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Subject: Re: (LINK CORRECTION).....MILLENNIUM HOLLYWOOD CENTER DEIR..Comments..DEIR ENV-2018-2116 EIR 20180E1002

Hi Bill,

We will append this email to your comments submitted on June 1, 2020.

Thank you.

On Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 6:55 PM Bill Miller <nyc.bill@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Mindy,

In the rush to make the comment deadline yesterday, I neglected to include the correct link to the EIR Millennium 2013
Should I send another comment email with the added link, or can you use this?

It has been added below 'EIR...Millennium...2013'

Thank you,
William A. Miller

Millennium Hollywood Center...Submitting for Administrative Record

DEIR ENV-2018-2116 EIR 2018E1002

EIR...Millennium...2013

http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0593_misc_05-15-2013.pdf

Letter #3.....p.33 - 41.....Caltrans... problems with Millennium projects

Letter #5.....p.42.....Metro

Letter #4.....p. 41...Councilmember Garcetti requested extension period for DEIR comments..He got an extension... We did NOT for Millennium Hollywood Center during CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Letter #9.....p.62...AMDA.. problems..Before lawsuit was withdrawn when Millennium made larger contribution..

Letter #14.....p.714.....Hollywood Heritage.....Historic Resources: Capitol Records will be blocked = Historic Cultural Monument...Compromises Historic Area, it's on National Register of Historic Places...Hollywood Sign blocked...it's an HCM
The City chose Millennium's PAID consultant's analysis instead.

*Letter #19.....p.725...L.A. Conservancy...problems with projects before law suit was withdrawn when Millennium made larger contribution.

Letter #24.....p.735... Sunset Vine Tower was unoccupied, boarded up, fenced for years due to 1994 EQ damage...a few blocks down from Millennium Vine project site..

Letter #..... p.965..... W Hotel problems with Millennium projects...Before law suit was withdrawn when Millennium made larger contribution..
.....p.975..... Preservation of an Historic Cultural Monument is under "Public Trust"
p.976.....W Hotel Height Limit had to be 150 feet..CONSISTENT with the AREA..WHY NOT MILLENNIUM?

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ACTIVE EARTHQUAKE.....THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY...

Communication from 07/24/2013
Appellant/Representative

Communication-Appellant/Rep..
http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-0593_misc_a_7-24-13.PDF

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"high probability that a seismic fault runs through Millennium project site"

The fault interpreted from these data reasonably projects eastward from Cahuenga Boulevard, through the Hollywood Millennium Project to a prominent scarp previously located between Argyle Street and Gower Street (Figure 2).

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Although the ability to "zoom" this map is limited, at the highest zoom available, a branch of the Hollywood fault appears to be located near, if not directly beneath the Hollywood Millennium project.

A web search of the "Hollywood fault" would have returned numerous links to the more detailed studies outlined above.

Any one of these references, and certainly their combined influence would have alerted the consultant to the inaccuracy of the other references, and the need for a detailed ground-rupture hazard assessment at the site.

Southwestern Engineering Geology

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STATE MAP SHOWS ACTIVE FAULT LINE UNDER PROPOSED HOLLYWOOD SKYSCRAPER PROJECT
<http://abc7.com/news/map-shows-fault-line-under-proposed-hollywood-skyscraper-project/384590/>
"It has the potential to rupture sometime in the future...the best thing to do is stay off the trace.." State Geologist Tim McCrink

NEW STATE FAULT MAPS SHOW HIGHER EARTHQUAKE RISKS IN HOLLYWOOD
<http://articles.latimes.com/2014/jan/08/local/la-me-0109-hollywood-fault-20140109>

The state's new map shows that the proposed Millennium Hollywood skyscraper project is within the roughly 500-foot fault zone. State geologist John Parrish said the state's fault line goes underneath Millennium "We feel very confident about where we drew that line, within a 50-foot accuracy back and forth...we're very confident it's there," Parrish told reporters at a downtown Los Angeles news conference. "Surface rupture is very dangerous. In fact, it's calamitous to structures that are built across the surface trace of an active fault." Los Angeles officials did not order trenching for any of the three projects before the City Council approved those projects.

MASSIVE HOLLYWOOD PROJECT SITS ATOP QUAKE FAULT, CALIFORNIA SAYS
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-in-hollywood-fault-map-20141106-story.html>
"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," state geologist John Parrish said.

