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Subject: Re: Extension of Hollywood Center Development (aka: Millennium Group) Comment Period

Hi William,

Thank you for your email. Your 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.

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, May 7, 2020 at 2:19 PM Christopher Brown <wchrisbrown@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Mindy Nguyen,

As a resident of Hollywood I am asking for the LA Department of City Planning to extend the public comment period for the proposed Hollywood Center Development (aka: Millennium Group) for a period of 90 days minimum once the "Safer at Home" order has been lifted. This proposed project is of great concern to our community, and while we are under a "Safer at Home" order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we request more time in regards to stating our concerns on the project.

Personally, I am opposed to this project. Not just for its irresponsible architecture that is both unsafe (active fault

line) and unappealing, or because it strips away the historical value that is Hollywood, or because it has no intention of solving a housing crisis in L.A. that is economically drive by offering rents no Hollywood resident should have to afford. NO. Today, we have a new threat, it's called social proximity. And I find it surprising that the cities solution is to stack people on top of one another. Have we not learned anything from our cousins in New Jersey/Long Island, who are so densely packed in high-rise communities (and public transportation) that 1/3 of the nations 70,000 COVID-19 deaths can be accounted for in this region alone?

Space, that is something we need to be concerned about. Restoring and re-thinking our preexisting infrastructures that California has been known for - instead of striping them away and rebuilding a "modern" vision from non-Californian developers, would still drive our construction economy, create jobs; and all without caving to the international conglomerates and special interests groups. Because, stacking people on top of each other in NOT the answer.

I believe that everyone should be able to have their opinion heard in an open forum. And it is for that reason I, like many other voting continuants, am alarmed to hear that the City has only provided the minimum comment period (April 16 - May 31st), during the "Safer At Home" order. This projects overall impact on the city needs to be thoroughly considered, and everyone deserves the right to speak. Not everyone has access to the internet to be able to review and comment in the time frame allotted. Further more, those opposed to this action deserve more time to inform the public on what we can do to voice our opinions, considering physical public forums, rallies and other group actions are not possible.

Sincerely,
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