Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing to voice my strong objection to the Hollywood Center Project and ask that you consider the significant omissions and misstatements in the application for approval as an Environmental Leadership Development Project.

There are several very concerning omissions in the developer’s application. Most pronounced is the fact that the proposed project is sited astride the Hollywood Fault Zone and the 7.0 magnitude active Hollywood Earthquake Fault, as officially Alquist-Priolo mapped by the State of California. Any construction of an occupied building across this fault is unsafe folly.

In 2015, a judge in Los Angeles rejected an earlier version of this project, called the Millennium Hollywood. That project faced serious concerns from the California Geological Survey and Caltrans. Both questioned the project’s impacts on public health, safety and welfare. The other concern was the harmful impacts the project would have on the 101 Freeway’s mainline and ramps.

The current proposal would place an even larger skyscraper on the Alquist-Priol Earthquake fault, and cause immense harmful traffic.

I would also like to remind you that the developer, Millennium Partners, is the same developer responsible for the faulty construction of a residential tower in San Francisco that has gained notoriety because it is sinking and leaning. This disaster was widely exposed by the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and CBS TV’s “60 Minutes.” That alone should cause significant pause in your review of the ELDP application.

But it is the physical dangers presented by this latest project – which would potentially endanger the lives of thousands who would live, work in and visit the site daily. In this regard, I am pleading with you, for the public good and your legacy, to reject the ELDP application for the Hollywood Center project.

Finally, if the developer actually moves forward with the project following its prior legal defeat, it should be required to do so with no special privileges. Just as Millennium in San Francisco grossly misrepresented its building safety and geological work, it has repeatedly made false and misleading statements about the alleged lack of an active earthquake fault through the Hollywood site.

I respectfully ask that you deny the ELPD for the Hollywood Center Project.

Sincerely,

Justine Schmidt