

Steve Pokwo

Prof Choi

Writing 340

The amazing Wilshire Grand Tower in Los Angeles

The Wilshire Grand Tower was designed for not only commercial activities and utilitarian purposes; but also very friendly to accommodate the owner's budget and also help in the speed of construction [1]. The design and the minimum space that the tower has occupied is space friendly because the space used has not utilized much of area but the building has many

such as?

what's the subject/main actor of this sentence

accommodative rooms. In Los Angeles, it is very evident that the growing opportunities are attracting a lot of business people who find it easier when allocating some of their business [2].

because?

This is what the perfect solution Wilshire Grand Tower has provided to these investors.

Buildings such as the Wilshire Grand Tower are beneficial to the day to day life for Los Angeles residents and businesses. For instance, the design the engineers used to build the tower is very attractive. The Wilshire Grand Tower mainly constitutes of hotel rooms that are comfortable and relaxing. This is due to the fact that the society is advancing and there is need for changes and innovations to the existing facilities in place. Most business people require the best and quality facilities provided through the services that are offered to them.

clarify your thesis here - what about the hotel component of the tower is special?

For many years Los Angeles has experienced complains of few hotel rooms and executive enabled rooms for a large number of business people coming to the city which negatively impacted the city's economy and that of the state. Most of them mainly complained of lack of available resources like office facilities to perform their business. For this reason, engineers and architects came together to re-innovate the Wilshire Grand Hotel to the new Grand

cite? include sources to support positions

Illumin Article

Tower (shown in image 1.0, below) that is now the talk and discussion around downtown. The building of the skyscraper was designed to increase the number of visitors and guests who visit Los Angeles for purposes of business and tourism [3]. The expansion of the downtown area that the construction of the Grand Tower have widely increased the living standards of the people around. The 73-story building design has tremendously increased the development and attracted most of the investments around downtown Los Angeles through the building of new rental homes because of the rapidly increasing population [4].

can you say this more concisely?

in what way?
Add some details - how many hotel rooms in LA before the tower? How many after?

any examples of this?

