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Hello,

Please find attached a letter on behalf of the Los Angeles LGBT Center supporting the Hollywood Center Project- ENV-2018-2116-EIR. We hope that this project moves forward and can provide desperately needed affordable housing for seniors in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mindy Nguyen,

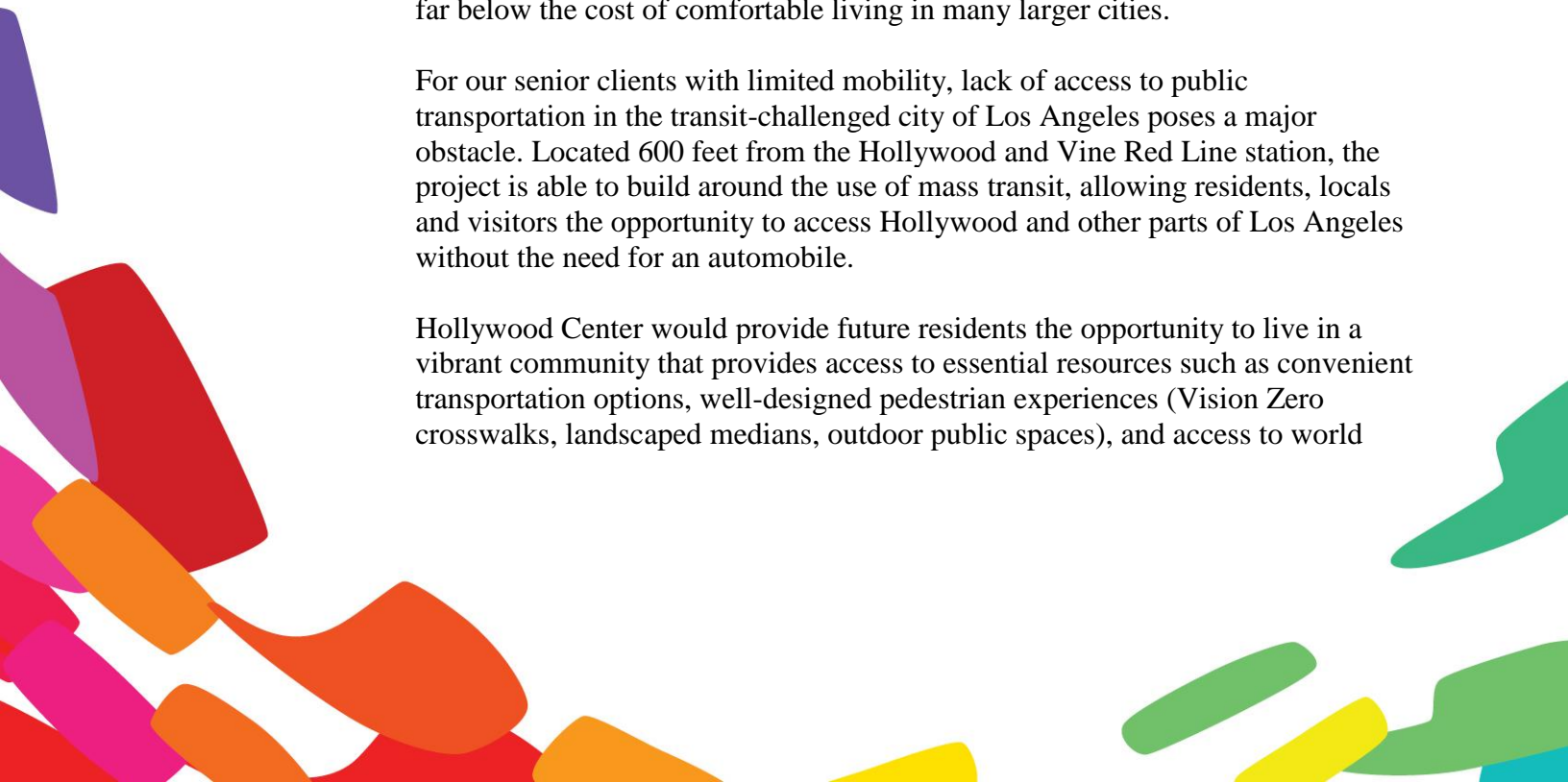
The Los Angeles LGBT Center would like to express its support for the proposed Hollywood Center Project. The proposed Hollywood Center Project would create 133 much-needed affordable units for seniors while also producing market rate units. We believe that the Hollywood Center is an example of development done right.

Since 1969, the Center has served the needs of the most vulnerable members of the LGBT community, and today we see over 42,000 client visits each month. Our organization provides more direct services to the LGBT community than any other organization in the world, and the fastest growing client population at the Center is LGBT seniors. The Center’s Senior Services Department assists more than 2,000 clients, who are currently accessing 200 monthly social activities, workshops, and support groups. Of these clients, over one-third receive specialized case management, including being connected to the Veterans Administration and community services. We operate the nation’s first and one of the largest affordable housing developments specifically for LGBT seniors: Triangle Square in Hollywood, and we are opening up another 98 units at our new Anita May Rosenstein Campus, also located in Hollywood, later this year.

This project speaks to the city’s dire need for 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.

For our senior clients with limited mobility, lack of access to public transportation in the transit-challenged city of Los Angeles poses a major obstacle. 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.

Hollywood Center would provide 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, including LGBT specific healthcare, all within a short subway ride from their home.

We support the Hollywood Center, and urge you to move this project forward without any delay.

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