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To: Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: Case Number ENV-2018-2116-EIR; State Clearinghouse Number 2018051002
Attachments: CitizenM-CommentExtensionNotice.pdf

Dear MS. Nguyen,

Thank you for pasting the template response you have included in several other email inquires on this same topic.

I would ask that instead of doing so, these requests made by the public are taken a little more seriously by your department. Per your email: "**The City has received many requests for an extension of the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR comment period in light of COVID-19.**"

I will also remind you that the city, your department specifically has granted extensions to the public comment period for one of the related projects, Citizen M. Attached to this email is a copy of the notice of extension to be included in the administrative record.

The city has also extended the public comment period for its sidewalks program stating: "*Due to the current COVID-19 emergency, the Draft EIR public review and comment period has been further extended*"
<https://sidewalks.lacity.org/environmental-impact-report>

I would like to know what your response is to the individuals who do not use or have access to internet or files online? Or disabled individuals? Or individuals who need time to read and review the several thousand pages of the EIR. Your department is continuing to take advantage of a national pandemic and it is truly appalling.

Please answer the question asked in previous email which I will include again:
On what basis the city refuses to extend the comment period for the Hollywood Center project and how this compares to the extension the city provided to the related citizen M case.

Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 at 1:23 PM
From: "Mindy Nguyen" <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org>
To: dogStar@greenmail.net
Subject: Re: Case Number ENV-2018-2116-EIR; State Clearinghouse Number 2018051002

Hello,

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

The City has received many requests for an extension of the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR comment period in light of COVID-19. As has been explained to others, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, the public review period for a Draft EIR should not be less than 30 days nor should it be longer than 60 days, except under unusual circumstances. While we agree that these are unprecedented times, as indicated in the Notice of Completion and Availability (NOA) for the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR, the Draft EIR, the documents referenced in the Draft EIR, and the whole of the case file, are available for public review on our website at the following location: <https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/hollywood-center-project-1>.

If you are having difficulty accessing the document in any way (i.e. if links are not working or the attachments cannot be viewed) please let us know immediately, as we are committed to making the document as accessible as possible from the safety of your own homes, and in compliance with the "Stay at Home" Order. In addition, and as also indicated in the NOA, the Draft EIR can be made available on CD-ROM, USB flash drive or hard copy for anyone who requests one.

While we understand that the "Stay at Home" Order prevents neighborhood groups from meeting in person, please be advised that CEQA does not require people to meet and confer on the EIR, and should not preclude anyone from reviewing the EIR and providing comments.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Governor's [Executive Order N-54-20](#), signed April 22, 2020, deadlines for filing, noticing, and posting of CEQA documents with county clerk offices have been suspended for 60 days. However, deadlines for public review and comment periods for CEQA documents, such as for draft EIRs, have not been suspended and the provisions governing public review remain unchanged.

If it would be helpful to schedule a phone call to discuss any specific questions you may have, or to walk you through the logistics of the Draft EIR, please let me know and I will coordinate accordingly.

Regards,

On Tue, May 5, 2020 at 9:47 AM <dogStar@greenmail.net> wrote:

Dear Miss Nguyen.

I noticed the city extended the comment period for the Citizen M project:

https://planning.lacity.org/eir/citizenM%20Hollywood_Vine/DEIR/CommentExtensionNotice.pdf

The above mentioned project comment period took place **before** the global pandemic **currently taking place**.

I was wondering on what basis the city refuses to extend the comment period for the Hollywood Center project and how this compares to the extension the city provided to the related citizen M case.

Thank you for clarifying this issue.

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July 30, 2019

NOTICE OF EXTENSION

THIS IS TO SERVE NOTICE THAT THE FINAL DAY OF THE COMMENT PERIOD FOR
DRAFT EIR CASE NO. ENV-2016-2846-EIR (SCH NO. 2016101009)
HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM July 30, 2019 TO August 29, 2019

TO: Owners of Property and Occupants and Other Interested Parties

PROJECT NAME: citizenM Hollywood & Vine

SITE LOCATION: 1718 N. Vine Street, Los Angeles, CA 90028

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Hollywood Community Plan Area

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 13—Mitch O'Farrell

COMMENT REVIEW PERIOD: June 13, 2019—August 29, 2019

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project includes development of a hotel on an approximately 0.28-acre site located at 1718 N. Vine Street (Project Site) in the Hollywood community of the City. The Project would include 240 guest rooms, approximately 2,742 square feet of guest amenities, and approximately 5,373 square feet of shared guest and public spaces. The building would have a maximum height of 185 feet and would consist of 13 above-ground levels (including a mechanical mezzanine level above Level 1) and five subterranean levels. The Project would provide 79 vehicular parking spaces and 72 bicycle parking spaces within five subterranean levels of parking in accordance with LAMC requirements. All vehicular parking would be valet only. Upon completion, the Project would result in approximately 73,440 square feet of new floor area and a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 6:1.

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the analysis included in the Draft EIR, the Project would result in significant and unavoidable Project-level impacts related to on-site noise and vibration (human annoyance) and off-site vibration (human annoyance) during construction. In addition, the Project would result in significant and unavoidable cumulative on-site noise, off-site noise, on-site vibration (human annoyance), and off-site vibration (human annoyance) during construction. All other potential impacts would be less than significant or mitigated to less-than-significant levels.

FILE REVIEW AND COMMENT: The Draft EIR and the documents referenced in the Draft EIR are available for public review at the City of Los Angeles, Department of City Planning, 221 N. Figueroa Street, Suite 1350, Los Angeles, CA 90012 during office hours Monday–Friday, 9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. Please contact the Staff Planner listed below to schedule an appointment.

The Draft EIR is also available online at the Department of City Planning's website at <http://planning.lacity.org> (click on the "Environmental Review" tab on the left-hand side, then "Draft EIR," and click on the Project title), and copies are also available at the following Library Branches:

- CitizenW-CommentExtensionNotice.pdf
- 1) Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
 - 2) Francis Howard Goldwyn Hollywood Regional Library, 1623 N. Ivar Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028
 - 3) Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library, 7140 W. Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90046
 - 4) John C. Fremont Branch Library, 6121 Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90038

The Draft EIR can also be purchased on CD-ROM for \$5.00 per copy. Contact Erin Strelch at (213) 847-3626 to purchase copies.

The review period for the Draft EIR begins on June 13, 2019, and ends on August 29, 2019. If you wish to submit comments regarding the Draft EIR, please reference the file number above and submit them in writing by 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2019.

Please direct your comments to:

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