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The Silverstein Law Firm | Demand for Response re Status of Hollywood Center Project; Case Nos. ENV-2018-2116-EIR, CPC-2018-2114-DB-MCUP-SPR, CPC-2018-2115-DA, and VTT-82152; SCH 2018051002

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Dear Ms. Nguyen:

Over approximately the past 45 days, we have repeatedly asked you to respond to basic questions regarding the status of the above-referenced project for which you are the primary City Planning staff contact. For reasons unknown to us, you have refused to respond. In reviewing the running administrative record, we see that you have repeatedly answered the questions of other members of the public. This conduct appears selective and discriminatory. However, rather than explore why you have chosen to be unresponsive to our office, and in turn to the members of the public we represent, we again ask that you respond to the 10 questions contained in our December 10, 2020 email. For your convenience, we reiterate them here.

Please advise regarding status of the Hollywood Center project, its EIR review, and its entitlement applications.

Questions about Hollywood Center project status, EIR, timing, seismic review, etc.:

1. What is expected or planned schedule for any new hearings?
2. Is there any tentative or actual schedule of upcoming events, or discussion of same?
3. What is status of the project's ELDP designation and/or its expected expiration and/or any new applications?
4. Are any CEQA or other documents being prepared for re-release or recirculation? If yes, regarding which subjects and when?
5. What is the status and anticipated or actual timing of the "additional seismic review" that Councilman O'Farrell referred to in his October 11, 2020 letter to the Planning Commission?
6. Is any "additional seismic review" currently taking place or planned? If yes, what does that consist of?
7. Will "additional seismic review" involve new trenching at the project site? If yes, how many trenches, where, how deep, and when is that expected to commence?
8. Regarding "additional seismic review," and in particular trenching, is the California Geological Survey being consulted and/or involved regarding protocols and/or participation, as was indicated to be the case in the August 2020 memoranda from LADBS's Daniel Schneiderei?

9. Regarding "additional seismic review," and in particular trenching, is the U.S. Geological Survey being consulted and/or involved regarding protocols and/or participation?

10. Regarding "additional seismic review," we demand trenching of the proposed Hollywood Center site that is:

A. **Designed and overseen by independent, unpaid by the Applicant/Developer, neutral experts**, including from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and California Geological Survey (CGS). The protocol these neutral experts design should be made public for review and comment before trenches are dug.

B. **Deep enough and far enough** north and south. The USGS in their May 8, 2020 groundbreaking new study found evidence of up to 4 active fault lines crossing the site. Therefore, the **entire site** must be trenched, north to south. The CGS already noted in their July 16, 2020 letter that Millennium's earlier trenching was incomplete and inadequate, as it fell short of the area mapped by the CGS as having one of the fault lines, and also did not go deep enough.

C. Dug on **both sites east and west** of Vine Street.

D. Performed in a **fully transparent** manner, with unfettered access to the trenches by governmental (USGS and CGS) and other experts. Soil samples should also be competently collected under established protocols and the neutral authorities' watchful eyes and sent for Carbon-14 dating at a world class lab like Lawrence Livermore Labs. We will not stand for any more false claims by Millennium or the City of "contaminated" samples so that they can deny the truth.

Question: Will the City require the above A-D? If yes, which parts? If no, why not?

Because you have already had approximately 45 days since receiving these questions, please respond by no later than **Monday, January 25, 2021**.

If you will not, please explain the basis for refusing to provide this information to the public.

Thank you.

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