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Hello Ms. Nguyen,

Please find attached my letter in support of the Hollywood Center Project. I send it to add my voice to the conversation during this public comment period.

Sincerely,  
Gary

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**SUBJECT:** ENV-2018-2116-EIR  
Hollywood Center Project

I am submitting this letter to offer support during this public comment period for the proposed project, Hollywood Center. I am in support of this project and feel it will be an asset to the Hollywood community.

I have lived and worked in Hollywood since 2000. For the past 12 years I have been a pastor on staff at Ecclesia Hollywood church. We have leased space at several buildings and parking lots over the years, most notably the Hollywood Pacific Theatre, from 2007 until it closed in July, 2013. Currently we lease office space on Gower Street and meeting space at the Hollywood Adventist Church building.

Throughout our existence Ecclesia has partnered with other Hollywood churches and non-profits to provide crucial human services to those in our city who are most vulnerable. Some of these non-profits include Covenant House, The Center, and Oasis of Hollywood. For eight years we've partnered with Hollywood Presbyterian Church and Reality LA church to provide a Winter Refuge for chronically homeless people in Hollywood. We've garnered the support and partnership of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) and have seen many people get access to city services and find a life off of the streets.

At this unique point in time, with the ravages of COVID-19 felt so strongly in our world, nation and city, I think that it's crucial that we do everything we can do to both support the vulnerable among us and also to support the economic engines that can bring new jobs,

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new businesses and new vitality to our city. It is for this reason that I support the Hollywood Center Project. It will provide much needed residential space, senior housing, open civic space, and most importantly, it will create many jobs during both the construction phase and after completion in the form of service and support industries. Additionally, the tax revenue will be essential to the LA city budget in order to maintain the existing level of support for essential human services.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in the public comment for the Hollywood Center Project. I encourage the city to proceed with the plans to bring this exciting addition to Hollywood to life after so many years of waiting.

Sincerely,

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