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Hi Ms. Nguyen,
Please see attached.

Thank you,

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Ms. Mindy Nguyen, City Planner
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RE: ENV-2018-2116-EIR - Hollywood Center

Dear Ms. Nguyen,

Los Angeles faces a severe housing shortage. While the impact can be felt by all age groups and all income levels, the situation is even more daunting for older adults, especially those facing economic challenges.

For the last decade or more, housing production in the state has been insufficient to meet demand. Simultaneously, aging of the region's population has led to an increase in the number of older adults in need of housing assistance. In the Los Angeles metropolitan area, research shows that many older adults are among the most cost-burdened residents in the nation. Those who are rent-burdened may be just one catastrophic expense away from losing their homes.

For more than forty years, Menorah Housing Foundation (MHF), a local non-profit affordable housing provider, has been developing and managing safe, well-maintained, quality apartments affordable to very low-income older adults. MHF currently offers a diverse population of approximately 1,500 existing residents, all age 62 and older, accessible, affordable apartments with an array of services.

Hollywood Center proposes a thoughtful way to add new, much needed affordable senior housing to the City's housing stock. The project seeks to provide more than 800 market-rate residential units along with more than 130 units dedicated for extremely low and very-low-income older adults. If approved, the project will include a significant number of affordable senior apartments within a private development.

Increasing the City's supply of housing while setting aside affordable units for older adults within mixed-use projects, is something to be encouraged. For this reason, we are proud to be partners in the Hollywood Center development and strongly support it. We hope the City will do the same. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anne Friedrich
President