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Sent time: 05/11/2020 06:19:22 PM
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Cc: Alexa Iles <alexa@mediaart.com>
Subject: RE: Hollywood Center Request

Thank you Mindy for your response. I do hope that the City and the Planning commission recognize the difficulties the Covid shelter-in-place circumstance has created for citizens who want to voice their concerns on this project.

I cannot imagine that the legislature that created CEQA would dispute that we are operating under “unusual circumstances”. City offices are closed, people are having to take on home and family burdens - schooling, cooking, etc. – that they don’t normally undertake, in addition to working from home or spending endless hours on the phone trying to get the aid/resources that have been created to help people endure. I’m sure that neither you – nor I – have ever lived under circumstances that are more “unusual”.

And the fact that documents are available on-line does not make them available to citizens -or students, etc. – who don’t have computers. I know that most folks these days take computers for granted but it is well-known that there are many, many folks – often older, long-time residents whose lives will be affected by this massive project – who either do not use, cannot use, cannot afford, or do not want to use computers. For the city to ignore the fact that not everyone has a computer – and libraries which might have them are closed – means that citizens are intentionally being denied a right to comment at this stage.

Lastly, the fact there are other moments in the process where public comment can be made ignores the fact that the legislature intended the public to be able to comment at each and every point where public comment is available. If they all could be collapsed into one ultimate comment period – which could be the case if there is no extension and this project bulldozes along - then they would have enacted a law that permits only one public comment period.

I know that this is not your decision to make, but I do hope that you will understand the importance of this request and convey its urgency as and where needed.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,
Mary Ledding

From: Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:27 AM
To: ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net
Cc: Alexa Iles <alexa@mediaart.com>
Subject: Re: Hollywood Center Request

Hi Mary,

Thank you for your email. Your comments have been received and will be included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center Project EIR. Response to your comments will be provided in the Final EIR, for which you will be notified once available for public review.

Once the Final EIR is released, there will be a public hearing process for the related entitlements, at which time, I would advise that you provide any comments regarding non-CEQA related issues for the decision maker's consideration.

The City has also received your request, together with other requests, for an extension of the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR comment period in light of COVID-19.

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.

As such, please be advised that, as the Draft EIR remains accessible to all individuals, the comment period will not be extended at this time. We understand your concern regarding this Project, and ask that you let us know if you have any difficulty accessing the Draft EIR or if you need additional accommodations to be able review it offline.

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 Mon, May 4, 2020 at 6:24 PM <ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Dear Mindy,
Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,
Mary Ledding

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