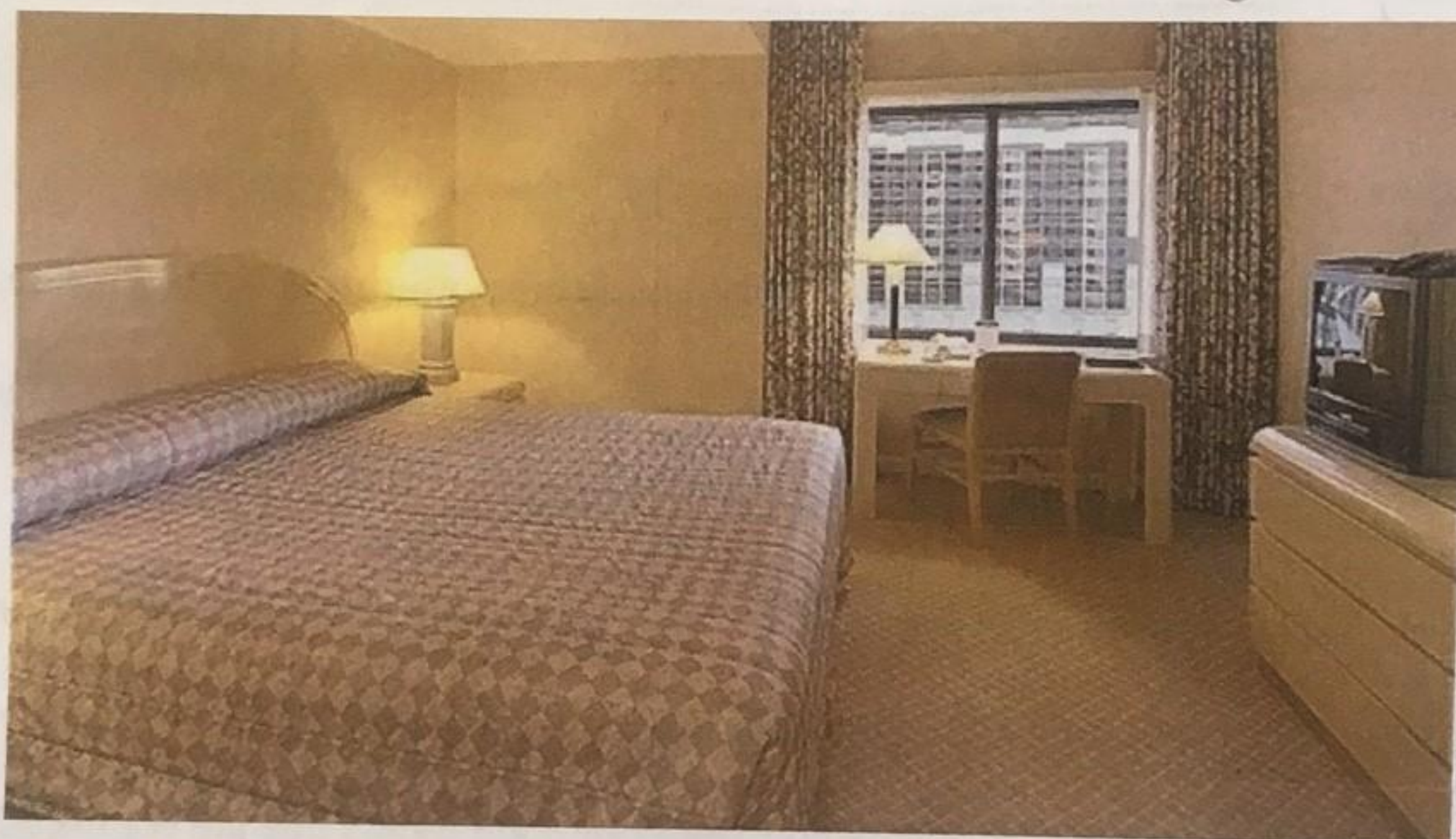


Image 1.0: Room Interior design (source: Google)

The elegant design that the tower has created has given Los Angeles a new face to other cities because of the admirable feature it has posed to the future of Los Angeles. The tower is a new image of the city and it redefines the presence and essence of the downtown atmosphere. The tower has seen many visitors who are only attracted to the look and the design of the tower. The completion of the tower is a fulfillment of the promise Los Angeles made to the people, a very attractive city that holds and welcomes investments. The rooms and offices that are

flow - a bit choppy here - also - how are these ideas related?

can you say this more concisely & be more specific about the design elements that make the tower so distinctive?

provided in the tower have helped to reduce the problems experienced with office vacancy in the city as shown in image 1.0 (above). The design of the tower has greatly attracted much tourism to the city because of the unique and quality design the tower has. This to the city is a positive economic development that has seen growth to Los Angeles and the United States [5].

Furthermore, the Wilshire Tower is employment definition to the city. Employment has always been a serious problem in big cities like Los Angeles, the completion of the tower has seen a large number of qualified personnel being employed. The employment that the construction and the completion of the tower created has also helped with the employment problems in the city.

Many are qualified in different field that can provide sustainable services but the problems that are faced in the field of seeking jobs are the obstacle to reach their dreams. The expansion of the building has seen many of the job seeker reaching the dreams of their lives [6]. This is why the

work that was done by the engineers and the architects has greatly improved the lives of the people and the city. Besides bringing employment to the city, most of the engineers that had the chance to contribute to the construction of this amazing structure near the California faults are proud of their tremendous work and the final product. For the structural and construction engineers involved with this project, it might be a lifetime career accomplishment and realization to have been part of construction of the tallest building in the west (Shown in image 2.0, below).

this seems like a new topic → economic impact — consider a new paragraph

how?

any examples?

consider a new paragraph here to discuss seismic challenges overcome by engineers

