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Sent time: 05/11/2020 03:25:26 PM
To: Thom Calderón <tcalderonster@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Hollywood Center Public Comment Period

Dear Thomas,

Thank you for your email.

The City has 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 CD-ROM, USB flash drive or hard copy 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 [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.

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 1:57 PM Thom Calderón <tcalderonster@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Nguyen,

It has come to my attention that the public comment period for the Hollywood Center development will be drawing to a close in the midst of the corona virus pandemic safer-at-home restrictions. I strongly urge city officials and agencies involved in this process to reconsider the June 1st deadline and accommodate a longer timeline due to the extraordinary pressures we are all enduring. At the very least, pressing forward on a DEIR commentary period will leave an enduring blemish on this particular project and the city's already questionable history regarding development. This is shaping up to appear like yet another win for powerful special interest developers and their political partners against the best interest of the community and citizens of Los Angeles in general. When will government get this kind of process right? The city should strive to weigh more heavily on the input of less privileged constituents as a matter of course. My impression is that my voice, and that of the community's interest typically

is at the end of the line as far as priorities go. It should be your job to make sure it's the opposite.

Sincerely,

Thomas Calderón

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