June 19, 2018

Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
State Clearing House
Scott Morgan, Director
1400 Tenth Street, Room 117
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for the ELDP Application by MCAF Vine, LLC
State Clearing House Tracking No. 2018051002; Hollywood Center Project

Youth Policy Institute (YPI) is proud to support the Hollywood Center’s application to be considered as an Environmental Lead Development Project (ELDP). For more than 30 years, YPI has been using a holistic approach to reducing poverty and ensuring individuals have access to critical amenities such as education, technology services, and of course housing. These factors, along with access to prevailing wage jobs, are empowering to any community throughout the world.

As an ELDP project, Hollywood Center will meet the standard of what development should be in the 21st century – GHG neutral and capitalizing on our city’s growing public transportation network. The project will also create nearly 7,500 full and part-time construction jobs, and over 900 permanent jobs upon completion. These employment opportunities will offer both our young adults, and larger community, access to living-wage jobs that will provide them with strong work experience and highly-transferable skills they can use throughout their careers.

The ELDP certification is one that all developments should absolutely strive for. The Hollywood Center’s commitment to exceed the required ELDP investment level, speaks volumes to their belief in our local community and their understanding that housing is a true need for Los Angeles’ future. The ELDP program was created to ensure that developments
like this, which truly consider a community’s needs, are not stifled or stalled by delays in judicial review. We commend the Governor for creating a program that helps to ensure that both jobs and environmentally friendly projects are given an opportunity to thrive in areas where they are most needed. We ask that you please certify this project for the good of our community today and our youth tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Youth Policy Institute