L.A. COUNCIL OK'S HOLLYWOOD SKYSCRAPERS DESPITE CONCERNS OVER QUAKE FAULT LINE
<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/jul/24/local/la-me-millennium-vote-20130725>

"...concerns about seismic safety were raised, citing the project's proximity to the Hollywood fault. On Saturday, the head of the California Geological Survey, John Parrish, sent a letter to Council President Herb Wesson alerting him that the skyscrapers "may fall within an earthquake fault zone." Parrish said Wednesday that a map drawn by his agency in 2010 showed that the Hollywood fault "goes right through the Millennium site." He criticized a seismic report produced by the developer that said extensive testing showed that the building site was safe and did not lie on the fault line. Parrish said the report did not refer to his agency's map and left out other important information.

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CALTRANS WARNINGS....THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY.....

Transportation - Caltrans issues...Caltran (ignroed) warning letter to Mayor Garcetti:

After reviewing the Response to Comments from the City, Caltrans sent a letter, dated February 19, 2013, commenting on the FEIR (see attachment 3).

We have not received a response from the City regarding our comments.

The Los Angeles Planning Commission approved the project on April 27, 2013.

As a commenting agency, we would like to, once again, bring to the City's attention that the project impacts will likely result in unsafe conditions due to additional traffic congestion, unsafe queuing, and difficult maneuvering.

As mentioned in our previous letters, these concerns have not been adequately addressed in the EIR.summary, without the necessary traffic analysis, Caltrans cannot agree that the FEIR substantively identifies and mitigates the Project's impacts to the State highway facilities as required under CEQA.

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Communcation from
Appellant/Representative 07/24/2013

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CALTRANS...TRAFFIC SAFETY...

The Mayor ignored Caltrans letters and warnings of the dangorous traffic and the councilmember for the Millennium projects area claimed "Caltrans is not opposed to the projects"....

Caltrans Waves a Red Flag on Millennium

<http://articles.latimes.com/2013/jun/19/business/la-fi-hiltzik-20130619>

JUDGE THROWS OUT HOLLYWOOD MILLENNIUM SKYSCRAPER PROJECT

<http://www.laweekly.com/news/judge-throws-out-hollywood-millennium-skyscraper-project-5530876>

"Superior Court Judge James C. Chalfant has stopped the Millennium Hollywood twin skyscrapers project in its tracks, finding that top city officials ILLEGALLY IGNORED required parts of the Environmental Impact Review process and warning that the project could dramatically worsen traffic on the Hollywood Freeway and in the surrounding neighborhood.

His ruling means the investors cannot get any building permits from the city.

THE JUDGE FOUND THAT TOP LOS ANGELES ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS IGNORED CALTRANS WARNINGS about the dual towers' effects on traffic heading on and off the often backed-up ramps on the nearby 101 freeway.

Chalfant lectured city leaders, saying:

"The congestion of freeways in L.A. is subject to review because it's so terrible, and anything that may make it worse needs to be examined.

The issue is whether you need to follow the provisions of the responsible agency, Caltrans.

And the language and scholarly work on the issue says overwhelmingly 'yes.' ...

There were many aspects Caltrans wanted you to look at, that you didn't look at."

Instead of including in its Environmental Impact Report, or EIR, the required traffic studies conducted by Caltrans, Garcetti and the City Council chose to press forward with their own freeway traffic studies.

Judge Chalfant says this was illegal.

He ruled, the city is not allowed to conduct studies on freeway traffic using its own definitions and methods.

"Freeway traffic is the responsibility of experts at Caltrans, specifically, and not of the Los Angeles Planning Dept. or any other city department."

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HISTORIC RESOURCES... PRESERVATION....

The City ignored Hollywood Heritage PRESERVATION concerns and instead went with Millennium's paid consultant 'analysis'.

*L.A. Conservancy had PRESERVATION concerns, and a law suit, withdrawn once Millennium contributed more money to the organization...(link above)

Dear Ms. Hewawitharana:

Re: Millennium Hollywood Project, ENV-2011-675-EIR

The Board of Directors of Hollywood Heritage, its Preservation Issues Committee and its members, thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Millennium Hollywood Project, and the accompanying Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

For three decades Hollywood Heritage has been an advocate of the preservation and protection of Hollywood's historic resources. We support the goal of preserving what is most significant in Hollywood, while encouraging responsible new and infill development.

