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Hello.

I'm forwarding an email received by Vince.

Thank you.

~ Angie



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From: Jill Stewart <jilltepleystewart@gmail.com>
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To: VINCE BERTONI <VINCE.BERTONI@lacity.org>

Hello Vince,

I hope all is well with you. Your transparency newsletter today was nicely written but very disappointing given its lack of transparency about how things are unfolding on the most controversial project on your desk, Hollywood Center, as well as a few other projects I now hear are moving too fast for the public to catch up.

I completely agree with Sean Hecht, at Frank G. Wells Environmental Clinic, who urged you to not follow the path of fast-tracking environmental review times on important projects -- because the public is highly constrained, and there is no getting around that fact. Hecht should know, as he is in the thick of these issues.

I keep getting emails from various Neighborhood Council leaders about how they have urged you to give them more time. How can these highly aware people deal with complex environmental document in any cogent manner when you go for fast-tracking?

It's a bad precedent and I hope you rethink this approach.

Be well,

Jill Stewart