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To: Brian Dyer <bwdyer@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: Comments on ENV-2018-2116-EIR

Hi Brian,

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.

Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

On Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 12:24 PM Brian Dyer < <a href="mailto:bwdyer@hotmail.com">bwdyer@hotmail.com</a>> wrote:

Ms. Nguyen,

Please submit the message below (also attached) and the accompanying attachments to comments of the DEIR for the Hollywood Center Project ENV-2018-2116-EIR.

June 1, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

Please note that I am submitting this as a resident, and not on behalf of any organization.

The reason for these comments is to request City Planning to alleviate concerns with Conflicts of Interest(s) in Section IV of the Draft Environmental Report for the Hollywood Center Project with Group Delta with its work with Millennium Partners. It is requested that the City request outside interpretation and consultation of the report with the California Geological Survey. the California Geological Survey as Group Delta may prove to strongly biased on behalf of its employer, Millennium Partners.

(Please note, that even though many community stakeholders requested a delay during the pandemic for comments on the 13,000 page DEIR, and Planning Departments decision to not grant it, assumptions on the validity of Group Delta's studies need to be challenged more closely).

There is no denying that a trace of the Hollywood Fault runs under the project site. The Group Delta studies admit as much. The question is whether or not it is active during the Holocene era. Group Delta has said it is not, the State Geologist, as quoted in the LA Times, November 2014, said, ""Our conclusion from the data is that there is an active fault, and it does run right along the course that's right along the map." The California Geological Survey has not indicated a change of position from Group Delta's studies. It is up to the City to accept that.

Alarmingly, the applicants are asking for the removal of the 50 foot setback, which infers the Eastside of the project will be built over the fault.

Before going forward with project approval, the City should look at past behaviors of the Millennium Partners application from the previous DEIR iteration for the first project, Millennium Hollywood (originally locating the fault on quarter mile north of the project, moving the footprint of the project North, so it wouldn't lie on the fault, etc.). In this case, why would Group Delta use illustrations from LA Weekly in its referenced Argyle study, rather than pulling from the public FER 253 document itself to place the fault lines?) It should be requested that the City study all supplied illustrations, to make sure the trenching was done along the original 2014 FER 253, and/or note any variances in what was submitted.

The studies also do not state where the determined active sections/trace faults are in the vicinity, and how they will affect the "inactive" fault. There are generalities given about other faults, Whittier, Newport-Inglewood, etc., but nothing specific about the

Hollywood fault's active traces. In 2014, the Napa quake happened on what was previously an "inactive" fault. More troubling, is the knowledge that the Napa earthquake was caused by a fault considered to be "inactive" for 1.6 million years. Once again, there is no question if there is a fault underneath the project. It is whether or not it is active, so the City can give its blessing, rather than saying "no" because of State law.

Extremely troubling, is that these studies cannot be taken as un-biased. Group Delta has a conflict of interest with Millennium Partner's association with the CAP Park.

Friends of CAP Park was set up as a non-profit by members of Phil Aarons' office and had Mr. Aarons and his staff on the Board (see attached form 990 and attached Millennium presentation, page 14). The Friends of CAP Park are housed in the Millennium Partners offices. CAP Park, Millennium's sister project, would effectively be a one-mile long overpass.

Group Delta specializes in, and has won awards for designing overpasses. Thus, Group Delta cannot be an uninterested concern in its studies of the area. It is not known if the possibility of awarded construction of the Park without any bidding process might have influenced the reports in favor of Millennium's investment. Group Delta was hired by Millennium Partners to do the geological studies for the project site, after the original plans for Millennium were seen as faulted (they located the fault one quarter mile North of the project site.

Group Delta, should the CAP Project proceed, stands in line to reap millions of public and private funds. There is no statement if the construction of Millennium's CAP Park project will go out to bid. In fact, there is language that this might not need happen, since CAP Project is a private concern, mixed with public government financing.

The FBI is currently investigating Pay or Play activities with the Planning Department, Building and Safety and City Council members and staff. We should expect a project of this magnitude, that all of its participants, including outside concerns wielding money and influence in the community for their own betterment, to follow the dictates of the California Fair Political Practice Commission, which all City employees are obligated to follow.

Once again, it is requested that the City confer with the unbiased California Geological Survey on the validity of the studies presented by Group Delta.

Thank you

Stay safe during COVID

Attachments

Brian Dyer

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