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Re: Crossroads Hollywood Project

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Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Ms. Huerta,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed Crossroads Hollywood development. Specifically, the large number of historic resources intended to be destroyed, with no alternatives to demolition presented and the close proximity of the project to three different schools and the health and safety issues for those sensitive receptors nearby.

Section IV.D of the Draft EIR states that the objective of the Hollywood Community Plan is to "encourage the protection and enhancement of the varied and distinctive residential character of the Community." Additionally, the Hollywood Redevelopment Project goals include "the retention, restoration and appropriate reuse of existing buildings, groupings of buildings and other physical features, especially those having significant historic and/or architectural value and ensure the new development is sensitive to these features through land use and development criteria."

The Crossroads Hollywood project does the opposite. With the proposed destruction of SIX properties identified as historic resources, the Crossroads Hollywood project not only violates CEQA, as admitted and stated in the Draft EIR, as well as violates the Hollywood Community Plan and the Hollywood Redevelopment Project's goals.

The project addresses that the mitigation measures offered "cannot be mitigated to less than significant levels." They have declined to evaluate any alternatives to demolition of which there are many, such as adaptive reuse etc. The distraction of "revitalizing the original Crossroads" is irrelevant if they destroy the surrounding historic life that also include small business and 84 rent stabilized units that are present in one of the six historic resources.

I encourage the City to respond with all viable alternatives to demolition of the six historic resources.

My second concern is regarding the 308 unit hotel planned directly across from Hollywood High School, where visitors from around the world will be able to watch minor children during gym class. As a former Hollywood High School teacher of ten years, this is a highly inappropriate location for a hotel and would create a major safety hazard for the high school children who's protection and right to privacy should be paramount.

There is also significant concern in the community regarding the request for 22 alcohol licenses within such close proximity to a high school and two elementary schools. The law says "ABC may deny any retail license located (a) within the

immediate vicinity of churches and hospitals, or (b) within at least 600 feet of schools, public playgrounds and nonprofit youth facilities. Generally, ABC will deny a license in the above situations when there is evidence that normal operation of the licensed premises will be contrary to public welfare and morals." There are multiple schools, playgrounds and youth facilities within 600 feet of the proposed project requesting 22 licences. ABC regularly denies licenses in this very neighborhood due to proximity.

I encourage the City to require proper crime analysis and consultation with Vice to determine whether even a single new alcohol license should be allowed in an area that already has one of the highest concentration off CUBs in the State.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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