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Andrew Salas, Chairman
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation
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RE: AB 52 Notification of Pre-Closure of Consultation
6450-6462 W Sunset Boulevard, 1420-1454 N Wilcox Avenue, 1413-1447 N Cole Place,
and 6503 De Longpre Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90028
Case No. ENV-2020-1239-EIR

Dear Chairman Salas:

The purpose of this correspondence is to briefly summarize the City of Los Angeles' (City) efforts to engage in a meaningful and good faith consultation regarding the above-named Project's potential impacts to tribal cultural resources and to further document the tribal consultation process, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080.3.1. The following provides a brief summary of the tribal consultation that has occurred thus far between the City and the Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation (Tribe) regarding the Sunset Wilcox Project located at 6450 Sunset Boulevard (Project).

The City mailed a Project notification letter dated August 17, 2020, to the Tribe and Tribe requested consultation on September 1, 2020. The consultation conference call was set up to discuss the Project on October 8, 2020, as part of a joint conference call between Department of City Planning staff (Staff) and the Tribe. Prior to the conference call, Staff provided the Tribe with the Project Site addresses, existing Project Site conditions, and the proposed depth of excavation (approximately 52 feet below grade).

During the call Tribal Chairman Salas, explained that Sunset Boulevard was a cultural trading route and served as a "resource transfer" area. The Tribe explained that although they were not aware of any tribal cultural resources in the Hollywood area, this could be due to the lack of accessibility to individual sites prior to the implementation of AB 52 as well as the lack of experts on site to analyze soil attributes. Further, Chairman Salas noted the proximity of springs and foothills to the Project that served as "transition zones" with biological and ecological resources for the Tribe's ancestors.

On October 7, 2020, Chairman Salas forwarded an email from the Native American Heritage Commission and a letter from the South Central Coast Information Center (SCCIC):

- Native American Heritage Commission email
- South Central Coast Information Center Letter

The Native American Heritage Commission letter noted that the Sacred Lands File search completed for the area resulted in negative results, however that did not indicate absence of Native American resources. The letter from SCCIC indicated that their search of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) found no archaeological resources are recorded in a project area or within a specified radius around a project area. Further, that this does not mean that there is no possibility of archaeological sites being present, and surface or buried artifacts may be found during a survey of the property or ground-disturbing activities.

On February 10, 2021, after the conference call, Chairman Salas supplied Staff with maps and documents to explain the cultural significance of the area and the human activity that occurred in the area. These included two articles detailing the significance of trading routes and historic springs (noting Sunset Boulevard), which were reviewed and filed as part of the preparation for the Project's administrative draft Tribal Cultural Resources Report. The documents included the following:

- Sunset Wilcox 1881 map¹
- Sunset Wilcox 1894 map
- Sunset Wilcox 1898 map²
- Sunset Wilcox 1900 map
- Sunset Wilcox 1938 map³
- Segments of *The First Angelinos*⁴ including excerpts on *Los Angeles – Rancho La Brea, Maawnga Cahuenga, Maawnga Los Angeles, and Rancherias 1500 Houses*
- *Location of Village*

An Environmental Research Archeologists Monitoring (ERA) Letter and proposed mitigation measures were also included in the October 7, 2020, correspondence. The ERA Letter stated that the traditional site survey does not adequately determine the presence of cultural resources and recommended a monitoring program.

In addition, Chairman Salas stated that since the Project Site is located within and around the Maawnga/Cahuenga village, water courses, and trade routes, that there is a potential to impact Tribal Cultural Resources.

Staff thanks the Tribe for the materials that have been provided thus far. All documents were reviewed and analyzed as part of the Project's administrative draft Tribal Cultural Resources Report. It should be noted that the sources of three of the historic maps and the segments of "The First Angelinos" provided were verified to be documents available to the public (links provided in the footnotes). The sources for the other two maps and the excerpt *Location of Village* were not located. If possible, City staff requests identification of the sources of the materials provided by the Tribe of which sources are unknown, including the "Sunset Wilcox 1894" and "Sunset Wilcox 1900" maps and the *Location of Village* excerpt.

Under PRC 21082.3 (2)(B), the materials provided of which sources are publicly available would not fall under the AB 52 requirement to remain confidential. As such, the documents available to the public will be summarized in the Draft Environmental Impact Report and included in an appendix as part of the Tribal Cultural Report (TCR). While the remainder of the materials that the City is unable to confirm as available to the public will remain in the confidential appendix of the TCR.

¹ <https://oac.cdlib.org/ark:/13030/hb1t1nb1km/?brand=oac4>. Accessed March 7, 2022.

² *Historic Aerials*. <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g4363l.la000024/?r=-0.387,-0.065,1.857,1.322,0>. Accessed March 7, 2022.

³ *The Kirkman-Harriman Pictorial and Historical Map of Los Angeles County, A.D. 1860*. <https://scvhistory.com/scvhistory/la3701.htm>. Accessed March 7, 2022.

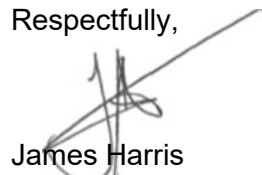
⁴ *The first Angelinos: the Gabrielino Indians of Los Angeles*. <https://ls2pac.lapl.org/?section=resource&resourceid=12510750¤tIndex=0&view=fullDetailsDetailsTab>. Accessed March 7, 2022.

Prior to finalizing the closure of consultation for the Project, the City would like to provide a copy of the draft TCR Report for the Tribe's review. A copy of the draft TCR Report can be found here: [TCR Report](#)⁵. The City respectfully requests the Tribe complete its review of the TCR Report and provide any comments by March 23, 2022.

This pre-closure letter serves to inform the Tribe of the City's intent to conclude consultation at the publication of the DEIR, in a subsequent notice to the Tribe. The City will then release the DEIR for the Project, thereby commencing the 45-day period during which interested parties, members of the public, and governmental agencies, such as the Tribe, may submit written comments on the adequacy of the DEIR.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to share any additional information, comments, or concerns regarding the Project prior to the closure of consultation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'James Harris', written over a horizontal line.

James Harris
Department of City Planning – Major Planning

⁵ Accessed March 9, 2022:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/84d2p1491qkxyn2/Sunset%20and%20Wilcox%20Project%20TCR%20Report%20DRAFT.pdf?dl=0>.