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Thu, Oct 5, 2023 at 7:02 AM

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded The Rendon Hotel Project CF: 22-1162

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson

Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee

200 N. Main St., Room 450

Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: The Rendon Hotel // CF: 22-1162

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Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Dean Veca

Artist

Participant in the "Hidden Rooms" exhibition at The Rendon

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City of Los Angeles

City Hall

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear Honorable Chair Harris-Dawson,

I have had the privilege of being one of the leaders of the DTLA Renaissance since 1994. My LinkedIn bio is below my signature block.

I'm a firm believer that "less is more" when it comes to public comment on projects.

The Rendon Hotel Project is a terrific project that I have been supporting for many, many years.

Any other developer would have given up because of the length of time this process has dragged on, but Ralph Ziman and Maria Greenshields-Ziman have persevered and provided more community benefits than I've ever seen in my forty year career in real estate.

Please approve this project, which will be one of the "Crown Jewels" of DTLA and our entire city.

Sincerely,

Hal Bastian, President

Hal Bastian Inc.

Hal Bastian, Executive Managing Director

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Hal Bastian is 40-year commercial real estate professional, who has spent over 29 years helping to create the Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA) Renaissance.

He is the Executive Managing Director of Amalgamated Metropolitan Properties, Inc, where he focuses on retail, restaurant and office space brokerage. Recently, he added residential real estate services to his practice.

In June of 2022, Hal was retained as an independent contractor by The Midnight Mission to be its Corporate & Major Gift Consultant to do fundraising outreach in the DTLA community.

Hal also offers the following services through Hal Bastian Inc., which he began in October of 2014:

-Consulting Services, including any kind of project or advocacy in DTLA, which Hal can do personally or in association with one of thousands of people he knows in every kind of industry;

-Specialty DTLA tours for all kinds of audiences, including real estate developers, investors, bankers, convention and affinity groups, as well as employee team building; and

-Video Content, in collaboration with Ryan Morris (who produced California Gold for Huell Howser), for websites, social media, personal profiles and histories, as well as their video show, "What's Up, Downtown?" which can be seen on YouTube or at halbastian.com.

From December of 2001 to September of 2014, Hal was the Director of Economic Development for the Downtown Center Business Improvement District (DCBID) and became its Executive Vice President.

Some of his accomplishments at the DCBID included: facilitating the building of over 22,000 housing units; leading tours and producing special events that recruited thousands of new residents and resulted in the construction of dozens of new commercial and mixed-use developments; and recruiting over 300 new businesses, including Ralphs Fresh Fare, Bottega Louie and Whole Foods.

In 1994, he joined Cushman & Wakefield in DTLA and before joining the DCBID, Hal served as the leasing director of The Old Bank District, the first adaptive reuse loft apartment project in DTLA, where he popularized a dog friendly Downtown, with the help of his Golden Retriever, Buddy. In 1983, Hal began his career as an office space and retail broker at Julien J. Studley, Inc.

Hal, fondly referred to by many as "Mr Downtown and the "Mayor of Downtown," lives in DTLA, two blocks south of City Hall, with his faithful DTLA rescue dog, Lucky.

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Respectfully submitted,

Voltaire Menezes
President



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Dear Honorable Chair,

I am a Los Angeles based film, television and mural producer and I had the distinct pleasure of representing Artists 4 Israel (a local non-profit) to work with The Rendon on a large-scale mural project that honors a *Righteous Among the Nation* recipient.

The mural, which was hosted and supported by The Rendon, continues to beautify the neighborhood while spreading the message to stand up against hate, discrimination and anti-semitism. I can attest to Ralph Ziman, Maria Greenshields-Ziman, and the entire Rendon staff's dedication to elevate the neighborhood on many fronts. Their generosity and goodwill, both with the space to host the mural and the space to house our fundraising event were the major factors in making our project so successful.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Los Angeles based film, video, and mural Producer
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: The Rendon Hotel // CF: 22-1162

Dear Honorable Chair,

My name is Sam Richardson and I am writing to you all in support of the Rendon Hotel project. Ralph and Maria Ziman are longtime friends, wonderful neighbors, and selfless beneficiaries to the community. Every individual you speak to about the Ziman's knows the amount of passion they hold for the arts, as well as the neverending efforts they contribute to the communities around them. The Rendon Hotel not only displays their compassion for Los Angeles as a whole, but the lengths they are willing to go to in order to produce a more integrated community in the Arts District. The numerous fundraisers the Ziman's have held, all in support of art organizations, have raised over \$138,000 for groups such as Cornerstone Theater Company, Inner-City Arts, the Brady Campaign, and Art Share LA. These actions were only the beginning in the Ziman's charitable work for the community, and a permanent location, such as the Rendon Hotel, would create a safe haven for both artists and residents within the Arts District. I have full confidence that they will be able to advance their goals of supporting equitable arts education and ensuring arts institutions have the financial stability to operate for years to come. The Rendon is an

evident example of communal integration, and with support from Ziman's, there is no doubt that a successful institution could represent Los Angeles in the greatest light. I hope my words have made an impact on your decision, and thank you all for your time and consideration while reading this.

Respectfully,

Sam Richardson

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RE: The Rendon Hotel // CF: 22-1162

Dear Honorable Chair,

My name is Raphael Itten and I am writing to share my support for the Rendon Hotel project.

I am a close friend of Ralph and Maria Ziman. We were introduced through making art in Los Angeles. From the beginning of our friendship, I felt passion and support from the Zimans. I've been following their commitment to the LA art scene where they provide a haven for local and international artists - creating much needed space & support for creativity.