Our organization has nominated many of the current Historic Cultural Monuments, listed the Hollywood Boulevard Commercial and Entertainment District in the National Register of Historic Places at the national level of significance, provided technical assistance to developers and owners of significant properties, and participated in public policy discussions through the formulation of the Community Redevelopment Plan of 1986 and subsequent urban design plans, specific plans and in property entitlement discussion involving historic resources.

These efforts have resulted in the rehabilitation of significant landmarks and districts in Hollywood.

Our expertise in this area has led us to the conclusion that the Millennium Hollywood project has significant and adverse impacts on a number of Hollywood's historic resources.

CEQA guidelines define a project as having a significant environmental impact when the project causes a substantial adverse change in significance of a historical resource as defined in State CEQA Section 15064.

The City of Los Angeles CEQA Thresholds Guide (2006, p. D.3-3) also maintains that a project would have a significant impact on historic resources if the project results in a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource by construction that reduces the integrity or significance of important resources on the site or in the vicinity via alteration of the resource's immediate surroundings.

While we appreciate some of the mitigation measures designed to preserve the historic Capitol Records and Gogerty Building, we believe that the proposed project would substantively alter the context in which these buildings gained their significance by compromising the immediate surroundings.

Portions of the project are grossly out of proportion with the identified resources, thereby minimizing them and irretrievably altering their setting.

Additionally, while we appreciate the inclusion of open space, the current design significantly changes the pedestrian environment of Hollywood.

Like many previous developments, it draws pedestrians away from the street and irrevocably alters the historic street wall along Vine and Argyle.

We also find the current version of the Millennium Hollywood Draft EIR to be deficient in its assessment that the project would not cause an adverse change in significance for the Hollywood Boulevard Commercial and Entertainment Historic District.

The heart of Hollywood is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and functions as one of the City of Los Angeles' major tourist destinations and economic engines.

The Hollywood Boulevard Commercial and Entertainment Historic District is a 12 block area of the commercial core.

The district contains 103 of the most important buildings in Hollywood, listed at the national level of significance in the National Register of Historic Places.

The development pattern of the 1920s and 1930s was characterized by the construction of buildings of generally 12 stories at major intersections, flanked by one and two-story retail structures.

The District was formally designated by the National Park Service on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior in 1985.

At the time, there were over 60 contributors and approximately 40 non-contributors which all dated from the 1905-1935 period of significance.

Since its listing, the District has seen significant and positive restorations, now having the largest collection of restored historic theaters in use in the nation.

The District can count the beneficial reuse of the Broadway and Equitable Buildings, the Hollywood Professional Building, and the Nash Building, and many restorations, spurring the renaissance of Hollywood.

But the District has suffered the loss of several contributors, and has seen the addition of overly-large developments such as Hollywood and Highland, the W Hotel and Madame Tussaud's.

The current Millennium Hollywood project fails to significantly address the negative impact created by the mass and height of the proposed development in regards to the existing structures in the vicinity.

This will be the largest tower in the area.

While creating opportunities to see landmarks such as the Hollywood Sign from areas within the development, the project fails to address the fact that these new view lines will alter views that have been publicly available since the inception of these landmarks.

In the "Related Projects" section of the DEIR, which compares this project with other projects nearby, unapproved, proposed developments are used alongside existing structures, allowing the square footage increase that this project suggests to be seen as more reasonable.

However, the structures included on the comparative chart are all less than one-third the size of the proposed Millennium tower.

The only project that is as large is the proposed redevelopment of the Paramount Studios Lot. At 1,385,700 sq. ft., the Paramount Lot is a much larger property and does not have any single building of a comparative height as proposed by Millennium.

The addition of the proposed tower will overwhelm contributing properties in the district and the proposed "separation" of new and old construction is simply not an adequate mitigation measure.

Hollywood Heritages appreciates the efforts of the project's developers and will work diligently with them to ensure the preservation and protection of all of Hollywood's historic resources.

Sincerely,

Bryan Cooper

President, Hollywood Heritage, Inc.

