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Comments for Public Posting: The city of LA, the workers, the residents, the small business owners, the constituents all desperately need this motion to pass. The local film industry is dying, and with it the economy of LA is dying. Another restaurant on my block closed today because it has lost the foot traffic it used to have from film productions and from local resident film workers who used to have money to spend at the restaurant. It feels like one or more/week has the same story these days. Another prop house closed. Our neighborhoods are less safe because of businesses having to close left and right due to a struggling local film industry. Our neighbors are less safe because they are losing their healthcare left and right due to a struggling local film industry. The solution is fairly simple: in addition to the state incentives, we NEED these local reforms. It is too hard and too expensive to film here because of the dysfunctional permit system, cumbersome regulations, HOA extortion of low budget independent films that can't possibly pay these extortion fees, and too high permit fees to begin with. We need this motion yesterday, or production will continue to flee to other states and countries. It's critical. It's dire. The evidence is all around you. The selfishness and short-sightedness of a few cranky neighbors and an overpriced and dysfunctional permit vendor should not take priority over the tens of thousands of tax paying film workers in this city, small businesses, constituents, and entire local economy who are begging for your help. Thank you.