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Subject: Hollywood Center Project

Dear Ms. Nguyen,

We hope this is the proper forum to express our concerns about and objection to the mammoth “Hollywood Center Project.”

We moved into the Whitley Heights area of Hollywood in October 1978 and have lived in our home there for almost 42 years. We are aware that rising property values have caused long commutes into Hollywood and are among the causes of the gridlock that has paralyzed almost all of Los Angeles. Our perspective of the proposed development is that it offers only token amounts of housing that is truly affordable compared to a disproportional amount of expensive housing that will only further exasperate our problems.

The effects of the Covid19 pandemic will change everything in ways that are not yet foreseeable. The entertainment industry will look quite different and may never return to its prior robustness. Certainly, it is a time for caution until we can clearly see how our world will change during the next decade or so. Yet paradoxically, some mysterious force seems to be exerting pressure to close the public comment period despite the objections of many of our well informed and caring neighbors.

If you are not serving the interests of the people living in Hollywood, it begs the question, “Whose interests are you serving?” Surely, waiting until we can predict the permanent effect of the destructive pandemic is better than exposing the planning department to charges of rushing through a controversial project for less than altruistic reasons!

Most sincerely,
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