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Re: Draft EIR 2000 - 3577, District of Sports and Entertainment of Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Sholebo:

I am George Velasquez and I live at
2 blocks from the Staples Center.

Many of my neighbors and I have been meeting with Staples Center executives in search of solution to the problems created since the construction of the current area.

The way things look like at the present time in our neighborhoods, this new project will complicate existing problems, such as:

Crime rate, more violence, air pollution
by the cars, long traffic hours. Vandalism
greater than before

We base these arguments in that so far, the problems created with the construction of the Staples Center have not been solved for the benefit of our community. Without proper Planning for the new project, these problems will worsen.

Some of us requested an extension for the Environmental Impact Report comment period, so we could understand, analyze it, and make better and more assertive comments to this report, which is very technical, hard to understand, and difficult to respond.

Signature: George Velasquez

Date: 2/23/01

cc: Coalition of Economic Justice for the Corridor Figueroa