DISMISSED: Organizations Against The Hollywood Millennium Project

Organizations Opposing the Hollywood Millennium:

Neighborhood Councils:

Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council
Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council
Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council
Hollywood United Neighborhood Council
Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
North Hills West Neighborhood Council

Neighborhood Associations:

Argyle Civic Association
Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Assn
Bel Air Knolls Property
Bel Air Ridge Association
Bel Air Skycrest Property
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Homeowners Assn.
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood
Franklin Ave. / Hwd. Blvd. Wes
Franklin Hills Residents
Greater Wilshire Neighborhood Council – Land Use Committee
Hancock Park Homeowners Association
Highlands Owners Association
Hollywood Dell Civic Association
Hollywood Heights Association
Hollywoodland Homeowners Association
Holmby Hills Homeowners
Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
Lake Hollywood Homeowners
Laurel Canyon Association
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Association
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners' Alliance
North Beverly – Franklin Canyon Home owners Association
Nichols Canyon Association
Oak Forest Canyon Association
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
Roscomare Valley Association
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks Homeowners
Studio City Residents Association
Sunset Hills HOA
Tarzana Property Owners
Torreyson-Flynn Association
Upper Mandeville Canyon
Whitley Heights Civic Association

The Del Rey Residents Association joins the other neighborhood associations in opposing this project.
Bad planning in one corner of the city is bad planning for all

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Research, Proof, State Geologist Confirmations of the Active EQ Fault.

Why Were State Geologist Active EQ Confirmations and Danger Warnings Ignored?..... Millennium Hollywood Project Led Lobbyist Spending at L.A. City Hall..... Hollywood Patch Dec 12, 2013

LA Times – Nov 6, 2014 – California geologist says quake fault lies beneath Hollywood project

Park LaBrea News/Beverly Press Nov 13, 2014 State's Map Shows Active Fault Under Millennium

L.A Times July 7, 2015 Hollywood skyscraper critics question quake risk for project

Wall Street Journal May 26, 2015 Developers Worry California Ruling Could Dent Building

LA Weekly April 30, 2015 Judge Throws Out Hollywood Millennium Skyscraper Project

LA Times April 30, 2015 Judge Halts Millennium Skyscraper Project

Finance and Commerce January 15, 2015 Hollywood Projects Scuttled as David Beats Goliath

Park LaBrea News/Beverly Press Nov 13, 2014 State's Map Shows Active Fault Under Millennium

Hotel Chatter – A Controversial Hollywood Development (and its Hotel) Remains on Shaky Ground – Nov 12, 2014

State Map Puts Quake Fault Beneath Proposed Millennium Hollywood Skyscraper Nov 7, 2014

Los Angeles Magazine, The Fault in Our Skyscrapers Nov 6, 2014

Planned Hollywood high-rise would sit atop earthquake fault, state says – Yahoo News 11-6-14

Massive Hollywood project sits atop quake fault, California says

Active fault under site of proposed Hollywood skyscrapers, state says | 89.3 KPCC

L.A. Times – May 6, 2014 – New L.A. Area Quake Map Shows Fault Lines Under Schools, Hotels, Homes

LA Weekly – Jan 16, 2014 Hollywood Fault Pits Builders and City Hall Against the Community

Huffington Post – Jan 9, 2014 Millennium Hollywood Project in Jeopardy After Map Reveals Earthquake Faults

ProgramBusiness.com Insurance News – Jan 9, 2014 Fault Maps Could Alter L.A. Development

Hollywood Patch – Jan 9, 2014 State Geologist Says Millennium Hollywood Project Sits Atop Fault Line

Hollywood Reporter – Jan 8, 2014 Survey Confirms Earthquake Fault Line Runs Through Planned Millennium Project

Wall Street Journal 1-8-14 Fault Maps Could Alter L.A. Development

LA Observed 1-8-14 New State Maps Put Hollywood Buildings on Faults

L.A. Times 1-8-2014 Hollywood developments straddle earthquake fault, new maps show

LA Weekly 1-8-2014 New Hollywood Fault Map Curbs Development in Hollywood, WeHo, Los Feliz

L.A. Business Journal Nov 22, 2013 Quake Fault Overlooked on Hollywood Project

L.A. Times LA Now Live Nov 22, 2013 Hollywood Fault Interview with Rosanna Xia

89.3 KPCC Take Two Nov 22, 2013 Did city officials overlook earthquake fault in Hollywood? Click on Listen Now to hear interview with Ron Lin.

