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Don't Rush Environmental Review: 623-671 S. La Brea (CF #19-1533, ZA-2019-1744, VTT-82618, ENV-2019-1736)

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PLUM Committee Members,

I am writing with concern about the proposed hotel/housing project at [639 S. La Brea Ave](#). 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.

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