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Re: Proposed Canyon Hills Project/La Tuna Canyon

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

My name is Corinne Thompson. I have lived in the hills of Tujunga for the last 34 years. My children grew up in this area and when they return to visit, they remark on how fortunate they were to have grown up in such a "verdant" area (their words). When my ex-husband and I bought our house, our residential development consisted of approximately 86 new houses. I am appalled that the developers of the Canyon Hills project propose to build 280 residences in the pristine hills on either side of La Tuna Canyon Road! That is more than three times the number of homes in our residential development.

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When we first moved into our home in December of 1969, deer trotted along our slopes. Raccoon families waddled along in our back yards, and road runners perched up high on our roof tops! Even wild mallard ducks came to swim in our backyard pools! Unfortunately, much of that is already gone due to the existing human population in the area. Another 280 residences will surely decimate the already diminishing wildlife population in our beautiful foothills.

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And what about the traffic? The proposed site (from what I can determine) will certainly overload traffic on La Tuna Canyon Road and Tujunga Canyon Boulevard. One only needs to travel on Tujunga Canyon Boulevard during rush hours to appreciate how very crowded the road is without an additional 280 residences! And, when one considers that almost every household has two automobiles, that would mean there would be an additional (at least) 560 autos on those roads! That alone would cause a traffic nightmare, not to mention the additional smog from 560 cars on the road!

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Also, where will all these new residents go to shop? Almost all the

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neighborhood shopping outlets are on Foothill Boulevard. What will the addition of 280 households have on the already congested Foothill Boulevard? How will parking be affected on the boulevard?

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In the 34 years that I have been a member of this community, I have experienced many forest fires in the area. And, the majority of those fires have been in La Tuna Canyon! With the proposed extra 280 residences, can we be assured that we will have additional fire protection services in the area? And, what of extra police protection? With the state of California being in such a budget crisis, how can we expect additional protection? And, further, since Tujunga is in the city of Los Angeles, and since the city of Los Angeles has lost precious revenue due to the repeal of higher DMV fees, how can we realistically believe that our existing fire and police protections continue at the existing level, let alone at higher levels?

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And, of course, anyone who has lived in this area for any amount of time can tell you what happens on La Tuna Canyon Road when it rains. It floods! Not only does it flood, but huge boulders come tumbling down onto the road. There have been many rainy seasons when La Tuna Canyon Road has been closed to traffic from both ends of the canyon due to the large boulders in the road.

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I am not a scientist, or a geologist, or an engineer, but I have lived in this area for a very long time and I love it! To add 280 households to the already densely populated area of Sunland/ Tujunga would surely destroy our beautiful foothills.

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Lastly, we may not be as powerful and influential as the successful opponents to the Ahmanson Ranch project, but our concerns are just as important and deeply felt.

Sincerely,



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cc: Councilwoman Wendy Gruel
Congressman Brad Sherman