeles building and safety's Daniel Schneidereit to city planning where he says:

“We acknowledge the CGS’s concern and believe the best way to resolve this issue is for the developer to excavate another exploratory trench to demonstrate, or rule out, the presence of an active fault in the southerly part of the site. The trench needs to be approximately 30 feet deep or more to expose the necessary strata, and may require the use of shoring.”

“It is our understanding that the geologic consultants for the project are currently working on a scope of work for a trench. As part of the review, the Department of Building and Safety will ensure there will be transparency with the CGS, by requesting the CGS geologists to observe the trench and verify the exploration results.”

The city must not allow Millennium to squirm out of this critical new trenching. If it does, then the city is abandoning its role of gathering all needed information and fully ensuring public safety. The public has to know, once and for all, and with the assistance of **truly neutral experts** including from the United States Geological Survey, whether there are or are not active faults on any part of the properties.

Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 at 9:21 AM

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Subject: Hollywood Center Project

Dear Ms. Nguyen and state and city officials,

I am writing this to you for the record in this case. I listened in to the city's August 26 telephone hearing that lasted several hours.

I am very upset about the developer's dishonest attack on the California Geological Survey's July 16 letter concerning the Hollywood Center project.

After going to the developer's website, I located an offensive August 25 letter Millennium Partners wrote to CGS last week. Millennium's letter is built on a foundation of lies and threats.

I don't understand how Millennium is claiming that CGS is biased or careless or whatever they want to concoct to slur a state agency that has nothing to gain from the Hollywood Center project one way or the other. And why is Millennium only claiming it now, nearly a month and a half after CGS's letter?

What I read in CGS's emails that you posted online with their July 16 letter (Attached are all 13 pages) shows how CGS, at numerous levels of review, spent tremendous time to thoroughly consider and finalize their July 16 comment letter on the draft EIR.

I was happy to see in those emails that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, Wade Crowfoot, and the director of the Department of Conservation, David Shabazian, were included, and that Mr. Crowfoot personally reviewed and approved the CGS's final letter.

Some comments that Acting State Geologist Mr. Bohlen emailed to Mr. Crowfoot about Mr. Bohlen's conversation with LA city planning director Vince Bertoni were,

"2. . . . I wanted to review CGS's authorities, CEQA review process, and evaluate the scientific information before acting."

"3. In keeping with CGS process for CEQA review, because of the project size, construction materials, risk to public safety and the publication of relevant new scientific information, the CGS has prepared comments based on its evaluation of the scientific information forthcoming since the publication of the AP Map (FER 253) which encompasses the Hollywood Center site."

"4. The CGS letter summarizes our assessment of the recent scientific studies and information, and the letter addresses CGS's concern of the likelihood of active strands of the Hollywood fault near and under the Hollywood Center site."

and Mr. Bohlen's summary of Mr. Bertoni's comments,

"1. He was pleased that I called to explain what I had done since my arrival at CGS to review authorities, CEQA process, etc., and the science prior to making any decisions to move forward."

"2. Welcomed us sending the letter, and hoped that we would send it soon."

"3. Welcomed my offer to send him a heads up that the letter would be sent just prior to it being sent."

"4. Likely would be interested in a briefing but wanted to wait to read the letter and have time to connect with staff."

"5. Indicated his strong desire to have science help with the decision and welcomed our analysis."

I am grateful for the care that the CGS put into their July 16 letter to the city, even having the highest officials in Sacramento's approval.

I have shared the CGS emails and letter so others better understand how critical these seismic issues are and how CGS, the Natural Resources Agency, and the Department of Conservation all worked to ensure public safety and transparency.

Speaking of transparency, I checked, but don't now see the CGS emails in the city record the way Ms. Nguyen posted them around mid-late July. There's a more recent posting on July 30, but that version doesn't include the CGS emails. I thought

documents submitted into the record are not allowed to be removed or tampered with. I've included the original 13 pages to make sure its in the record. (Of course if you're able to find that first version, please make it easy to find again).

I hope CGS and its superiors won't in any way cave in to Millennium's lies and intimidation tactics.

Millennium thinks we forgot about their sinking tower in San Francisco! They should not be allowed to cheat and endanger innocent lives.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen and her neighbors

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