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May 21, 2013

Michael LoGrande, Director Los Angeles City Planning Department 201 N. Figueroa Street #4 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CPC-2008-3440-VZC-CUB-CU-ZY-HD (Proposed Millennium Project Hollywood)

CEQA: ENV-2011-675-EIR

Dear Mr. LoGrande;

At its publicly noticed, regularly scheduled May 8, 2013 meeting, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council's (GGPNC) Planning, Zoning and Historic Preservation Committee (PZHP) agreed by consensus to submit this letter to the Los Angeles Planning Dept and City officials stating opposition to the Millennium Project as it stands now. At its regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on May 21, 2013, the GGPNC agreed by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions to submit this letter.

The GGPNC is in opposition to the proposed heights of over 50 stories and Floor Area Ratio (FAR) being changed from the present 4.5:1 to 6:1. This project should be in compliance with the historic area where there are no buildings higher than 22 stories.

We believe that the traffic study included in the Final EIR is flawed, as does Caltrans, and that the amount of increased traffic to and from the site is underestimated. This will leave the congestion at the Franklin and Argyle, and the Franklin and Cahuenga intersections unmitigatable, exceeding LADOT maximum capacity for these intersections. This will cause a huge influx of traffic into our Neighborhood and on our main arteries of Franklin, Los Feliz and Hollywood Boulevard, as well as our North/ South bound streets of Western, Vermont and Hillhurst. These streets are impacted heavily now and when all the projects in Hollywood come on board the traffic will be impossible.

We request that prior to the PLUM Committee and the City Council's issuing any approval regarding the Millennium Project that the City Council consider the proposed Project's impacts to the surrounding Hollywood area and adjacent hillside communities by reducing the heights and density of the project as described above. We cannot support the project in its current form.

Sincerely,

Linda Demmers, President of GGPNC

By Gary Khanjian, Chair of PZHPC

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cc: LoGrande, Michael, Director Los Angeles City Planning Department City Councilmembers (all)