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Re: Crossroads Hollywood Project Case No: ENV – 2015-2026 - EIR

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Dear Mr. Huerta --

I have lived in Hollywood (90046) since 1990. A long time, in other words. I come from NY, where I happily lived on the 21st floor of an apartment building, so I have no inherent objection to high-rises.

I understand that Mayor Garcetti and sever council members never met a developer, or a giant development, that they didn't instantly adore, but the line must be drawn somewhere.

In Los Angeles, skyscrapers belong downtown. There is a long history of skyscrapers in that area, and an infrastructure in place (at least to a degree) to accommodate them. They look great, and everybody is used to them.

But Hollywood, West Hollywood, and most other Los Angeles neighborhoods are mixed-use residential neighborhoods with a well-established tradition; "skyscrapers" around here top out at 12 stories, and frankly we have more of them than we can use.

It's great that the city is building more underground metro lines, and perhaps some day when all the lines are built, and a person really could get from "here to there" without a car, we can consider significantly increasing density.

But at this point, especially with all the construction that's been plaguing Hollywood, the last thing we need is increased density, especially in the form of eyesore megastructures that would radically alter the look, feel, living experience, and every other conceivable aspect of the neighborhoods in which they are planted.

There's a lot of talk about "affordable housing", as though every single person who would like to move to Los Angeles has an inalienable right to do so. This is a debatable point, but regardless, the solution cannot be traffic-clogging, environment-destroying, people-stacking eyesores that forever ruin the "city" of Hollywood.

I stand with all the many, many citizens and businesses who strongly oppose this project. Between the residents and the tourists, the neighborhood is crowded enough.

sincerely,
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