please add specific data from your research to support your positions

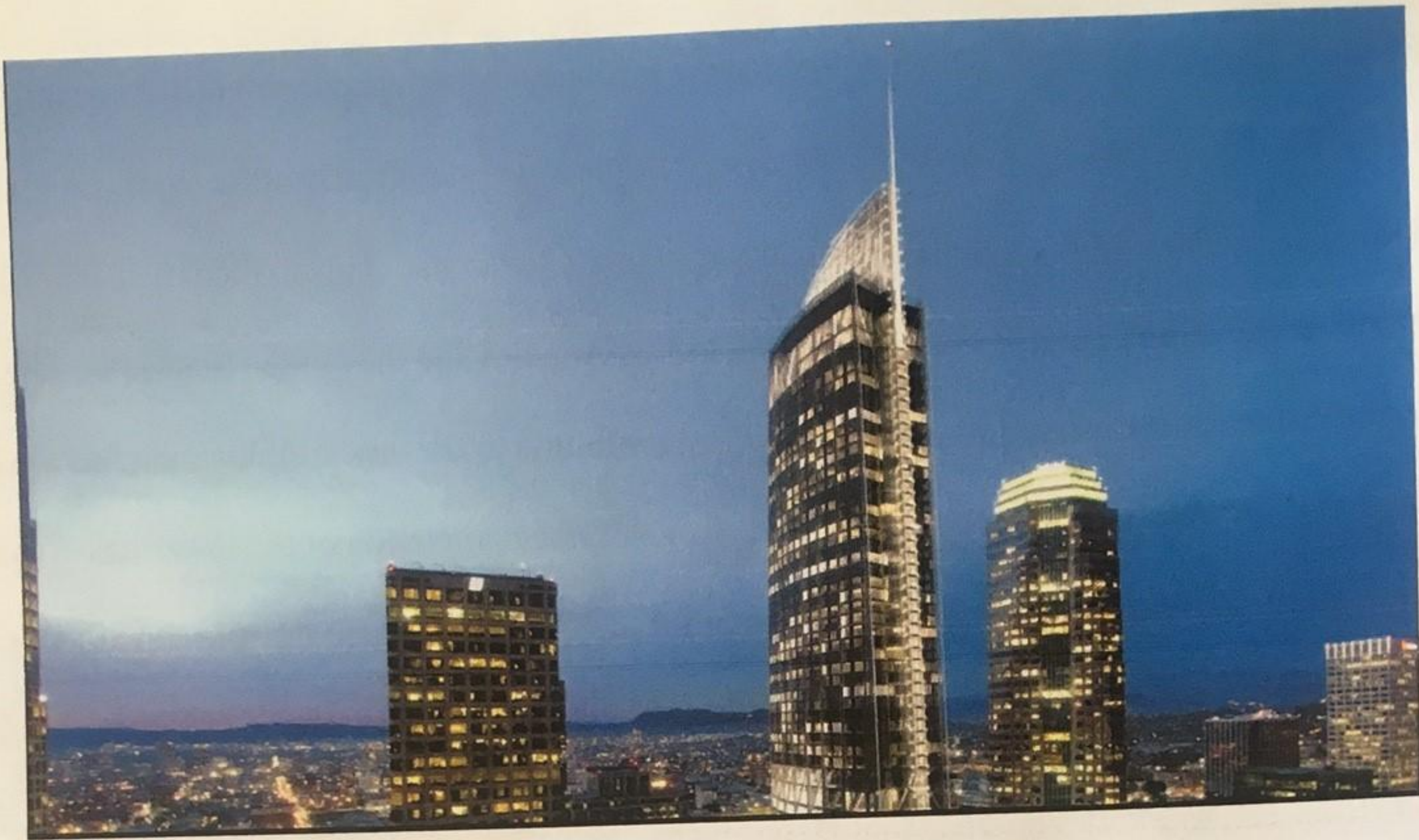


Image 2.0: Wilshire Grand, tallest building in the West of Mississippi (Source: Google)

During the construction of the ^{Tower} Los Angeles skyscraper, the architects and engineers had to focus on how to construct a strong building that is safe even during earthquakes. They had to come up with new ways that could provide safety during earthquake disasters and ensure the building was not prone to coming down. The architects had to focus on some innovative solutions that could help; for instance, the contractors were focused on making the core walls throughout the building. The engineers further used the green technology both internal and exterior which was demolished from the old Wilshire to provide the combined steel and concrete materials that were recycled from the materials [7]. Being tall the engineers' focus was to make the building strong so that it could sustain the Santa Ana winds and the ground movements during earthquakes. The building is designed to use high and quality energy and climate systems that are sufficient to serve the whole building [8]. The energy and climate systems are used on every floor to provide enough support. In addition, the engineers had to focus on the highly improved and innovated lighting systems throughout the building with thick glass walls.

please define

such as?

discuss further

how are these sentences related?

why?

Need topic sentence - what's the main point of this paragraph?

What's here? Discuss further

The building includes an executive floor level that accommodates customers and business travelers who fit that profile thanks to the engineers design. The engineers also came up with a design of about 760 prefabricated bathrooms for the project [9], this innovation really helped with the plan and the location of the building in the heart of the busy downtown Los Angeles. The quality of finishes was also appropriate and accommodate to the high class tourists and travelers who are visiting Los Angeles for different purposes. Focusing on the height and the weight the engineers had to ensure proper coordination during the tiresome work of pouring more than 20,000 cubic yards of concrete. This performance helped the project win the Guinness Record for continuously concrete pour [10] (image 3 below).

how?



