

**LETTER NO. 25**

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**COMMENT 25.1**

I am a staff attorney at Environmental Defense (formerly the Environmental Defense Fund), a national environmental advocacy group. In Los Angeles, Environmental Defense sponsors an Environmental Justice Project Office. The mission of the Environmental Justice Project Office is to actively support the prevention and redressing of environmental problems that adversely affect communities of color and low-income communities within the urban poverty core in Los Angeles.

I am in the process of reviewing the draft EIR for the Proposed Sports and Entertainment District Project, for which comments are due on or before February 26, 2001, the end of the 45-day public comment period. As you may know, I also submitted a letter in response to the Notice of Preparation for this Project. However, I need more time to thoroughly review and analyze the draft EIR before February 26. Specifically, I require more time to prepare comments on the air quality, surface water quality and transportation sections of the draft EIR.

I am writing to request a 30-day extension of time of the public comment period so that I can properly review and comment on the draft EIR. In light of the size of the proposed Project and the urban environmental impacts involved, I believe this request is reasonable and necessary to allow for meaningful public input into the decision-making process. Please contact me if you have any questions at (310) 441-5604. Thank you for your consideration.

**RESPONSE 25.1**

Issues raised by Environmental Defense in its comment letter on the NOP were incorporated, as appropriate, in the Draft EIR. This letter is included as part of Appendix A of the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR was circulated for a 45 day public review period in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15105 and standard City practices. In addition to this letter, the commentor submitted a comment letter on the Draft EIR, which is included in this Final EIR as Letter No. 26. Responses to all written comments received from the commentor are provided in this Final EIR.