

From: Jeff McDonough Music <music4picture@gmail.com>
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To: Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: Hollywood Center

There are no more "unusual circumstances" than a global pandemic with all city offices closed to the public, all council meetings closed to the public, and all neighborhood council meetings closed.

Pretending that is not the case stinks, Mindy, and we can *all* smell it coming from your office.

Regards,
Jeff McDonough

On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 5:53 PM Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

Thank you for your email. Your comments and letter have been received and will be included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center Project EIR. Response to your comments will be provided in the Final EIR, for which you will be notified once available for public review.

Once the Final EIR is released, there will be a public hearing process for the related entitlements, at which time, I would advise that you provide any comments regarding non-CEQA related issues for the decision maker's consideration.

The City has received many requests for an extension of the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR comment period in light of COVID-19. As has been explained to others, per CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, the public review period for a Draft EIR should not be less than 30 days nor should it be longer than 60 days, except under unusual circumstances. While we agree that these are unprecedented times, as indicated in the Notice of Completion and Availability (NOA) for the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR, the Draft EIR, the documents referenced in the Draft EIR, and the whole of the case file, are available for public review on our website at the following location: <https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/eir/hollywood-center-project-1>.

If you are having difficulty accessing the document in any way (i.e. if links are not working or the attachments cannot be viewed), or if you are aware of anyone who has limited access to the document online, we have also offered that the Draft EIR be made available on CD-ROM, USB flash drive or hard copy for anyone who requests one, as we are committed to making the document as accessible as possible from the safety of your own homes, and in compliance with the "Stay at Home" Order.

While we understand that the "Stay at Home" Order prevents neighborhood groups from meeting in person, please be advised that CEQA does not require people to meet and confer on the EIR, and should not preclude anyone from reviewing the EIR and providing comments.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Governor's [Executive Order N-54-20](#), signed April 22, 2020, deadlines for filing, noticing, and posting of CEQA documents with county clerk offices have been suspended for 60 days. However, deadlines for public review and comment periods for CEQA documents, such as for draft EIRs, have not been suspended and the provisions governing public review remain unchanged.

As such, please be advised that, as the Draft EIR remains accessible to all individuals, the comment period will not be extended at this time. We understand your concern regarding this Project, and ask that you let us know if you have any difficulty accessing the Draft EIR or if you need additional accommodations to be able review it offline.

Please also be advised that this is not your only opportunity to comment on the Project, as we continue to collect general public comment at any time throughout the process. This comment period is specifically for any issues or concerns related to the contents of the Draft EIR.

If it would be helpful to schedule a phone call to discuss any specific questions you may have, or to walk you through the logistics of the Draft EIR, please let me know and I will coordinate accordingly.

Regards,

On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 4:58 PM Jeff McDonough Music <music4picture@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Mindy,

So, you really think its ethical to open and close the comment period for this project that was already rejected, during this time when all council meetings are closed to the public? You think its ethical for your office to be both open and closed simultaneously depending on who one is?

I think you're underestimating the growing sentiments of the citizens of this city, especially now that more and more city employee/developer corruption is being revealed and prosecuted, and federal investigations are underway.

https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-13/la-city-hall-corruption-consultant-guilty-plea?utm_source=sfmc_100035609&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=News+Alert:+L.A.+City+Hall+corruption:+Consultant+agrees+to+plead+guilty+in+racketeering+scheme+-+00&utm_term=https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-05-13/la-city-hall-corruption-consultant-guilty-plea&utm_id=6648&sfmc_id=2418629

Sincerely,
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Just a citizen.



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