

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please see the attached letter from the Sierra Club in opposition to the approval of the Olympic Tower Project, as not compliant with CEQA, among other things. Warmly, Barbara Hensleigh Chair, Central Group (Los Angeles) Angeles Chapter Sierra Club



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Dear members of the PLUM Committee,

I am writing to express our concern about the failure of the Olympic Tower Project to comply with CEQA.

Among other things, the Greenhouse Gas analysis contained in the Project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) fails to comply with CEQA Guidelines. Specifically, the GHG plans relied upon in the EIR lack binding, project-specific requirements. Despite the Project's GHG emissions exceeding thresholds routinely used by the City for other projects, the City erroneously refuses to apply the same thresholds now to this project.

Just as importantly – as our most vulnerable residents are facing an eviction crisis and the compounding effects of climate change, the last thing our city should be incentivizing is a new development that lacks any affordable units.

Given the insufficient Greenhouse Gas emissions analysis for this project, we urge the PLUM Committee not to approve the Olympic Tower Project. The project should return to the drawing table, with a requirement that it comply with CEQA.

Respectfully Submitted,

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