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Regarding: Canyon Hills Project, EIR case no: ENV-2002-2481-EIR and reference no:
SCH#2002091018

I have lived in Los Angeles my whole life and have recently moved into the valley to a lovely spot named Kagel Canyon. The main reason I moved out here was to get away from the chaos of downtown L.A. -my former location- and find refuge in a more peaceful area. This is what I found in the canyon. The plant species and wildlife in my little neighborhood are spectacular, and if there is construction in these ever-so loved Verdugo Mountains, I'm afraid all that has been preserved in its natural beauty will be destroyed. The wildlife will have no place to live and will wander into neighborhoods, knocking over trash cans and posing a threat to our household pets. More people will move in which will cause even more traffic, pollution, and a greater demand for all necessities, including food, which, while the supermarkets are on strike, will make obtaining food near impossible. The area these contractors would like to develop is home to many stables, and people come from all around Los Angeles to ride here in the Verdugo Mountains/Canyon area. What will become of all the equestrian trails? We will have horses living in the canyon who have to be driven out to Malibu before they can roam freely, now that doesn't make any sense. Overall, I believe that these new houses should not be built in La Tuna Canyon/Verdugo Mts. It will cause so much more harm than any good it can provide. I'm sure the people who are looking to move into the canyon can understand that if they buy one of these new houses built, they will be making their lives, not to mention those of everyone around them, so much more difficult that they will not want to have these houses built either. Please do not allow our canyons to be exploited and the last of our natural plants and wildlife reserves destroyed.

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Sincerely,
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