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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