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RE: ENV-2002-2481-EIR  
SCH#2002091018  
Canyon Hills Project-  
DEIR Comments

I have been a resident of Tujunga for 11 years and live near the proposed Canyon Hills project. After reviewing the DEIR I have found many falsehoods.

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According to the current laws the area is not zoned for 280 homes. The current laws do not allow grading ridgelines by as much as 80 feet and permanently altering 310 acres.

The DEIR underestimates the affect on wildlife. The plan says it would only affect up to 5 coyotes. That is incredibly understated. Living in this area for 11 years I am a citizen expert and I know that this development will affect many more coyotes, rabbits, deer, cougars, owls, and raccoons. This DEIR does not take into consideration the enormity of this projects development area or the fact that these animals food source will be removed when the mature trees, (Oaks, Sycamores, etc.) are destroyed.

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There will be a significant loss of at least a few hundred mature trees. There is an Oak Tree Law that states that when Oak Trees are removed that they be replanted where wildlife has access to them to preserve and protect the wildlife. This plan is not following the Oak Tree Law. The plan is going to have a gated community which does not allow the wildlife to use the land and the Oak Trees are going to be planted near the streets and right of ways. This project will affect and kill off more wildlife than has been addressed in the plan. Also, the large oak trees should be protected not torn down for development.

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Public safety is another concern. We currently do not have proper police protection. Our response time in this area for police is double the standard time. This area does not have proper police coverage and with the number of homes proposed in the DEIR, which is not legal to build will make police coverage worse.

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The DEIR does not take accurately take into consideration the accumulative affect of all the development projects that have just recently been completed or that are in the works. Our streets cannot handle the additional traffic that this 280 development will bring. The DEIR does not adequately address how this development will affect Foothill Boulevard and the surrounding small streets.

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Another concern is public works. Public works is lacking already in this area. Foothill is becoming a very dangerous street to drive. I know this because I have lived here for 11 years and have seen the enormous increase in traffic. For example: Haines Canyon and Foothill is a very dangerous intersection. The DEIR does not address how public works is going to handle the additional work from this project.

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I urge Los Angeles City officials to disapprove any portion of the Canyon Hills project that requires changes to the current Los Angeles City General Plan, Los Angeles Municipal Code, local Community Plans, the Hillside Ordinance, the Slope Density Ordinance, the Oak Tree Ordinance and all current zoning and all current laws.

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Sincerely,



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