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Re: CPC-2016-3692-VZC-MCUP-SPR; ENV-2016-3693-MND; VTT-74602; Council file No. of 20-0894 and 20-0894-S1

Dear Mr. Luna,

On behalf of Central Plaza, LLC, the applicant, we respectfully request the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management Committee grant a continuance for the City of Los Angeles (the "City") to act on the aforementioned matter to February 1, 2021. The purpose of the request is to provide the applicant additional time to work with community stakeholders.

When the applicant submitted the entitlement application to the City, the City, based on the preparation of an initial study and using its independent judgment, determined that the City should prepare a mitigated negative declaration (the "MND") to analyze the proposed project's potential environmental impacts. Thereafter, the applicant's environmental consultant, working with City staff, prepared a MND that the City circulated for public comment. In response to public comments, the applicant worked with City staff to prepare responses to each comment. The MND's analysis demonstrates that under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the proposed project would not result in any significant impacts to the environment.

The determination of whether a lead agency should prepare a MND or an environmental impact report ("EIR") is a legal determination, and based on quantitative CEQA requirements, the applicant continues to support the City's position that a MND is the appropriate level of CEQA review for the proposed project. However, certain members of the community believe that the City should have prepared an EIR.

While we disagree with this belief, as an active member of the community, we would like to take the opportunity to meet with community stakeholders to continue discussing their concerns, including the appropriate type of CEQA review.

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Therefore, we respectfully request this matter be continued to a date uncertain to provide the applicant this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Edgar Khalatian  
Partner

cc: Central Plaza, LLC