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Jivar Afshar
City Hall
200 N. Spring Street
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Re: Longer public comment period for the draft EIR – Prologis Vermont and Redondo Project, ENV-2017-1015-EIR

Dear Ms. Afshar:

On October 13, 2020, our Board voted 7-2-2 (with two recusals) to request that the public comment period for the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Prologis Vermont and Redondo Project, ENV-2017-1015-EIR be at least 90 days.

We expect that the draft EIR will be at least 1,000 pages, with a lot of very technical reports included. In order for our Neighborhood Council to adequately inform our stakeholders of the issuance of this report and some of its highlights so that they can participate in its review, understand the potential impact to them, and evaluate the proposed mitigations, a longer public comment period is essential.

As you are aware, Neighborhood Councils have constraints on the timing of their meetings and the posting of agendas. Once the draft EIR is released, we would want our Planning and Land Use Committee to review the documents, possibly with the assistance of some outside experts, and then after the Committee’s recommendations and drafting of a comment letter, a vote on the comment letter would be placed on the Board agenda. For both meetings, we would want ample time to notify our stakeholders of this report on a very major project for our Neighborhood Council. This would all be difficult to accomplish within a 60-day period.

Additionally, the constraints of the pandemic and prohibition on in-person meetings even further slows the process for us to adequately inform our stakeholders of the draft EIR and encourage them to review, educate themselves about it, and comment on it. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15105, “The public review period for the draft EIR should not be less than 30 days nor longer than 60 days except in unusual circumstances.” We

believe that the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic are the “unusual circumstances” referred to.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

David Matthews, Chairperson
Harbor Gateway North Neighborhood Council

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