

Item #15 CAMELL HANA



American Federation of Musicians LOCAL 47

of the United States and Canada, AFL-CIO/CLC



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Item No. 15
Deputy: D. L. W.

Re: **Re CF 24-0290**

Dear Planning Commissioners,

We are writing to you today on behalf of the 5,500 members of the American Federation Of Musicians Local 47, AFL-CIO.

We are writing to emphasize that your City Council decision on this case is critical to the continued existence of Sound Factory-- an important recording studio employer and music industry stalwart. We ask you to resolve the problems.

Our union represents musicians whose livelihood has centered around Hollywood, and our industry has made Hollywood the "Sound Capitol of the World". Musicians from Michael Jackson, Elton John, Buddy Guy, Marvin Gaye to Dua Lipa recorded at Sound Factory.

2 years of loud construction will literally put a top facility out of business. In this case, the City Planning Department has required that massive numbers of very loud dump trucks (over 11,000) drive right past these studios every 2 minutes for 2 – 3 months. This Haul Route requirement is one of a number of errors that surprisingly have gotten this far. They can easily go another way. Other noise and vibration is expected as well.

Please do what is needed to solve the construction noise. Sound Factory has had to hire a top expert in construction acoustics and hire lawyers to appeal to you. City documents say this damage is "unavoidable". In our industry we know this cannot be sustainable.

Sound Factory is one of only a few remaining in-operation studios in Los Angeles from the 1960's era and we urge you to ensure that that heritage stays intact through this development so that future musicians in our union and the music community at large can still work in Hollywood.

<https://planning.lacity.org/eir/ArtisanHollywood/feir/>

Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter.

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