

Communication from Public

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Honorable Mitch O'Farrell
Los Angeles City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilmember O'Farrell,

As a large owner and operator of studio and office property in Hollywood, I am writing to communicate Hudson Pacific's strong support for reopening the Hollywood Recreation Center facility at 1222 Cole Avenue (Cole Recreation Shelter) as interim housing for people experiencing homelessness. We recognize that the pandemic has made an already difficult situation even more challenging for many of these individuals, and the increasing number of people experiencing homelessness deserve safe shelter options – now more than ever.

Not only is it the right thing to do to provide shelter for the homeless community, but it will also help the local economy at time when we so desperately need to encourage economic activity. Reducing the number of people living on the streets of Hollywood will help restaurants and businesses reopen and will make patrons and employees feel safer resuming more pre-COVID activities. As our many tenants in Hollywood weigh bringing thousands of employees back into their offices, the homelessness issue will be an important calculus in that decision-making process.

In short, reopening the Cole Recreation Shelter and keeping the streets surrounding Hollywood studio and office buildings clean and safe will go a long way in aiding our economic recovery.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Natalie Tear'.

Natalie Tear
VP, Sustainability and Social Impact
Hudson Pacific Properties