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Re: Millennium Hollywood Project; Council File Nos. 13-0593 and 13-0593-S1

Dear Hon. Council President Wesson and Ms. Lagmay:

Please see attached July 20, 2013 letter from California State Geologist Dr. John Parrish. The critical Alquist-Priolo study that the State has now commenced should cause the City Council to cancel its currently-scheduled July 24, 2013 hearing on the Millennium Hollywood project entitlements and EIR until such time as the State has completed its investigation. Dr. Parrish's letter further corroborates the grave concerns we have already identified regarding the inadequacy and insufficiency of the EIR. The State was sufficiently alarmed by the City's actions to date that it has commenced this investigation. This implicates mandatory CEQA disclosure requirements. At a minimum, this new information must be incorporated into a revised and recirculated Draft EIR for the project.

Please ensure that this letter and the attachment are included in the administrative record for the Millennium Hollywood project. Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ROBERT P. SILVERSTEIN

FOR

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Attachment

cc: Hon. Eric Garcetti, Mayor
Hon. Mitch O'Farrell, Councilman

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Hon. Gilbert Cedillo, Councilman
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Re: Commencement of Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone Study, Hollywood Fault Zone
Millennium Hollywood Project; EIR No. ENV-2011-0675-EIR

Dear Council President Wesson:

The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act (Public Resources Code, Division 2, Chapter 7.5, Sections 2621 *et seq.*) requires the State Geologist to place Earthquake Fault Zones around faults deemed to be sufficiently active and well-defined. Under this Act, cities and counties affected by the zones must regulate certain development projects within the zones. They must withhold development permits for sites within the zones until geologic investigations demonstrate that the sites are not threatened by surface displacement from future faulting.

Based on a number of independent geological investigations, and recent work by the California Geological Survey (CGS) culminating in the *2010 Fault Activity Map of California*, CGS has commenced a detailed study of the Hollywood Fault and its associated splay faults for possible zoning as "Active" (as defined by the State Mining and Geology Board in the California Code of Regulations, Section 3601(a)) pursuant to the Alquist-Priolo Act. This investigation and resultant maps and reports are scheduled for completion by the end of this year or early in 2014.

It is our understanding that the Los Angeles City Council and the Planning Commission are in the process of reviewing plans for the prospective Millennium Hollywood Project, which may fall within an Earthquake Fault Zone should our investigations conclude that an active portion of the Hollywood Fault lies within the project site. If sufficient information results in the placement of an Earthquake Fault Zone, it will provide the City with new information for its consideration of current and future proposed developments all along the Hollywood Fault.

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Results of this investigation will be provided to the City of Los Angeles immediately upon their release, and the City will have an opportunity to examine and comment on the Preliminary version of the maps and reports. Please do not hesitate to contact the CGS at any time if you have questions regarding this fault-zoning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John G. Parrish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" that extends to the left.

John G. Parrish, Ph. D., PG
State Geologist