

Appendix G

LAFD Response Letter

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

April 30, 2018

To: Vincent Bertoni, AICP, Director of Planning
Department of City Planning
Attention: Erin Strellich

From: Fire Department

**Subject: NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
REPORT**

CASE NO.: ENV-2016-2846-EIR
PROJECT NAME: citizenM Hollywood & Vine
PROJECT APPLICANT: citizenM
PROJECT LOCATION: 1718 N. Vine Street, Los Angeles, CA 90028

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Revised per Erin Strellich as there was no changes found to the Project Description on City Planning Website).

The proposed Project (project) includes development of a hotel on an approximately 0.28-acre site located at 1718 N. Vine Street (Project Site) in the Hollywood community of the City of Los Angeles). The Project would include 240 guest rooms, approximately 2,742 square feet of guest amenities, and approximately 5,373 square feet of shared guest and public spaces. The building would have a maximum height of 185 feet and would consist of 13 above-ground levels (including a mechanical mezzanine level above Level 1) and five subterranean levels. Upon completion, the Project would result in approximately 73,440 square feet of new floor area and a maximum floor area ratio (FAR) of 6.1.

Guest amenities would consist of a ground-floor lobby, and gym and restrooms on Level 12. Shared guest and public spaces would include the coffee bar and outdoor seating on the ground floor and the "living room" and covered terrace on level 13.

The following comments are furnished in response to your request for this Department to review the proposed development:

FIRE FLOW:

The adequacy of fire protection for a given area is based on required fire-flow, response distance from existing fire stations, and this Department's judgment for needs in the area. In general, the required fire-flow is closely related to land use. The quantity of water necessary for fire protection varies with the type of development, life hazard, occupancy, and the degree of fire hazard.

Fire-flow requirements vary from 2,000 gallons per minute (G.P.M.) in low density residential areas to 12,000 G.P.M. in high-density commercial or industrial areas. A minimum residual water pressure of 20 pounds per square inch (P.S.I.) is to remain in the water system, with the required gallons per minute flowing. The required fire-flow for this project has been set at 6,000 to 9,000 G.P.M. from four to six fire hydrants flowing simultaneously.

Improvements to the water system in this area may be required to provide **6,000 to 9,000 G.P.M. from four to six fire hydrants flowing simultaneously**. The cost of improving the water system may be charged to the developer. For more detailed information regarding water main improvements, the developer shall contact the Water Services Section of the Department of Water and Power.

RESPONSE DISTANCE:

Based on a required fire-flow of 6,000 to 9,000 G.P.M., the first-due Engine Company should be within 1 mile(s), the first-due Truck Company within 1 1/2 mile(s).

FIRE STATIONS:

The Fire Department has existing fire stations at the following locations for initial response into the area of the proposed development: 1718 N. Vine Street

DISTANCE	Fire Station No.	SEVICES AND EQUIPMENT	STAFF
0.7	Fire Station No. 82 5769 W. Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90028	Single Engine Company Paramedic Rescue Ambulance	6
0.8	Fire Station No. 27 1327 N. Cole Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90028	Headquarters Battalion 5 Task Force Truck and Engine Company Paramedic Rescue Ambulance EMT Rescue Ambulance	14
2.3	Fire Station No. 76 3111 N. Cahuenga Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90068	Single Engine Company and Paramedic Rescue Ambulance	6
2.3	Fire Station No. 52 4957 Merrose Avenue Los Angeles, CA 900297	Single Engine Company Paramedic Rescue Ambulance Paramedic Supervisor	6
2.4	Fire Station No. 35 1601 N. Hillhurst Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90027	Task Force Truck and Engine Company Paramedic Rescue Ambulance	10

Based on these criteria (response distance from existing fire stations), fire protection would be considered **adequate**.

At present, there are no immediate plans to increase Fire Department staffing or resources in those areas, which will serve the proposed project.

FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL & APPARATUS ACCESS:

Access for Fire Department apparatus and personnel to and into all structures shall be required.

The entrance to a Residence lobby must be within 50 feet of the desired street address curb face.