L.A. Now Live Nov 21, 2013 Possible Sign of Quake Fault in Hollywood Missed

ENRCalifornia (Earthquake News) Nov 19, 2013 Scientists Visit L.A. to Discuss List of Buildings at Risk in Quake

The Architects Newspaper Oct 16, 2013 Q & A with Ca State Geologist John Parrish

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The Wall Street Journal Sept 20, 2013 – Fault Line Splits Hollywood

LA Weekly Sept 18, 2013 – How the Hollywood Fault Made Millennium's Future Uncertain, and L.A. a Laughingstock

The Front Page Online Aug 21, 2013 – Times Minimizes Millennium Scandal – Grand Jury Probe Needed

LA Times Aug 14, 2013 – Tower project exposes gaps in L.A.'s oversight

LA Times August 9, 2013 – Hollywood's Blvd6200 project escaped review despite fault threat

KABC AM Radio – August 8, 2013 Doug McIntyre Interviews Robert Silverstein

KTTV Opponents August 7, 2013 – Demand an Independent Seismic Study

KCOP Fox 11 August 7, 2013 – Opponents Demand an Independent Seismic Study

CBS August 7, 2013 – Earthquake Fears May Put Hollywood Skyscraper Project on Shaky Ground

Reuters August 8, 2013 – Foes of Hollywood Skyscraper Plan Allege Earthquake Coverup

KPCC 89.3 August 7, 2013 – Millennium Towers: City 'concealed' Hollywood Fault Details, Opponents Charge

Los Angeles News – The Informer – August 7, 2013 Millennium Hollywood Fault Coverup? Emails Show City Knew

LA Times August 7, 2013 – Earthquake Fault Risk to Hollywood Skyscrapers Hidden, Foes Say

Miami Herald August 2, 2013 – New Hollywood Tower Project May be Over Fault Line

KTTV Fox News – August 2, 2013 Coverage of Fault Line Issue

LA Times August 1, 2013 – Skyscraper site in Hollywood may sit on active fault, State says

LA Times 7-26-2013 – Millennium Hollywood; First Check the Fault

Newsmax.com July 25, 2013 Skyscrapers Planned Over Fault Line in Hollywood Draw Ire

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MyFoxLA – Hollywood Skyscraper Millennium Project, Building on Shaky Ground

LA Weekly – Uh Oh! Are the Millennium Skyscrapers Atop the Hollywood Fault?

NBC Southern California – Hollywood Millennium Project Causing Controversy

TalkRadio 790 KABC Millennium Towers Project Draws State Scrutiny

HollywoodPatch Millennium Hollywood Project May Fall on Active Earthquake Zone, Opponents Say

CBS Los Angeles July 22
Environmental Attorney Warns of Millennium Project Quake Risk

CityWatch July 19, 2013
The Millennium Manhattanization of Hollywood

KPPC on Traffic and the Millennium Project – Comments by Robert Silverstein

CityWatch June 28, 2013
Hollywood Residents Get the Millennium Shaft

The 2013 DEIR is relevant since not much has changed...

Hollywood Center is STILL Millennium.

The Millennium disaster in San Francisco, unsafe leaning and tilting Millennium Tower, that used the same consultants as Millennium used to claim Millennium Hollywood building site is SAFE, that Millennium KNEW was tilting and sinking but kept it secret while they continued to sell condos, blamed everyone else...claimed nothing was their fault, is still tilting and in the news, now an infamous nightmare development, with more law suits than San Francisco has ever seen, and a tourist attraction.

What's new about Millennium Hollywood Center?

The buildings are still the best example of obscene developer greed, a NYC developer who could care less about HOLLYWOOD, and his funded puppet politicians generously paid, and helped get elected, to look the other way regarding traffic safety, earthquake safety, peoples lives, and destruction of Hollywood HISTORIC RESOURCES, compromising the National Historic Register of Famous Places area and the world renown Historic Cultural Monument Capitol Records Building and Hollywood Sign.

Traffic in the area is WORSE, than it was when Judge Chalfant shut Millennium projects down due to the phony EIR, that made traffic stuff up, and pretended the traffic would have no impacts, and ignored Caltrans warnings about the 'deadly, unsafe' traffic

It's WORSE now with all the new oversized projects the city has approved and are up...

The building site still has a state geologist confirmed active EQ fault running through it....still denied by Millennium.

Groups, organizations opposed are already lining up for those generous Millennium bribes to 'like' the projects they hate and know will disrupt their businesses, ruin the area, and compromise the beautiful historic resources.

The same politicians are still there, the councilmembers, mayor, etc., who have sold out Hollywood and Hollywoodians and Angelenos who love Hollywood and its iconic Cultural Resources....the politicians who owe their political careers to Millennium.

What HAS changed is the developer politico 'PAY to PLAY' corruption has been revealed, and many that enabled Millennium projects being approved the last time have been, are being, investigated by the FBI, indicted, or resigned.
And the investigations are on going.

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