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Subject: Stop or Alter Hollywood Center Project

Dear Mayor Garcetti and City Council,

Thank you for your response to the unrest in the streets. It is much appreciated.

As today is the deadline to respond with concerns regarding the Hollywood Center Project, I am responding despite the unrest.

As residents of Ivar between Yucca and Franklin, my neighbors and I will be negatively affected by the project as currently proposed. It's scale is immense for this area, and my research indicates it will end up costing the citizens money and cause frustrations rather than bringing benefit to the community.

First, there is the issue of traffic. At present it sometimes it takes 20 minutes to drive 5 or 6 blocks down Vine. The 101 freeway (when we are not in quarantine!) is a virtual parking lot for a 1/2 mile each direction off of Cahuenga during rush hour. On Franklin where my building's driveway exits, I have experienced traffic jams at the base of the driveway! The addition of the enormous number of residences intended to be in The Hollywood Center will make driving much worse, and in addition the congestion along with the height of these buildings will trap unhealthy air from exhaust pipes here.

We are likely to see increased health issues, traffic related issues, road rage incidents and the like and these will require MORE policing, more EMT support, MORE road repair. These things cost money publicly and privately. (But will not be paid for the developers who caused the problems...)

Please don't let the enchantment of 100 or so homes for low income seniors trick you into allowing this project to move forward as is. It will be cheaper for the city just to build a single building for those very same seniors than for the city's residents to pay the increased costs associated with this size of development.

As for our neighborhood on Ivar in particular, parking is already very difficult in the area and would become nearly impossible if the staff and patrons of businesses included in the development began driving around looking for a spot our tiny street, which is walking distance from the proposed site. (We are not included in the Hollywood Dell Parking pass group. We are a block of residential buildings, most with not enough parking garages for residents. Already our residents are often forced to circle the neighborhood and night, park up to 1/2 mile or more away from our homes due to this situation. Some of our residents have been mugged on the way home from work at night because of this. (We used to be able to park in Hollywood Dell entry area, but no more.) The Hollywood Center is sure to make these matters worse.

I am also very concerned about the seismic reports done on this project. A building of this size collapsing would turn Hollywood into the likes of NYC on 911. Why would we as risk that on behalf of the profit of private investors?

Lastly, this behemoth development will mar the sight of Capital Records, one of the most iconic buildings in all of Los Angeles.

In short, this project, if built, would make our neighborhood and our surrounding neighborhoods unlivable, unnavigable and potentially dangerous. Hollywood welcomes change, but we expect it to be thoughtful change.

We can do better. Send this group back to the drawing board.

Warm Regards,

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