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Dear Anastasia:

Thank you for your email. Your comments have been received and will be included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center Project EIR. The City has also received your request, together with other requests, for an extension of the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR comment period in light of COVID-19.

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. While we agree that these are unprecedented times, 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>.

If you are having difficulty accessing the document in any way (i.e. if links are not working or the attachments cannot be viewed) please let us know immediately, as we are committed to making the document as accessible as possible from the safety of your own homes, and in compliance with the "Stay at Home" Order. In addition, and as also indicated in the NOA, the Draft EIR can be made available on CD-ROM, USB flash drive or hard copy for anyone who requests one.

While we understand that the "Stay at Home" Order prevents neighborhood groups from meeting in person, please be advised that CEQA does not require people to meet and confer on the EIR, and should not preclude anyone from reviewing the EIR and providing comments.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Governor's [Executive Order N-54-20](#), signed April 22, 2020, deadlines for filing, noticing, and posting of CEQA documents with county clerk offices have been suspended for 60 days. However, deadlines for public review and comment periods for CEQA documents, such as for draft EIRs, have not been suspended and the provisions governing public review remain unchanged.

As such, please be advised that, as the Draft EIR remains accessible to all individuals, the comment period will not be extended at this time. We understand your concern regarding this Project, and ask that you let us know if you have any difficulty accessing the Draft EIR or if you need additional accommodations to be able review it offline.

If it would be helpful to schedule a phone call to discuss any specific questions you may have, or to walk you through the logistics of the Draft EIR, please let me know and I will coordinate accordingly.

Regards,

On Thu, Apr 30, 2020 at 5:49 PM Anastasia Mann <[anastasia@corniche.com](mailto:anastasia@corniche.com)> wrote:

Dear Mindy,

I am president of HHWNC and a lifelong resident of Hollywood. HHWNC is the largest and one of the first NCs formed within the City of Los Angeles. Due to current circumstances, I am now writing to you as an individual.

Our Eastern border is the Western border of HUNC and we are a mere few blocks away from the Vine Street project now designated as Hollywood Center, formerly the Millennium project.

As a reminder, due to COVID-19, our NC and others have not been able to meet to discuss what's shamefully happening now to expedite this "re-classified" project through the system without the opportunity for impacted communities to discuss in open

public meetings. Our last Board meeting was February 19th.

We have @ 220,000 stakeholders within HHWNC's borders many of whom - if not all - will feel the impact, let alone the inevitable fear associated with this project, both during its construction and ultimate sheer existence.

There have been countless amounts of proof from credible sources including the State of California on the dangers and threats to the safety of residents, workers, commuters, etc. inherent with this development that will continue forever including the potential loss of life and property from "the Big One" which is now considered EMINENT, not just probable, due to its incredible proximity to our serious earthquake faults.

CalTrans has shared objections based in its proximity to the 101 freeway, safety, air quality plus other issues.

And more.

How can the City Planners and Council Members ignore these warnings while denying our stakeholders their local forum?

You have referenced the online accessibility of the DEIR, etc. Do you seriously believe that every day during the last three + months Angelenos have been glued to their computers in order to search for and study this EIR?

We are in the midst of an international pandemic. People are engulfed in saving their businesses, their jobs, their homes, their families, their children's educations, their health, etc. These are scary times.

A project of this size and long-term controversy should not be smuggled through the process...particularly at a time when the citizens of LA are reading daily of bribery and graft going on at City Hall and within our City Council. There is little trust factor currently re our "Planning" process and implied shenanigans re development deals happening within City Hall - particularly as this is a High End project. This project is not fixing or assisting low income apartments - and let's not use the term "affordable" as we know that's a devious misnomer. Affordable compared to what? We have been called "NIMBY's" because we have been a forum for those citizens - our stakeholders - who've been victimized by evictions and the consequences of new "projects" with rents out of reach for average Angelenos. Projects that were promised as "affordable" that were converted to Hotels. And on and on.

At the very least allow publicly noticed NC meetings that will be given respect and taken seriously - not by ZOOM - but once this pandemic has passed the critical point so people can come together to be properly informed. Show this City can be fair.

Show compassion for the people of the Hollywood community who will be the most impacted by this project. And please - ask the FBI - while they are in town - to look into the deep layers of whose money is all behind this. There are unanswered questions within layers of corporations.

Hopefully you will take these comments to heart. Thank you for your valuable time.

Sincerely,

Anastasia Mann  
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PS: I am Writing as an individual with a reminder that HHWNC came out forcibly against this project in the past, but has been unable to meet since February-all our previous CIS's are on file.



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