Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose CGI Strategies' Wilshire/ La Brea project. Los Angeles' affordable housing crisis continues to worsen. That's why I am concerned about yet another luxury hotel in the area right next to our future metro stop when it could better be used as a genuine housing project with more desperately needed affordable housing units. The area needs more housing (particularly affordable housing), and the City should not forgo this opportunity to demand as much as housing possible at this unique site. I am also concerned that the environmental review process for the project is being rushed. I have been unable to locate the Project's environmental website on the City Planning's website for published environmental documents (https://planning.lacity.org/development-services/environmental-review/published-documents). Additionally, I am concerned that the City's Planning Land Use Committee is considering the environmental documents ahead of the Zoning Administrator's approvals on the actual project itself. So too, I am concerned that the mitigations proposed on energy, water, and climate change are too speculative. Please oppose the hotel portion of this project (the Conditional Use Permit and its environmental review) so we can maximize housing, and particularly the affordable housing we need. Regards, Concerned LA Resident

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda Fabian
Date Submitted: 01/23/2020 08:29 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Michelle Carter, I am writing with concern about the proposed hotel/housing project at Wilshire & La Brea. The project's environmental review is being rushed ahead of approvals for the actual project, denying our community the ability to ensure the project will really be sustainable and mitigate its effects on traffic, energy, climate change, and water use. Additionally, the project misuses the TOC program that was intended to create more housing, including more affordable housing. This is self-evident by other TOC projects in the City, which either propose housing exclusively, or contain only a small portion of retail use (e.g., minor local-serving retail on the ground floor). Here, however, the project includes an 8-story, 125-room luxury hotel on land adjacent to the future Metro stop, which would be better used to provide housing—as intended under the clear purpose of the City's TOC program. I urge that the PLUM Committee to halt approvals of any environmental review until the City has reviewed the underlying project and ensure our affordable housing programs create actual housing, not luxury hotels. Amanda Fabian mandy@mandyfabian.com 4504 Stern Ave Sherman Oaks, California 91423

1/21/20

Dear Michelle:

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Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

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