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re: Draft EIR 2000-3577/L.A. Sports and Entertainment District

Dear Lateef Sholebo:

Pico Union Heights Neighborhood Association is an organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the community of Pico Union. Our neighborhood association boundaries include the Harbor Fwy on the East, Santa Monica Fwy on the South, Normandie Ave. on the West, and Olympic Blvd. on the North. The propose Staple Center expansion will negatively impact our community residents, and the reason for our letter.

Pico Union Heights Neighborhood Association is corresponding to give comments to the draft EIR for the Sports and Entertainment District. We, as an association, are concerned about the proposed project and the negative impact it will have on the residents of Pico Union. The issue of lost affordable housing is not adequately being address. The working class residents of Pico Union will bear the brunt of the environmental and economic burdens, not the mention the increased in traffic flow.


We seriously question the merits of expanding the staples center to an additional 3.75 million square feet. We believe our community residents of Pico Union will not benefit from the expansion and the EIR does not adequately address the loss of affordable housing, environmental concerns, the negative impact of construction such as, noise, air, and water quality.

Therefore, Pico Union Neighborhood Association mandate the following: 1) Final EIR materials be translated into Spanish 2) the city of Los

Angeles must request a full energy analysis to be included in the final EIR 3) The City review and put forth an additional analysis and mitigation measures developed by the Figueroa Corridor Coalition for Economic Justice as to their comments to the Draft EIR. 4) The city of Los Angeles correctly and completely address the significant environmental impacts identified in the draft EIR through mitigation measures that are community developed and community base.

Lastly, it is important that our community of Pico Union not be trample upon by the expansion of the Staple Center. All to often, communities like Pico Union are subjected the negative impacts of such developments. We request that we be place on your community mailing list and that our comments be taken seriously.

Sincerely,


Rudy J. Tenorio de Cordova, President