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HI Veronica,

Thank you for your email. Your comments have been received and will be included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center Project.

Regards,

On Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 5:00 PM Veronica Lebron <<u>Veronica@robertsilversteinlaw.com</u>> wrote:

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

Please ensure that this communication is included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center matter.

Confirming our August 6, 2020 telephone conversation, our client objects to the fact that the upcoming Aug. 26, 2020 hearing officer/advisory agency hearing will only be telephonic, i.e., it will not be Zoom visible. This diminishes the public's ability to participate, and the hearing officers' ability to hear and register all comments and objections.

We request that this and all future hearings be recorded so that an accurate transcription of the hearings can hopefully be made. Please confirm that the hearing will be recorded, and that that recording will be made publicly available, without any editing, deletions or censorship of any type.

Please also confirm that the public will have the ability to contemporaneously record via the Zoom record feature.

You indicated that the applicant's presentation will be shared via Google Drive on the day of the hearing for people to follow along. How will that be done, and has the public previously been notified of that fact so that people can be prepared to look for that? We also object that this does not properly allow everyone to participate equally. Recall that not everyone has internet access.

We have learned that members of the public will probably be given only 2 minutes each to speak. We object to that limitation as well. In prior years, there was no such arbitrary time limit on speakers at hearing officer hearings. When did that change, and why should there be such a limit on a project of this size and controversy? Please expand the time for public comment for each speaker to at least up to 5 minutes per speaker.

Will there be a similar limitation on the time for the applicant's presentation and comments? There should be, and we object on due process and fundamental fairness grounds if there is not.

During our call, I asked if you had a release date for the FEIR. You said not yet, and added that you do not "know if the FEIR will be available by the time of the hearing."

Subject: Re: The Silverstein Law Firm | Request to Cancel August 26, 2020 Hearing for Hollywood Center Project; Case No. ENV-2018-2116-EIR; SCH 2018051002

I asked you why the hearing was moving forward without the FEIR. You said City Planning "anticipated" releasing the FEIR before the meeting. I asked why they didn't push back noticing a date for the hearing until after the FEIR release. You said they had already scheduled the meeting in anticipation of the release. That does not answer the question.

You said that since the hearing is already scheduled, the City is moving forward with collecting further public comment. We object that this hearing has been scheduled, and/or may occur, before a Final EIR has been circulated for public review.

We request that the meeting be canceled, and only rescheduled for a date reasonably after the public has had a chance to review the FEIR.

I asked when you expected the FEIR to be released. You said you did not know.

We object to the "bum's rush" that the City and Millennium are giving the public regarding this dangerous and illegal project. More time should be given to the public to review documents, prepare, and participate, not the bare minimum, even to the point where the City is scheduling hearings before an FEIR has been released.

This along with so much of the City's conduct smacks of bias in favor of the developer, a developer, we might add, that has a horrific track record (see, e.g., San Francisco), and who proposes to build on a site riddled with active earthquake faults.

Thank you for your prompt written responses to these issues.

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