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SUBJECT: PROJECT NAME: Hollywood & Wilcox
PROJECT LOCATION: 6436 Hollywood Blvd.
CEQA CASE NUMBER: ENV-2016-3177-EIR

Presented below are comments submitted on behalf of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) regarding the project located at 6436 Hollywood Boulevard.

Based on the extent/location of the proposed development, it is our opinion that significant environmental impacts on the surrounding community (traffic, pedestrian safety) will occur. Due to the fact that Selma Elementary School is located approximately 700 ft. from the proposed project site, LAUSD is concerned about the potential negative impacts of the development to our students, staff and parents traveling to and from the referenced campuses. Since the project will have a significant impact on LAUSD schools, mitigation measures designed to help reduce or eliminate such impacts are included in this response.

Traffic/Transportation

LAUSD's Transportation Branch **must be contacted** at (213) 580-2950 regarding the potential impact upon existing school bus routes. The Project Manager or designee will have to notify the LAUSD Transportation Branch of the expected start and ending dates for various portions of the project that may affect traffic within nearby school areas. To ensure that effective mitigations are employed to reduce construction and operation related transportation impacts on District sites, we ask that the following language be included in the mitigation measures for traffic impacts:

- During the construction phase, truck traffic and construction vehicles may not cause traffic delays for our transported students.
- During and after construction changed traffic patterns, lane adjustment, traffic light patterns, and altered bus stops may not affect school buses' on-time performance and passenger safety.
- Construction trucks and other vehicles are required to stop when encountering school buses using red-flashing-lights must-stop-indicators per the California Vehicle Code.
- Contractors must install and maintain appropriate traffic controls (signs and signals) to ensure vehicular safety.

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Our Vision: To eliminate all environmental, health, and safety risks at schools.

- Contractors must maintain ongoing communication with LAUSD school administrators, providing sufficient notice to forewarn children and parents when existing vehicle routes to school may be impacted.

Pedestrian Safety

Construction activities that include street closures, the presence of heavy equipment and increased truck trips to haul materials on and off the project site can lead to safety hazards for people walking in the vicinity of the construction site. To ensure that effective mitigations are employed to reduce construction and operation related pedestrian safety impacts on District sites, we ask that the following language be included in the mitigation measures for pedestrian safety impacts:

- Contractors must maintain ongoing communication with LAUSD school administrators, providing sufficient notice to forewarn children and parents when existing pedestrian routes to school may be impacted.
- Contractors must maintain safe and convenient pedestrian routes to all nearby schools. The District will provide School Pedestrian Route Maps upon your request.
- Contractors must install and maintain appropriate traffic controls (signs and signals) to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety.
- Haul routes are not to pass by any school, except when school is not in session.
- No staging or parking of construction-related vehicles, including worker-transport vehicles, will occur on or adjacent to a school property.
- Funding for crossing guards at the contractor's expense is required when safety of children may be compromised by construction-related activities at impacted school crossings.
- Barriers and/or fencing must be installed to secure construction equipment and to minimize trespassing, vandalism, short-cut attractions, and attractive nuisances.
- Contractor's are required to provide security patrols (at their expense) to minimize trespassing, vandalism, and short-cut attractions.

The District's charge is to protect the health and safety of students and staff, and the integrity of the learning environment. The comments presented above identify potential environmental impacts related to the proposed project that must be addressed to ensure the welfare of the students attending Selma Elementary School their teachers and the staff, as well as to assuage the concerns of the parents of these students. Therefore, the measures set forth in these comments should be adopted as conditions of project approval to offset unmitigated impacts on the affected school students and staff.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need additional information please contact me at (213) 241-4210.

Regards,

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