

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Please Protect Downtown Residents — Oppose the Survey Exemption in the "Keep Hollywood Home" Motion Council File Number 25-1509-S1 Dear Councilmembers, I am a Downtown Los Angeles resident and homeowner of 20 years writing to urge you to oppose certain proposed provisions in of the "Keep Hollywood Home" package; specifically clauses 1.a.i., 1.a.ii., 1.a.iii and Clause 2, which would “exempt” Downtown from residential filming surveys, eliminate signature requirements for base camps, and rescind all existing Neighborhood Special Filming Conditions that provide essential protections to our community. Downtown is home to over 90,000 residents. We live here — in lofts, condos, and apartments — and we deserve the same basic courtesy extended to residents everywhere else in the city: advance notice when a film production is coming to our block. And the ability to access our homes even when road closures are necessary. Residential surveys are not an obstacle to filming. They are a simple, reasonable tool that gives residents a heads-up and a point of contact. Removing them from Downtown doesn't streamline anything. It just leaves us in the dark. Rescinding the Neighborhood Special Filming Conditions leaves us at the mercy of the production companies by removing essential safeguards regarding the placement of generators and restrooms, as well as strict limits on the hours for filming, setup, and teardown activities. Removing these legacy protections would effectively permit 24-hour filming activity in our residential streets, creating an environment of constant disruption that is incompatible with a livable neighborhood. These provisions do not only singularly target and disempower your DTLA constituents, but risk exposing them to potential harm. I work in the entertainment industry, and strongly support a thriving film industry in Los Angeles. But not at the expense of the welfare of those of us who call Downtown Los Angeles home. Please vote NO on Motion (10) Council File# 25-1509-S1, Clauses 1.a.i., 1.a.ii. , 1.a.iii and Clause 2. Sincerely, Jeffrey Sommerville 257 S Spring Street Apt 3M Los Angeles CA 90012
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