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Los Angeles City Planning Dept.  
Maya E. Zaitzevsky  
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Re: ENV-2002-2481-EIR; SCH#2002091018  
Canyon Hills Project-DEIR Comments

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky,

I am writing to you to voice my concerns and objections to the proposed Whitebird Development project. I have lived in my home in the Tujunga Hills for 19 years. I have seen the beauty of the mountain views and ease of availability to Downtown Los Angeles slowly erode to see development projects carved into beautiful canyons and traffic congestion expand to all streets.

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The addition of 280 homes will add to a diminished appeal of living in the area. When I moved here, I would see deer, raccoon, possum, skunk, coyote and bob-cats. Hawks, Geese, Duck and Owls were a regular feature of wildlife close to me. Now, I only see an occasional coyote, all of the others having been driven away by more and more development projects. This proposed development will only drive these natural inhabitants further away from their living space. The DEIR is severely flawed by not adequately addressing this issue.

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We have witnessed fires many times in the last 20 years in Tujunga. If Whitebird is allowed to be developed, a greater danger of fires is likely--another important issue not addressed adequately in the DEIR. Where is the real danger of bar-be-ques, outdoor lights, fireplace usage and unattended children or young adults misuse of matches, fireworks and combustible toys addressed in the DEIR? Add to this the strained resources of Fire and Police Departments. The DEIR is remiss in addressing this very real public safety issue.

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As a long time resident of this area, I implore you to please veto this development. Save Southern California's last piece of nature and preserve it for all current and future residents of Los Angeles to admire and enjoy as a beautiful specimen of what California was before developers, with no understanding of the natural ecological processes of these foothills, attempted to destroy this land. The DEIR is remiss in demonstrating an understanding of the long-term consequences of this proposed development to the natural habitat and public safety of the Verdugo's.

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Sincerely,

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