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Ms. Kate Gordon, Director
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State of California
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Ms. Gordon:

On October 10, 2019, you informed me that Governor Newsom had determined that the Hollywood & Wilcox Mixed-Use Project in the City of Los Angeles is eligible for streamlined judicial review as initially established under Chapter 354 of 2011 (AB 900, Buchanan).

Assembly Bill 900 provides a streamlined California Environmental Quality Act review process for construction projects that qualify as environmental leadership development projects (ELDPs). Among other requirements, ELDPs must make substantial financial investments within our state; create new high-wage and highly skilled jobs; and not result in any net additional greenhouse gas emissions, as determined by the California Air Resources Board.

The JLBC is tasked with reviewing the information you have provided for its consistency with the AB 900 criteria currently set forth in Public Resources Code section 21178 et seq. Given the information you provided, and a subsequent review by the Legislative Analyst's Office, I concur with the Governor's determination that the project meets those existing statutory criteria. At the same time, I want to acknowledge that some issues and considerations have been raised related to how we may want to define and oversee environmental leadership projects. To that end, it is my hope that the Administration and Legislature will work together to ensure that our law and policies reflect our shared intent for the state.

Sincerely,



Holly J. Mitchell
Chair

cc: Members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Ms. Keely Martin Bosler, Director of Finance