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Sent time: 05/29/2020 03:05:47 AM
To: Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org
Subject: Re: ENV-2015-2116-EIR Hollywood Center Project

Dear Mindy,

You have still not explained WHY you are refusing to extend public comment even at a minimum to the 60 days. Yes, you have responded to "others", because many others have requested this, and you still have not given an appropriate explanation of why you are being so unreasonably rigid under the present circumstances.
Sincerely,
Sarajane

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From: Mindy Nguyen <Mindy.Nguyen@lacity.org>
To: sschw56079@aol.com
Sent: Tue, May 26, 2020 7:17 pm
Subject: Re: ENV-2015-2116-EIR Hollywood Center Project

Dear Sarajane,

Thank you for your email. Your comments have been received and will be included in the administrative record for the Hollywood Center Project EIR. The City has also received your request, together with other requests, for an extension of the Hollywood Center Project Draft EIR comment period in light of COVID-19.

As 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.

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.

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 Tue, May 26, 2020 at 6:26 PM <sschw56079@aol.com> wrote:

ENV-2015-2116-EIR
Hollywood Center Project

Dear City Planning,

The Homeowners on Beachwood Drive United is joining with almost every other organization in Hollywood in demanding an extension in the public comment period regarding the Hollywood Center Project.

We will be negatively impacted by the enormous increase in traffic, the congestion it will cause, and the inability to evacuate the hills in case of an emergency. For us it is a matter of life and death.

It is extraordinary that under the "unprecedented nature of Covid-19"--your own words-- involving the largest project in Hollywood history with an over 3000 page report from out of town developers with a checkered past--to put it mildly-- the City appears to be ramming and

sneaking this through at his time. It is shocking that at the very least you chose not to mandate an initial 60 day review period.

Not only is following the law mandatory, but also for public officials, the appearance of following the law and being fair and transparent is of the utmost importance.

We are no strangers to litigation and neither are these developers. Currently the Millennium group who is building this project is involved in the largest real estate litigation in the country concerning their "leaning tower of San Francisco". Extra care must be taken here. Why are the interests of constituents and tax payers being ignored while favoring those of shady developers? The FBI has already set up shop in Los Angeles with their successful investigations into corrupt relationships between City officials and developers while citizens' rights were squelched. Is this what is going on here? Under these circumstances the greatest leeway must be given to residents to have the most possible time to examine this extremely flawed project that has been seriously questioned by various state officials as well as those directly impacted.

Under the best of conditions with no Covid this project should have obviously, justly, and appropriately been assigned the maximum comment period of 60 days, which you failed to do. But these are not the best or even usual times. ***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.*** Citizens are locked down in their homes. Citizens are locked out of public buildings. During this once in a century pandemic a proper, fair, and appropriate public comment period cannot occur. If these are not "unusual circumstances" one wonders what is. You are making a mockery of these words. **Not only should the public comment period be extended, but the whole process should be postponed with a new deadline of August 1.**

We cannot state these views more strongly.
We await your response.

Sincerely,
Sarajane Schwartz
Homeowners on Beachwood Drive United

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