

Los Angeles City Planning Dept.
Maya E. Zaitzevsky
200 North Spring Street Room 763
Los Angeles CA 90012
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RE: ENV-2002-2481-EIR; SCH#2002091918 Canyon Hills Project – DEIR Comments

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

I have been visiting and living in the Tujunga area for 10 years. I enjoy its mountain and ridgeline views. As well, I enjoy its open spaces, dirt roads, trails, and diverse wildlife. So much so, I decided to purchase a home on Samoa Ave in Tujunga.

I have studied the DEIR for the Canyon Hills Project. It is a large document with many oversights and inaccuracies based on the fact that I can be considered a resident "citizen expert" in respect to many of the topics it both addressed and omitted. The Los Angeles City Planning Dept CANNOT accept this document as a whole or a complete insight with respect to the project area. *As well, it would be very naive to rely on this document for accurate information needed for informed decisions that you must make in regard to the variances that the Developer is requesting.* I would like to mention an example in which the DEIR Report is in ERROR:

**Section II Environmental Setting-
Page II-3,4,5**

This section describes the project area and its current setting, yet does not mention a critical hike and bike way (trail) that exists on the Duke Property, but bi-sects the Canyon Hills property at the proposed entrance way near the intersection of La Tuna Canyon Road and the 210 Fwy en route to Hostetter Mtwy. If the proposed plan were approved, this very popular trail would be eliminated and would cut off access to La Tuna Canyon road which is needed to ascend Hostetter Mtwy. As a resident who uses this trail many times per week, this forces hikers and mountain bikers to cycle around the project area using the heavily used and shoulderless Tujunga Canyon Blvd, to La Tuna Canyon road.

As a resident, citizen expert on this matter and avid mountain biker, several groups and riders and or hikers ascend and descend Hostetter Mtwy on any given day OR EVENING. Most that come from neighborhoods along the north or south side of Foothill Blvd in Tujunga, Sunland and La Cresenta DO NOT endanger themselves or resident motorists by accessing Hostetter Mtwy via riding on Tujunga Canyon Blvd to La Tuna Canyon road. Instead, this trail is used and accessed via Dorothy St and Estapa Dr as it descends to La Tuna Canyon very near Hostetter Mtwy.

This trail has been the answer to safe biking and hiking access to Hostetter Mtwy for over 10 Years!

If this access is cut off, it would force hiking and biking residents to either ride on dangerous roads that have No bike lanes, or increase traffic by driving to Hostetter parking area. No mention of this concern to bikers or hikers is mentioned in the DEIR and therefore the report must be considered in error and needs to be corrected in this regard.

I urge the City to require the Canyon Hills DEIR to be Re-Issued after this and All Other environmental impacts have been adequately addressed. *I also must urge the City to hold the Project to compliance with all laws as well as the Scenic Plan for this area.*

Thank You for your consideration,
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