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CAJA Environmental Services
Attn: Sherrie

re: Paleontological resources for the 1201 Gower Street Project

Dear Sherrie Cruz:

I have conducted a thorough search of our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for proposed development at the 1201 Gower Street Project area as outlined on the portion of the Hollywood USGS topographic quadrangle map that you sent to me via e-mail on July 18, 2022. We do not have any fossil localities that lie directly within the proposed project area, but we do have fossil localities nearby from the same sedimentary deposits that occur in the proposed project area, either at the surface or at depth.

The following table shows the closest known localities in the collection of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHMLA).

Locality Number	Location	Formation	Taxa	Depth
LACM IP 3280	2443 N. Gower St	Unknown (Eocene)	<i>Amaurellina clarki</i> Stewart	Unknown – found in retaining wall
LACM VP 6297 - 6300	Metro Rail Red Line Hollywood Blvd. subway tunnel, Hollywood Blvd from St. Andrews Place to Western Ave	Older alluvium (pebble-gravel; sand; sand & clay)	Horse (<i>Equus</i>), mastodon (<i>Mammot americanum</i>), bison (<i>Bison</i>), camel (<i>Camelops</i>)	47-80 feet bgs
LACM VP 3250	Madison & Middlebury Streets	Unrecorded (Pleistocene)	Mammoth (<i>Mammuthus</i>)	8 feet bgs
LACM VP 5845	West side of Western Ave. just north of Council St	Unknown formation (Pleistocene, unconsolidated yellow sediments)	Mastodon (Mammutidae)	5-6 feet bgs
LACM VP 7513 - 7518	3 rd St., east of Ogden Dr., Park La Brea	Palos Verdes Sand, submember A (claystone and siltstone)	Rodents (<i>Microtus</i> , <i>Dipodomys</i> , <i>Thomomys</i> , <i>Thamnophis</i> , <i>Peromyscus</i>), skunk (<i>Spilogale</i>), rabbit (<i>Sylvilagus</i>)	Unknown

		interbedded with sandstone)	
LACM VP 3371	Intersection of Sierra Bonita & Oakwood Ave	Unknown formation (Pleistocene; green clay)	12 feet bgs (sewer replacement project)
		Bison (<i>Bison</i>)	

VP, Vertebrate Paleontology; IP, Invertebrate Paleontology; bgs, below ground surface

This records search covers only the records of the NHMLA. It is not intended as a paleontological assessment of the project area for the purposes of CEQA or NEPA. Potentially fossil-bearing units are present in the project area, either at the surface or in the subsurface. As such, NHMLA recommends that a full paleontological assessment of the project area be conducted by a paleontologist meeting Bureau of Land Management or Society of Vertebrate Paleontology standards.

Sincerely,



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enclosure: invoice