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Good morning Ms. Nguyen,

It is PASC's pleasure to sign a letter of support for the Hollywood Center Project and attached is that letter.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,

Willis/Greg

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May 12, 2020

TO: Department of Planning, City of Los Angeles
Mindy Nguyen
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FROM: Greg Thompson

Hollywood Center Project - ENV-2018-2116-EIR

Ms. Nguyen,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed Hollywood Center Project.

As a certified Environmental Leadership Development Project (ELDP), Hollywood Center has committed to building a project that is carbon net-neutral both during construction and through operation. Hollywood Center will qualify as a LEED Gold project by providing environmentally sustainable design, including the use of recycled, and locally sourced building materials, a significant reduction in outdoor water use, unbundled parking, and a variety of accessible alternatives to driving. Located 600 feet from the Hollywood and Vine Red Line station, the project is able to build around the use of mass transit, allowing residents, locals and visitors the opportunity to access Hollywood and other parts of Los Angeles without the need for an automobile.

Most important, this project speaks to the city's paramount needs including the need for jobs, housing, and especially affordable housing for older adults. Average monthly income from Social Security alone puts most seniors very close to the federal individual poverty level. Even the maximum benefit -- which is very difficult to obtain -- nets an annual income that is far below the cost of comfortable living in many larger cities.

The World Health Organization has identified Eight Domains of Livability that influence the quality of life for older adults. These domains include: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Transportation, Housing, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment, Communication and Information, Community and Health Services.

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Hollywood Center would provide older adults with access to these domains, by allowing future residents the opportunity to live in a vibrant community that provides access to essential resources such as convenient transportation options, well-designed pedestrian experiences (Vision Zero crosswalks, landscaped medians, outdoor public spaces), and access to world class healthcare all within a short subway ride from their home.

Hollywood's future residents will depend on this project. Just because they are not here now, we cannot ignore their voice. We must not continue to think that the Los Angeles planning of old will be the answer for the problems we will face tomorrow, or even now.

For these reasons I support Hollywood Center, and I urge you to move this project forward without any delay.

Thank you.



Greg Thompson, MSW
Executive Director