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Hello, Veronica!

Thank you for the courtesy notice to the Planning Group. I had an observation about the additional comment period.

The extension notice states:

Pursuant to Planning Code Section 17.158.210, the City's Environmental Resources Officer is extending the comment period to April 27, 2021, which is within the recommended maximum comment period of 60 days set forth in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(a).

I would like to point out that the recommended maximum draft EIR comment period is not limited to 60 days if there are unusual circumstances. Section 15105(a) states:

(a) The public review period for a draft EIR shall not be less than 30 days nor should it be longer than 60 days except under unusual circumstances.

Thus, if the City finds that there are unusual circumstances surrounding the Howard Terminal Project, an extension of the draft EIR public comment period beyond 60 days would be consistent with the CEQA Guidelines.

Best,
Evelyn

On Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 9:31 AM Cummings, Veronica <VCummings@oaklandca.gov> wrote:
Good morning Planning Group,

In response to numerous requests that the City has received, the Howard Terminal DEIR comment period has been extended from 45 days to 60 days following CEQA's recommended maximum comment period. The new deadline is April 27, 2021. The notice (attached) was posted just this morning to the City's [webpage](#), and we will also be sending an email announcement.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Hope you've been well!

Sincerely,
Veronica