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Ms. Nguyen, To be specific, please incorporate this letter and it's comments in the responses to the DEIR.

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Ms. Nguyen, Please add the attached letter from HUNC to the administrative record for this project. Thanks.

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Governor's Office of Planning & Research
Re: HOLLYWOOD CENTER PROJECT
Tracking Number: 2018051002

The Hollywood Center Project (HCP) falls within the boundaries of the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC). Our Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee met with a representative of this project on May 3, 2018 at which time the HCP representative advised us that no Plans or Notices were going to be issued until late Summer or early Fall, 2018.

To the contrary, on May 14 we were very surprised to find out that the HCP had already filed an Application for Environmental Leadership Development Project (AELDP) and that the Public Comment period had already begun on May 2, the day before the PLUM hearing. Approximately one week after that HUNC received the filed Plans from the Los Angeles City Department of Planning.

The original Millennium Project, the precursor project for the HCP, was filed by Millennium Hollywood LLC in 2013. The project did not go forward due, in part, to the question as to whether or not the Hollywood earthquake fault line ran under the project or was next to it and CalTrans concerns for the impact on the adjacent freeway entrances. The HCP is simply the old plan with some changes.

There are other concerns about this project and the developer's methods as the developer is also responsible for the Millennium Tower in San Francisco that is now sinking into the ground because a decision was made that it was unnecessary for the foundations to go down to bedrock. Both the "old" Millennium Hollywood project, the San Francisco Millennium project, and the Hollywood Center Project involves (or involved) extremely tall buildings and dense development and requires (or required) substantial and unusual variances. All of the above demand a greater scrutiny by the public.

The Millennium representative subsequently informed HUNC at its May 21st meeting that the AELDP was a California State issue and that it essentially was a request to limit the timing of any potential lawsuits against the developers. The fact that they have tried to build the earlier version of the current proposed

development next to an earthquake fault and made a decision to build the San Francisco Millennium Tower on inadequate footing makes it clear that limiting the time to file any lawsuit would be detrimental to the public interest due to the potential problems of an earthquake and any damage that might occur to the HCP as well as the extensive problematic issues and potential public area problems that will result from the extreme size of the development.

In addition, because of the size and scope of the Hollywood Center Project and the extraordinary potential for public harm if they do not complete it with due considerations to safeguards, it would appear inappropriate to limit the time for any potential lawsuit to be filed or grant any variances or exceptions until all public hearings, EIR and final plans are completed.

HUNC formally voted at their regularly scheduled meeting on May 21 and approved that this letter be forwarded requesting a 30 day extension of time for the public to comment as the initial 30 day limitation is too severe, especially in light of the lack of transparency by the developer of their plans to the surrounding public communities.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely yours,

Jim Van Dusen*
Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee

Susan Swan*
President

*signed electronically