

LETTER NO. 14

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COMMENT 14.1

Thank you for submitting the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District to SCAG for review and comment. As areawide clearinghouse for regionally significant projects, SCAG assists cities, counties and other agencies in reviewing projects and plans for consistency with regional plans.

It is recognized that the proposed Project considers the development of a multi-use entertainment district in downtown Los Angeles. The proposed development includes approximately 4 million square feet of hotel, entertainment/retail/restaurants, office uses, health club/clinic and residential uses. The proposed Project would be developed just north and east of the STAPLES Center and the Los Angeles Convention Center. Development of the proposed Project would occur over an eight-year period. The proposed Project is located in down [sic] Los Angeles.

SCAG staff has evaluated the Draft EIR for consistency with the Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide. The Draft EIR, in Section IV.A (Land Use), includes a discussion on the proposed Projects' consistency with SCAG policies and applicable regional plans, which were outlined in our September 18, 2000 letter on the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for this Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR cited SCAG policies and addressed the manner in which the proposed Project is consistent with applicable core policies and supportive of applicable ancillary policies. The Draft EIR incorporated a side-by-side comparison of SCAG policies with a discussion of the consistency or support of the applicable policies with the proposed Project. This approach to discussing consistency or support of SCAG policies is commendable and we appreciate your efforts. Based on the information provided in the Draft SEIR, we have no further comments. A description of the proposed Project was published in the January 15, 2001 Intergovernmental Review Report for public review and comment.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 236-1867. Thank you

RESPONSE 14.1

It is acknowledged that SCAG finds the proposed Project consistent with and supportive of the agency's applicable policies and plans.