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Re: The Hollywood Community Plan, its DEIR and its FEIR

City Planning Cases: CPC-2005-6082-CPU, CPC-1997-43-CPU Council Districts 4, 5, and 13

Environmental Case: ENV-2005-2158-EIR

To whom it may concern,

At our November 14<sup>th</sup> 2011 Board meeting, the Hollywood United Neighborhood Council (HUNC) Board unanimously voted to reject the Hollywood Community Plan.

Previously, HUNC had rejected the July 15, 2010 Hollywood Community Plan. The DEIR and FEIR do not address any of the concerns which HUNC raised. Rather the FEIR brushed aside legitimate objections of HUNC and of others who made material objections to the Hollywood Plan.

HUNC represents part of the commercial area of Central Hollywood, e.g. where the one million square foot Millennium Project is proposed. Other possible changes allowed by the proposed Plan could permit the Hollywood Best Western on Franklin Avenue, which is located up against a residential area, to be able to be radically enlarged. The bulk of our stakeholders, however, are residents north of Hollywood Boulevard, especially in Beachwood Canyon, Hollywoodland, The Oaks, The Dell, Franklin Village, the Hollywood-Grove HPOZ. The residents' opposition to the proposed Hollywood Community Plan is near universal.

The Plan has some hollow words about protecting Hollywood's residential areas, but the facts do not support the words. Residential areas cannot maintain their value in the face of horrible traffic congestion, excessive density, and increased crime, reduced fire protection, a deficient and underfunded police force, and a crumbling infra-structure. The condition of the sewer, gas, electric and water lines are very poor and are in need of long-deferred repair and replacement, as are our streets. The erosion of the city's tax base by the CRA/LA harms everyone including residents in the Hills.

The Plan only aggravates the problems which are already causing Hollywood to deteriorate. A traffic study will not be conducted until AFTER the Plan is adopted. That is unacceptable. Our stakeholders, however, know that the 101 Freeway and the streets are already beyond capacity and there is no way to mitigate the increased traffic. The FEIR itself admits this fact, but it leaves the residents of the Hills all of whom depend upon cars, with no remedy.

The Hollywood Community Plan is not only based on out-of-date statistics from 2000 and a guestimate from 2005, it is also based on a premise which HUNC and its stakeholders soundly reject -- to wit, that Hollywood should become a cramped vertical city.

For these reasons, HUNC completely rejects the Hollywood Community Plan, its DEIR and its FEIR. The entire process needs to begin anew with due regard for the law and the concerns and needs of Stakeholders who live in Hollywood.

Very truly yours, David Schlesinger\* Chair, Hollywood United Planning, Land Use and Management (PLUM) Committee

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