

February 16, 2016

Honorable Mayor Terry Tornek  
Honorable Council Members  
City of Pasadena  
100 North Garfield Ave., Room 235  
Pasadena, CA 91105

**RE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR THE ARROYO SECO MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL**

Dear Mayor Tornek and Council Members:

I write in my capacity as Chair of the Planning Commission on behalf of my fellow Planning Commissioners. The Planning Commission appreciated the opportunity to review and discuss the Draft EIR for the Arroyo Seco Music and Arts Festival at its February 10, 2016 meeting. The Commission provided the following comments and recommendations regarding the DEIR, and approved four motions expressing the Commission's recommendations regarding the City's review of the proposed Arroyo Seco Music and Arts Festival (Project):

- The City should disclose to the public the proposed License Agreement with AEG at least 45 days prior to the final City Council vote on the Project.
- The City should disclose to the public any proposed Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC) at least 45 days before a final City Council vote on the Project, including economic impact studies supporting the SOC.
- The City Council should create an Environmental Impacts Stakeholders Committee (Committee). The Committee would be advisory to the Council and include representatives from AEG, the RBOC, and adjacent neighborhood organizations, and would be responsible for:
  - a. Developing the proposed Transportation Report Card;
  - b. Drafting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding impacts and mitigations for the Project, similar to the MOU created for the Rose Bowl renovation project;
  - c. Monitoring the implementation of proposed Project mitigation measures; evaluating the efficacy of these measures following the first annual festival; and if necessary, recommending additional mitigation measures for future festivals.
- The Planning Commission be able to review the Project EIR after City Staff has responded in writing to public comments on the DEIR. This would enable the Commission to make advisory comments on the Final EIR and advisory findings as to whether the Project is consistent with the General Plan and other applicable land use plans. The Commission asks the removal of all references to the NFL from the EIR and from the Arroyo Seco Public Lands Ordinance.

The Planning Commission appreciates your consideration of these items, and will be pleased to respond to questions or further discussion regarding these recommendations.

Respectfully,

/s/ Mic Hansen  
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Chair  
City of Pasadena Planning Commission