

LETTER NO. 30

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COMMENT 30.1

I have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report.

I did not find any discussions regarding the impact of eliminating existing parking lots to existing buildings in the surrounding area.

RESPONSE 30.1

As discussed in Section IV.F.2 of the Draft EIR (page 286), the proposed Project would not eliminate any existing parking lots for existing buildings in the area surrounding the Project, except for parking lots specifically used for STAPLES Center. The Project would, therefore, have no impact on the existing off-street parking supply for other buildings. In general, parking is addressed in the Draft EIR in Section IV.F.2.

COMMENT 30.2

I would like the following to be commented upon: What provisions for parking, are being provided to the existing structures in the area once the adjacent parking lots are removed; Will the City provide parking spaces for existing buildings, such as the Variety Art Center at 940 S. Figueroa Street. If so, how many spaces will be provided, and under what terms and conditions.

Your response to these questions would be appreciated.

RESPONSE 30.2

As identified in Response to Comment 30.1, the Project would not remove parking for any existing non-STAPLES Center buildings in the area. It is not known whether the City intends to provide parking spaces, at this time or at any point in the future, for existing buildings in the area as an independent action to the proposed Project.