These days creativity is often used for a commercial use / outcome - we can see this in the dynamic change of Downtown Los Angeles. As we strive for harmony, there must be space for honest, direct, and real art. We can't create what we feel if the only urge to create is economically driven. To see Ralph & Maria Ziman creating such an ambitious and beautiful project - is touching to me in many ways, from the architectural and historical standpoint to the ideology behind.

I'm humbled that I have already been part of the Artist in Residency program, provided by Art at the Rendon, which helped me to paint a huge mural and provided me a place to stay with my family. Through the support of the Zimans, I've been able to create with artistic freedom, a dream for any artist.

I'm more than confident with the project being approved, it will be great and a needed addition to the Los Angeles (art) community. It will also ensure that Los Angeles is and will stay a magnet for culture globally - for now and many years to come.

In a world led by technical revolutions, fear of losing jobs to a machine is omnipresent, we must consider that creativity itself is often the key to many issues in the world.

The courage of Ralph & Maria Ziman to support creativity at this level is highly respected.

I sincerely hope that you support this outstanding project.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter of support.

Raphael Grischa Itten

Artist

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RE: The Rendon Hotel Support Letter / 2053-2055 E. 7 th St

Dear Honorable Chair,

My name is Naeiri Petrosian, and **I am writing you to express my support for the Rendon Hotel project.**

Being an architect and a builder, I have robust memories of visiting downtown LA and spherically the Art's Distric with my friends as a curious, creative young adult. Now years later I have had the opportunity to not just work in but also build in Downtown LA. A city that, as an immigrant kid, had given so many opportunities to my personal and professional growth. As a multicultural hub of creative souls and artists, the Art's District is an essential environment for the community to gather in. Hence we need more projects like the Rendon Hotel and more true passionate developers like Ralph and Maria Ziman to provide these spaces.

As a Contractor I have had the opportunity to work on renovating many historic buildings downtown to include gathering spaces for the creative community and what The Rendon Hotel proposes is a guaranteed welcoming space for people of all kinds to join for sharing and uplifting events. The neighborhood has also grown tremendously in the past decade and as you know it will keep attracting folks to both visit and stay in the Art's District.

As part of the Advisory Board for ULI and the a+d museum, I've been part of many discussions on how downtown and specifically Art's District has been a focus point on opportunity for growth and experiencing part of our city where it's unique to its creative fabric. Not just the design but the reasoning for the Rendon Hotel is fundamental for this neighborhood and it will also create many opportunities for job creation that is tangible in this era of sometimes greedy developers prioritizing their mission vs. the community's needs.

The need for a thoughtfully designed space with the ture mission to elevate the local artists and showcase visitor's what really LA is made out of is something that I have never seen before. I support this project wholeheartedly and

ask you to please do the same.

Respectfully,
Naeiri

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Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: ENV-2017-4735-MND Support Letter

Dear Honorable Chair,

My name is Allison Bloss Normandin and I fully support the Rendon Hotel project.

I live and own a business in The Arts District. The Arts District is a vibrant, growing, and exciting place to live and as a destination. Whether it stems from the new Metro Regional Connector, the completion of the 6th Street Viaduct, or the numerous businesses arriving in the neighborhood, the Arts District is cementing itself as a destination for commerce, creativity, and culture in Los Angeles.

Over the next decade, visitors from all over the world will be arriving in our city for the World Cup in 2026 and the Summer Olympics in 2028, among other major events. The Arts District will attract many tourists who want to experience all the amazing opportunities that the neighborhood has to offer. As a result, I want to make sure that individuals have a chance to not only stay in the Arts District but also experience what it is like to live in the community. The Rendon Hotel project will do just that. Developed by local artists Ralph and Maria Ziman, the proposed hotel will include art studios, gallery space, and an artist-in-residency program, while also playing host to fundraisers supporting the arts. This hotel will immerse visitors in the cultural fabric that makes the Arts District so special.

Living here for over 10 years, new developments have often ignored the creative spirit of the neighborhood. I think a project by artists is vital to keeping this neighborhood an "Arts District".

The Rendon Hotel will respond to a critical desire for lodging and cultural amenities in the Downtown area. This project will generate countless vital jobs, provide opportunities for local artists, and foster a genuine center for the arts in Downtown. As a DTLA stakeholder, I am excited by what this project has to offer. Please support the continued revitalization of the Downtown LA area and fostering of the creative arts in Los Angeles.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Bloss Normandin

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Subject: Public Comments Not Uploaded The Rendon Hotel // 2053-2055 E. 7th St

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson

Chair, Planning and Land Use Management Committee

200 N. Main St., Room 450

Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: The Rendon Hotel // 2053-2055 E. 7th St

Dear Honorable Chair,

My name is Justin Connolly and I am writing to share my support for the Rendon Hotel project.

As neighbor and thirty year friend of Ralph and Maria Ziman, I know firsthand how passionate they are about art and the arts community in Los Angeles. This project is the ultimate demonstration of their long-term commitment to supporting the Arts District. In addition to their own artistic careers, they have organized numerous fundraisers for community-based art organizations in Los Angeles, which I have attended. These Art At The Rendon events have raised over \$138,000 for organizations such as Inner-City Arts, Cornerstone Theater Company, the Brady Campaign, Institute of Contemporary Art Los Angeles (ICA LA), and Art Share L.A.. Knowing Maria and Ralph, these efforts are just the beginning.

In addition to the arts community, they are engaged in other philanthropic endeavors around the world, including their support for Human Rights Watch where I directed the organization's efforts in Los Angeles. They are smart, socially conscious people with a fine appreciation for the public good.

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Thank you and please approve the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Connolly

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