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Re: Request for Caltrans Amicus in *Stopthemillenniumhollywood.com, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.* (CoA Case No. 282319)

Dear Ms. Scherer:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 42 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. In 2013, the Federation voted on and issued position letters strongly opposed to the development project that is the subject of the above-captioned litigation. Along with a significant number of our member organizations, the Federation has been part of the broad public coalition supporting petitioners in the matter and maintains strong interest in the outcome of the case.

Community organizations such as the Federation and its member organizations rely heavily on independent state agencies such as Caltrans to provide expert opinions as a “Responsible Agency” to local lead agencies on project impacts to resources within their purview. If the Court of Appeal were to accept the respondent and real party in interest argument on appeal, consideration of Responsible Agency expertise would be relegated to merely advisory status, and could essentially be ignored. It is obvious this would have deleterious effects on public health and safety in this case, and much broader impacts on other environmental categories in other cases depending on the particular Responsible Agency involved.

We urge Caltrans’ to participate with an amicus brief in support of petitioners. Caltrans’ participation is critical to assist the Court of Appeal’s proper understanding of the important statewide issues raised.

Sincerely,

*Charley Mims*  
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Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners  
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Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.  
Hollywood Heights Assn.  
Holmby Hills Homeowners Assn.  
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Lake Hollywood HOA  
Laurel Canyon Assn.  
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.  
Mt. Olympus Property Owners  
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.  
Nichols Canyon Assn.  
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Oak Forest Canyon Assn.  
Oaks Homeowners Assn.  
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Sherman Oaks HO Assn.  
Silver Lake Heritage Trust  
Studio City Residents Assn.  
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