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Sent time: 05/29/2020 10:48:04 AM
To: Monique de Varennes <ludditem@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: The Hollywood Center

Hi Marie,

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 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.

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 Thu, May 28, 2020 at 6:54 PM Monique de Varennes <ludditem@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Nguyen,

I am writing to request that you extend the time for public comment on the proposed Hollywood Center. A period of 90 days after the lifting of the shelter in place order has been proposed, and this seems fair to me. At the present time, many of the residents and businesses that would be impacted by this project are struggling to cope with unprecedented circumstances. Some are even struggling for survival. Concluding the comment period during this time, when people are distracted by their basic needs, and when there is no way of posing questions in person about this complex project, seems a gift to the developers at the expense of residents. Every day brings more charges of corruption to City Hall and its officials; it is a sensitive time when the appearance of fairness has even more weight than usual.

I have been a resident of District 4 for 45 years, and live about a 15-minute walk from this project. I do not object to the building boom in Hollywood – it is the massive size of this project, grossly out of scale with the neighborhood, that I object to, along with the strains it will put on our crumbling infrastructure.

I implore you to extend the comment time, out of respect to residents, businesses, and the historic dignity of Hollywood's classic buildings, which the whole world comes to see, and which will be dwarfed by this behemoth.

Sincerely,

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