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Re: **Sidewalk Repair Program EIR**  
**Request for Extension to Submit Public Comment**

Dear Ms. Gupta:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 43 homeowner and resident associations with approximately 250,000 constituents spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. Several of our member organizations and their constituents have contacted us to express concern that they will not have sufficient time to complete review of the lengthy draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Los Angeles Citywide Sidewalk Repair Program by the end of the current comment period. We join them in respectfully requesting that the deadline for public comment be extended by at least 30 days, to no earlier than Wednesday, March 25.

As you know, public participation in the environmental review process is a fundamental part of the California Environmental Quality Act. While it may at times be inconvenient, where the environmental document at issue is lengthy and complex, meaningful public participation sometimes requires significantly more time than minimally required by California law, and it is within the authority of the lead agency to lengthen the environmental review period. In this instance, where the document is so long and the underlying proposed project so broad in scope, and where the DEIR was released during the winter holiday season, it is appropriate to provide additional time for the public to complete its review. Extending the public comment deadline will allow interested members of the public sufficient time to review the almost 1,700-page document, consult with advisors as needed, and draft and submit thorough comments.

On behalf of all of its members and other interested persons, the Hillside Federation urges you to extend the public review and comment period by at least 30 days, to March 25, 2020. Please respond as soon as possible, but by Wednesday, February 12, so our constituents may plan the timing of their submissions accordingly.

Sincerely,

Charley Mims  
President