

December 7, 2019



Dear Ms. Strelch,

The Glassell Park Improvement Association (GPIA), a non-profit community organization founded in 1968, has been keenly attentive to the Casitas Lofts development from its first presentation to the community, when it was called Bowtie Lofts, until now.

The GPIA has dedicated time and money to help make residents of Glassell Park, and our adjacent neighbors aware of what this development will bring to our communities. Our members have hosted and attended meetings with the developer and architects, we co-sponsored an on-site workshop in conjunction with nearby neighborhood councils and state and local groups who also have an interest in the project, and we've kept our membership informed about this development with the many articles we've published in our Newsletter.

It is my understanding that the window for public comment on a DEIR can be as little 40-45 days. The GPIA's response to the anticipated DEIR will require reading and discussing the DEIR, new outreach to the community, informing our membership about EIRs in general and this project specifically, and coordinating research and feedback to draft our response.

It will not be possible for us to adequately inform and engage the community within so narrow a window. A more reasonable span of time for a development of this magnitude and controversy would be between 90 and 120 days.

We, the Glassell Park Improvement Association, therefore request that the time period for public comment on the DEIR for the Casitas Lofts development be extended to no less than 90 days from the date of release.

Most sincerely,

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