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Re: Request for Further Information Regarding Police Protection Services and Facilities for the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center

Dear Mr. Allee:

In response to your request for further information regarding the Inglewood Police Department and issues relating to provision of police protection services and facilities for the proposed project area, I submit the following:

1) Please confirm that the project sites of the IBEC (i.e., the arena site, the parking garage and bus staging/TNC drop-off site, the hotel and surface parking site, and the well relocation site) are located within Beat 4 which consists of the portion of Inglewood south of Century Boulevard and east of Prairie Avenue. Does Century Boulevard form the boundary? Please confirm the boundaries of Beat 4.

The arena site will be located in Beat two (2), further delineated by the reporting district, RD (25) and in Beat 4 further delineated by the reporting district, RD (30). The Beat 4 boundaries are defined as follows. Century Boulevard to the north, Prairie Avenue to the west, Van Ness Boulevard to the east and I-105 Freeway to the south.

The Project Area is described as being located on Century Boulevard to the north, 355 feet east of Doty Avenue on the east, 462 west of Prairie Avenue on the west and 103rd Street on the south between Prairie Avenue and Doty Avenue.

2) Will Inglewood PD provide traffic control for large-scale events at the proposed arena (i.e., LA Clippers home basketball games, other sporting events, concerts, family shows, corporate/community events, and plaza events)?

Yes.
3) Does Inglewood PD provide traffic control for large-scale events at The Forum?

Yes. The Inglewood Police Department coordinates with Serco, a private traffic control company to provide traffic control for all large-scale events at the Forum.

4) Will Inglewood PD provide traffic control for large-scale events at the new NFL Stadium?

Yes. The Inglewood Police Department will have a Transportation Management and Operations Plan (TMOP) in place which will provide for traffic control for all public and private events at the NFL stadium.

5) According to your letter dated October 11, 2018, response to question #5, it states the Department has an overall response time of 5 minutes and 12 seconds for emergencies and the Department’s goal is to maintain parity with the rest of the City for similar classifications of calls to the project area. What does this mean? And what is meant by project area? Please provide further information.

To be clear, our goal is to maintain or improve upon the 5 minute 12 seconds response time for emergencies for the City of Inglewood as a whole; even after the opening of the project area.

6) According to your letter dated October 11, 2018, response to question #2e, it states the City has experienced a 26 percent decrease in crimes within the project area. The City overall has experienced a 1.4 percent decrease in crimes, which includes an 11.1 percent decrease in violent crimes. What is meant by project area? Also, please provide the year for these crime percentages.

In reference to the above indicated Project Area described in response 1, the City has experienced a 7 percent decrease in crimes within the Project Area in 2018. The City overall has experienced a 2.9 percent decrease in crimes, which includes an 8 percent decrease in violent crimes.

7) Does Inglewood PD maintain service ratios such as an officer-to-resident ratio?

The City of Inglewood does not engage in arbitrary indices for police service or coverage. We are data driven and deploy according to study of crime and crime trends.

8) Does the Inglewood PD have a strategic plan or long-term master plan?

Due to the rapidly evolving and expansion of the entertainment segment of the city, the planning process for Inglewood PD is ongoing. The Inglewood Police Department is also engaged with the City’s CEQA consultants in traffic forecasting and analysis process.
9) According to your letter dated October 11, 2018, response to question #1, it states the Inglewood PD has the ability to call upon mutual assistance from surrounding law enforcement agencies? Please provide the names of the agencies available to assist the Inglewood PD.

By mutual agreement, the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and the forty-seven (47) local police departments within Los Angeles County have agreed to provide each other with mutual aid in the event of a major unplanned event which would impact law enforcement resources. In order to best utilize mutual aid resources, the county has been divided into eight geographic areas “A” through “H.” These areas are currently based on Disaster Management Area configurations which were redefined in the mid-1990s.

Also, within each area are LASD “contact” stations. These contact stations are typically the closest geographically located station to a particular local police department.

The Inglewood Police Department jurisdiction is located in Area “G” and following local law enforcement agencies would provide immediate assistance to the Inglewood Police Department.

El Camino College PD, El Segundo PD, Gardena PD, Hawthorne PD, Hermosa Beach PD, Manhattan Beach PD, Palos Verdes Estates PD, Redondo Beach PD, Torrance PD and CHP-West LA. The LASD contact station would be LASD-South LA station.

10) Does the Inglewood PD see a need for an expanded police station or other facilities, or additional officers due to the proposed cumulative development that may occur within the City?

Yes. The City Council based upon input from the Chief of Police will make staffing decisions for the size of its patrol force based upon the following; 1) population forecasts (both transitory and permanent) based upon data provided by the Planning Department and CEQA consultant studies; 2) financial forecasts based upon PSL (Permanent Seat License) data as a baseline for attendance figures; 3) Financial modeling which forecasts ticket, parking and sales tax revenues which can fund increases in the size of the IPD. We have a 2,000 square foot Police Substation programmed for the project area. Additionally, the Inglewood Police Department will continually assess the need to expand or occupy a new police station based on the predicted size of the agency and availability of funding.

11) Is a threshold used by the Inglewood PD of which there is a need for additional officers, a need to construct another police station, or the need for other physical improvements to the current police station? ESA would like to understand how the Inglewood PD assesses when additional officers or a new police station would be required. See question 10.
12) Construction activities for development of the Proposed Project would involve temporary lane closures. During construction of the arena site, the easternmost travel lane of northbound South Prairie Avenue may be fenced and closed to travel from West 103rd Street to West Century Boulevard, except that the City would require driveway access to the residences at 10204 South Prairie Avenue and 10226 South Prairie Avenue to be maintained for the duration of construction of the Proposed Project. The southernmost lane on eastbound West Century Boulevard also may be closed to traffic adjacent to the arena site, from South Prairie Avenue for approximately 450 feet east to a location in front of the Airport Park View Hotel, as well as along the frontage of the parking garage site and bus staging/TNC drop off area.

Due to these temporary lane closures during construction of the Proposed Project, would response times to the project sites of the IBEC (i.e., the arena site, the parking garage and bus staging/TNC drop-off site, the hotel and surface parking site, and the well relocation site) or nearby neighborhoods be increased? If increased, would the response time exceed the Inglewood PD’s overall response time of 5 minutes and 12 seconds for emergencies?

This is a possibility. However, due to the unpredictability of the staging of construction activities, it is impossible to forecast with certainty the total impact. The Inglewood Police Department maintains sufficient field resources in all areas of the City to respond to calls for service. The impact, if any is not expected to be substantial.

13) Implementation of the Proposed Project would include the vacation of an 880-foot linear section of West 102nd Street between South Prairie Avenue and approximately 335 feet west of South Doty Avenue to be developed with the arena building. Similarly, implementation of the Proposed Project also would include the vacation of a 332-foot linear section of West 101st Street between South Prairie Avenue and South Freeman Avenue to be developed with the parking garage building.

Due to these street vacations, would response times to the project sites of the IBEC or nearby neighborhoods be increased? If increased, would the response time exceed the Inglewood PD’s overall response time of 5 minutes and 12 seconds for emergencies?

Same response as #12.

Respectfully Submitted,

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