

Communication from Public

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VIA EMAIL & ONLINE:

Honorable Planning Land Use Management Committee
c/o Holly L. Wolcott, City Clerk (CityClerk@lacity.org)
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RE: Items 12, 13, 14 on PLUM Hearing Scheduled October 17, 2023 (Council File Nos. 22-1162, 22-1162-S1 & 22-1162-S2); UNITE HERE Local 11 Withdrawal of Appeals and Opposition; El Sol Project (719-725 E. 5th St.) & Rendon Hotel Project (2053 E. 7th St.)

Dear Honorable Planning and Land Use Management (“PLUM”) Committee:

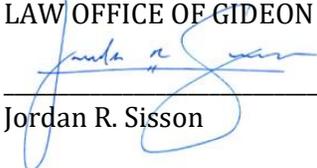
This office represents UNITE HERE Local 11 (“**Local 11**”), which submitted various comment letters and appeals to the City of Los Angeles raising zoning and environmental concerns over the proposed 103-room hotel development at the former Rendon Hotel and its proposed replacement plan of 42 affordable housing units at the former El Sol Hotel, both within the downtown Los Angeles area (collectively “**Projects**”). Local 11’s concerns included but were not limited to the Projects’ compliance with local zoning rules and various environmental concerns, such as housing, vehicle miles traveled, and compliance with applicable rules governing Single-Room Occupancy (“**SRO**”).

The parties have reached a settlement, and Local 11 hereby withdraws its appeals and no longer opposes the above-referenced Projects. Pursuant to an agreement between the parties, the developer has agreed to undertake additional measures that address Local 11’s zoning/ environmental concerns by encouraging and enabling qualified local workers, who would otherwise commute longer distances to downtown, to live near their workplaces. These measures will encourage a reduction of vehicle miles traveled and associated air emissions by helping to increase the number of workers who live and work onsite and/or in the downtown core where the Projects are located—making the housing project much more effective in creating a livable community.

Local 11 believes that this was made possible, in part, by the collective efforts/advocacy of the public and Local 11.

Sincerely,

LAW OFFICE OF GIDEON KRACOV



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