Where above ground floors are used for residential purposes, the access requirement shall be interpreted as being the horizontal travel distance from the street, driveway, alley, or designated fire lane to the main entrance of individual units

The entrance or exit of all ground dwelling units shall not be more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.

No building or portion of a building shall be constructed more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.

The Fire Department may require additional vehicular access where buildings exceed 28 feet in height.

Policy Exception: L.A.M.C. 57.09.03.B Exception:

- When this exception is applied to a fully fire sprinklered residential building equipped with a wet standpipe outlet inside an exit stairway with at least a 2 hour rating the distance from the wet standpipe outlet in the stairway to the entry door of any dwelling unit or guest room shall not exceed 150 feet of horizontal travel AND the distance from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane to the door into the same exit stairway directly from outside the building shall not exceed 150 feet of horizontal travel.
- It is the intent of this policy that in no case will the maximum travel distance exceed 150 feet inside the structure and 150 feet outside the structure. The term "horizontal travel" refers to the actual path of travel to be taken by a person responding to an emergency in the building.
- This policy does not apply to single-family dwellings or to non-residential buildings.

Building designs for multi-storied residential buildings shall incorporate at least one access stairwell off the main lobby of the building; But, in no case greater than 150ft horizontal travel distance from the edge of the public street, private street or Fire Lane. This stairwell shall extend onto the roof.

Entrance to the main lobby shall be located off the address side of the building.

Any required Fire Annunciator panel or Fire Control Room shall be located within 20ft visual line of site of the main entrance stairwell or to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.

Fire lane width shall not be less than 20 feet. When a fire lane must accommodate the operation of Fire Department aerial ladder apparatus or where fire hydrants are installed, those portions shall not be less than 28 feet in width.

The width of private roadways for general access use and fire lanes shall not be less than 20 feet, and the fire lane must be clear to the sky.

Fire lanes, where required and dead ending streets shall terminate in a cul-de-sac or other approved turning area. No dead ending street or fire lane shall be greater than 700 feet in length or secondary access shall be required.

Submit plot plans indicating access road and turning area for Fire Department approval.

Adequate public and private fire hydrants shall be required.

Standard cut-corners will be used on all turns.

The Fire Department may require additional roof access via parapet access roof ladders where buildings exceed 28 feet in height, and when overhead wires or other obstructions block aerial ladder access.

Any roof elevation changes in excess of 3 feet may require the installation of ships ladders.

All parking restrictions for fire lanes shall be posted and/or painted prior to any Temporary Certificate of Occupancy being issued.

Plans showing areas to be posted and/or painted, "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" shall be submitted and approved by the Fire Department prior to building permit application sign-off.

Electric Gates approved by the Fire Department shall be tested by the Fire Department prior to Building and Safety granting a Certificate of Occupancy.

5101.1 Emergency responder radio coverage in new buildings. All new buildings shall have approved radio coverage for emergency responders within the building based upon the existing coverage levels of the public safety communication systems of the jurisdiction at the exterior of the building. This section shall not require improvement of the existing public safety communication systems.

Recently, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) modified Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) Requirement 10. Helicopter landing facilities are still required on all High-Rise buildings in the City. However, FPB's Requirement 10 has been revised to provide two new alternatives to a full FAA-approved helicopter landing facilities.

Each standpipe in a new high-rise building shall be provided with two remotely located FDC's for each zone in compliance with NFPA 14-2013, Section 7.12.2.

The inclusion of the above recommendations, along with any additional recommendations made during later reviews of the proposed project. Will reduce the impacts to an acceptable level.

Definitive plans and specifications shall be submitted to this Department and requirements for necessary permits satisfied prior to commencement of any portion of this project.

The Los Angeles Fire Department continually evaluates fire station placement and overall Department services for the entire City, as well as specific areas. The development of this proposed project, along with other approved and planned projects in the immediate area, may result in the need for the following:

1. Increased staffing for existing facilities. (I.E., Paramedic Rescue Ambulance and EMT Rescue Ambulance resources.)
2. Additional fire protection facilities.
3. Relocation of present fire protection facilities.

For additional information, please contact the Fire Development Services Section, Hydrants & Access Unit at **(213) 482-6543**.

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