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Subject: Re: support for Hollywood Center

Hi Lisa,

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 Sun, Aug 23, 2020 at 10:20 PM Lisa Kodmur <lisakodmur@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

My name is Lisa Kodmur. I live in the Hollywood home my parents bought in 1963, in the neighborhood known as "The Oaks," just north of Franklin.

Please accept the following as public comment for the August 26th hearing on the proposed Hollywood Center project.

As someone born and raised in Hollywood, who finds myself once again living in this fascinating community, I support this project because Hollywood needs it, desperately.

Hollywood is a rich cultural landscape, replete with diverse people and businesses and arts and natural beauty, and: challenges. To me, it's home. It's where I went to pre-school and elementary school, and took after-school classes, and went to movies, and met my life-long friends. And, Hollywood has changed. Some for the better. Some not for the better. Specifically, we are spectacularly failing our older residents who are at high risk of homelessness and all the tragedy associated with it. Look at the L.A. Homeless Services Authority's yearly statistics on homelessness among older adults and you will see clear evidence of this ongoing travesty.

So what's the solution? One solution is affordable, accessible housing earmarked for low-income seniors. While Hollywood has added many housing developments in recent years in its transit-rich, retail-rich center, few if any of those developments have included the level of affordable housing this project offers, let alone units dedicated to older adults. Hollywood Center is a project that would begin to address our collective failure to house our elders. Hollywood Center will create the affordable, accessible housing we so desperately need for older adults at serious risk of homelessness. With its non-profit partner, Menorah Housing, the development will show that we do care about older adults, enough to give them homes, and dignity.

You will hear homeowners - my neighbors - object to this development, with complaints about increased traffic, and density, and views. To which I say: density is the solution to traffic. Encourage people to live near public transit, retail, and each other. Get them out of their cars. And what do views mean when poor old people are sleeping in our gutters? This Hollywood resident says: Build it. Now.

Please approve Hollywood Center, for the sake of 133 low-income seniors.

Thank you,

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