Image 3.0: Wilshire Grand, Guinness World Record (Source: Google)

For sustainable, sophisticated quality, the engineers added 500,000 square feet of glass windows to the lovely Los Angeles skyscraper. In addition, the engineers engaged in thorough research, studies that included having the clear knowledge about the stability of the place before

for what? why? are these windows special? if so - how?

the start of the construction. The building has very distinctive and unique features that are very attractive. The skylight serves the gap between the tower and the next building. Although very challenging the engineers finally reached at the desired design they wanted. The designed glass ceilings to give the impressing and admirable feature between the two buildings. Skyscrapers are known for the use of elevators because of the height, the building had to be built using advanced elevators. The building has been entirely built by the use of glasses; the engineers used a component called rebar that has housed the elevators and the stairs. The elevators are built with a very crucial element of a concrete structure that is very strong called core.

stay
on
topic
have -
discuss
the
glass
elements

The Wilshire Grand Tower represents an iconic structure in the Los Angeles skyline today. The building will not only boost the city economy by bringing more jobs, adding more hotel rooms and offices in downtown LA and accommodate more visitors, but it is also a great answer to all the seismic challenges southern California faces. For Los Angeles lovers this is a dream come true, a dream made possible with the ownership of Korean Air in collaboration with the Architect AC Martin and the general contractor Turner Construction.

Reference

- [1]. T. Curwen. L.A Now has a new tallest building: How it will fit into the fabric of the city is still open to debate. *Los Angeles Times*, (2017, June 27). Available: <http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-wg-essay-20170627-story.html>
- [2]. T. Curwen. L.A Now has a new tallest building: How it will fit into the fabric of the city is still open to debate. *Los Angeles Times*, (2017, June 27). Available: <http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-wg-essay-20170627-story.html>
- [3]. R. Vaillancourt. New Wilshire Grand Design Revealed. *Los Angeles Downtown News online*, (2013, February 7). Available: http://www.ladowntownnews.com/news/new-wilshire-grand-design-revealed/article_a1871f80-717d-11e2-aae7-001a4bcf887a.html
- [4]. T. Curwen. L.A Now has a new tallest building: How it will fit into the fabric of the city is still open to debate. *Los Angeles Times*, (2017, June 27). Available: <http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-wg-essay-20170627-story.html>
- [5]. Wilshire Grand center. *Wilshire Grand Design*, 2012. Available: <http://www.wilshiregrandcenter.com/design>
- [6]. T. Curwen. L.A Now has a new tallest building: How it will fit into the fabric of the city is still open to debate. *Los Angeles Times*, (2017, June 27). Available: <http://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-wg-essay-20170627-story.html>
- [7] Wilshire Grand center. *Wilshire Grand Design*, 2012. Available: <http://www.wilshiregrandcenter.com/design>
- [8]. Wilshire Grand center. *Wilshire Grand Design*, 2012. Available: <http://www.wilshiregrandcenter.com/design>
- [9] Wilshire Grand Los Angeles, CA, 2015. Available: <https://oldcastlesurepods.com/portfolio/wilshire-grand-los-angeles-ca/>
- [10] Wilshire Grand Sets Guinness World Record, (2014, February 16) http://www.ladowntownnews.com/news/wilshire-grand-project-sets-guinness-world-record/article_e01ecdf2-976e-11e3-99c8-0019bb2963f4.html

Steve

I'm glad that you were able to submit a new Illumin article – as you will need to have it in order to complete the course requirements. Please note, however, that the score for Illumin assignment will not change.

You are welcome to submit your new Illumin article for the portfolio at the end of the semester. As a courtesy, I have provided some comments to your article in the event that you choose to revise your new Illumin article for portfolio.

I think that you might want to make sure that there is a clear thesis near the start of the article: what do you want reader to know about the Tower?

In addition, make sure that each paragraph is anchored by a clear topic sentence that tells the reader what the paragraph will be about. Then → make sure that everything in that paragraph relates to that topic sentence. Currently there are a few places where there are many different ideas discussed one after another; this can be confusing to the reader as the flow among sentences aren't readily discernable.

And finally, make sure that there is specific support and data from your research included in your article. For example, when you say that there was a shortage of hotel rooms in Downtown LA, there should be specific evidence/data of that included.

Thanks for submitting a new article.

See you in class

Prof. Choi

10/10/17