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Dear Ms. Nguyen,
On behalf of the Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition, please accept the attached letter of support for the Hollywood Center.
Please let me know if you have any questions.
Thank you.

Best Regards,
Brandi

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"Change happens when those who do not usually speak up are heard by those who do not usually listen"- John O'brien



May 15, 2020

Support Letter for: ENV-2018-2116-EIR Hollywood Center Project

Ms. Nguyen,

I am writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition to express our support for the Hollywood Center Project.

The Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition’s (LAAAC) mission is to protect and strengthen access to quality care for older adults, their families and caregivers in Los Angeles County. AARP estimates that by 2030, one in every five Americans will be over the age of 65. By 2035, the number of those over the age of 60 is projected to grow by 68% and the number of people over 80 is expected to increase 118%.

For these reasons and more, the time to grow our housing options in Los Angeles is now. These buildings would provide much needed affordable housing for one of the City’s most vulnerable and fastest growing populations: low and very-low income older adults. The project, which is located in the heart of Hollywood, will offer these individuals an opportunity to have critical neighborhood serving resources such as grocery stores, pharmacies, entertainment, and public transportation, all within a short walk from their front door.

Additionally, this project will be built on a site that is currently underutilized and would be better served as a location to house individuals, as opposed to vehicles.

As the world fears an economic slowdown, this project brings the promise of necessary stimulus to our local economy, while also ensuring that the supply of housing (both market and affordable) does not continue to grow unproportionally to the demand we currently see in our City.

I want to thank you for this opportunity to participate in the public comment period, and again stress the importance of how projects like this need to be moved forward with urgency.

Sincerely,



Rigo J. Saborio
Chair
Los Angeles Aging Advocacy Coalition