

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS. INC.





The Honorable Jose Huizar Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee Los Angeles City Council 200 N. Spring Street, Room 465 Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Chairman Huizar:

As you may be aware, last week the Association of Independent Commercial Producers, Motion Picture Association of America, and Teamsters Local 399 met with representatives from FilmLA, the Departments of Transportation (DOT) and Planning, Mayor Garcetti's office, and Council Districts 9 and 14 to discuss the impacts to filming under the latest mitigation plan for the My Figueroa project.

At that meeting, DOT confirmed that closures for filming activity will be allowed in the buffered bike lanes, cycle tracks, and parking lanes, as well as regular traffic lanes, along the corridor.

We also discussed the feasibility of installing rubberized cycle track barriers that are removable, which would make the full cycle track and parking lane accessible during filming. Since our meeting, DOT has confirmed that the cycle track barriers will indeed be removable.

The loss of surface lots downtown, coupled with a number of area streetscaping projects, has severely limited available parking for motion picture production vehicles. We remain concerned that fewer and fewer streets downtown will be available for lane closures and essential equipment staging for filming. To that end, DOT and Planning also committed to regular meetings with film industry stakeholders to discuss ongoing downtown filming and street closure issues. We ask that a formal working group be created to deal with these issues.

We look forward to working with the Committee on the implementation of the My Figueroa project, and any mitigation measures that may be taken to accommodate filming along the corridor.

Sincerely,

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