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Subject: Re: Formal Request to Extend the DEIR comment Period for the Hollywood Center Project

Dear Luminita,

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), or if you are aware of anyone who has limited access to the document online, we have also offered that the Draft EIR be made available on <u>CD-ROM</u>, <u>USB flash drive or hard copy</u> for anyone who requests one, 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.

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 <u>Executive Order N-54-20</u>, 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.

Please also be advised that this is not your only opportunity to comment on the Project, as we continue to collect general public comment at any time throughout the process.

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 Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:02 PM Luminita R < galu567@yahoo.com > wrote:

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

My name is Luminita Roman, and I am a resident of Hollywood, CA. I also happen to be the housing chair for the Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council. However, I am writing to you right now not in my official capacity but as a resident of Hollywood.

The reason why I am reaching out to you is to voice my concern over the project that is being fast-tracked through your office, without a real community input on this project. I live not too far from this proposed project and I will be personally

impacted by it via additional traffic, noise, and everything that comes with a tsunami wave of people moving into my neighborhood, as the services are limited and we will have to compete for all those services.

First and foremost, it is imperative for the DEIR comment period to be extended, and I am asking for this to take place. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken people by storm and their lives have been turned upside down. With millions of job loss, people are focused now on how they will put food on the table for them and their families, meet their rental/mortgage obligations and thus are in the Survival mode. As we speak, the State of California is in the second phase of re-opening the economy. The DEIR for this project is the last thing on their minds right now, even though this project will affect their lives a great deal in the future. Since people are not in their right minds right now, it would behoove your department to allow for this pandemic to pass or for the economy to fully open before they would close the comment period for the DEIR for this project.

The Neighborhood Councils are shut down, our NC had its last meeting in February of 2020. How can you expect for the NCs to get the pulse of their stakeholders when everything is still on lockdown?

I am asking the City of Los Angeles, and in special your department, to proceed with caution, as litigation over this project is most likely to follow and you will all have to answer in a court of law why you rushed this project through over so many objections that you received from the community.

Please advise accordingly.

Very truly yours, Luminita Roman 1714 N. McCadden Pl. # 1103 Los Angeles, CA 90028 (323) 871-2672

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