

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 Avenue.

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 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 IV Environmental Impact Analysis-  
Sub-section F: Artificial Light and Glare-**

**Page IV.F-2; Foot Note #3** states "While the project site is still visible from hiking trails in the Verdugo Mountains to the south of La Tuna Canyon Road, it is unlikely that material numbers of the public hike those hillsides at night."

As one of several dozen mountain bikers in the area, I must bring to your attention the fact that night biking is quite popular on Hostetter Mtwy year round. There are several groups and riders that descend Hostetter on any given weeknight after dark. As well; over the last three years, in warmer months, I have witnessed increased numbers of hiking groups ascending and descending this same road. Hostetter is much more popular at night than what the report indicates. The project site makes up a very large part of the view while descending Hostetter from Verdugo Mtwy especially past the 1.00mi mark along the last 2.5mi till the trail head at La Tuna Canyon Rd. *The DEIR is in ERROR by omitting details of this in the Artificial Light and Glare section.*

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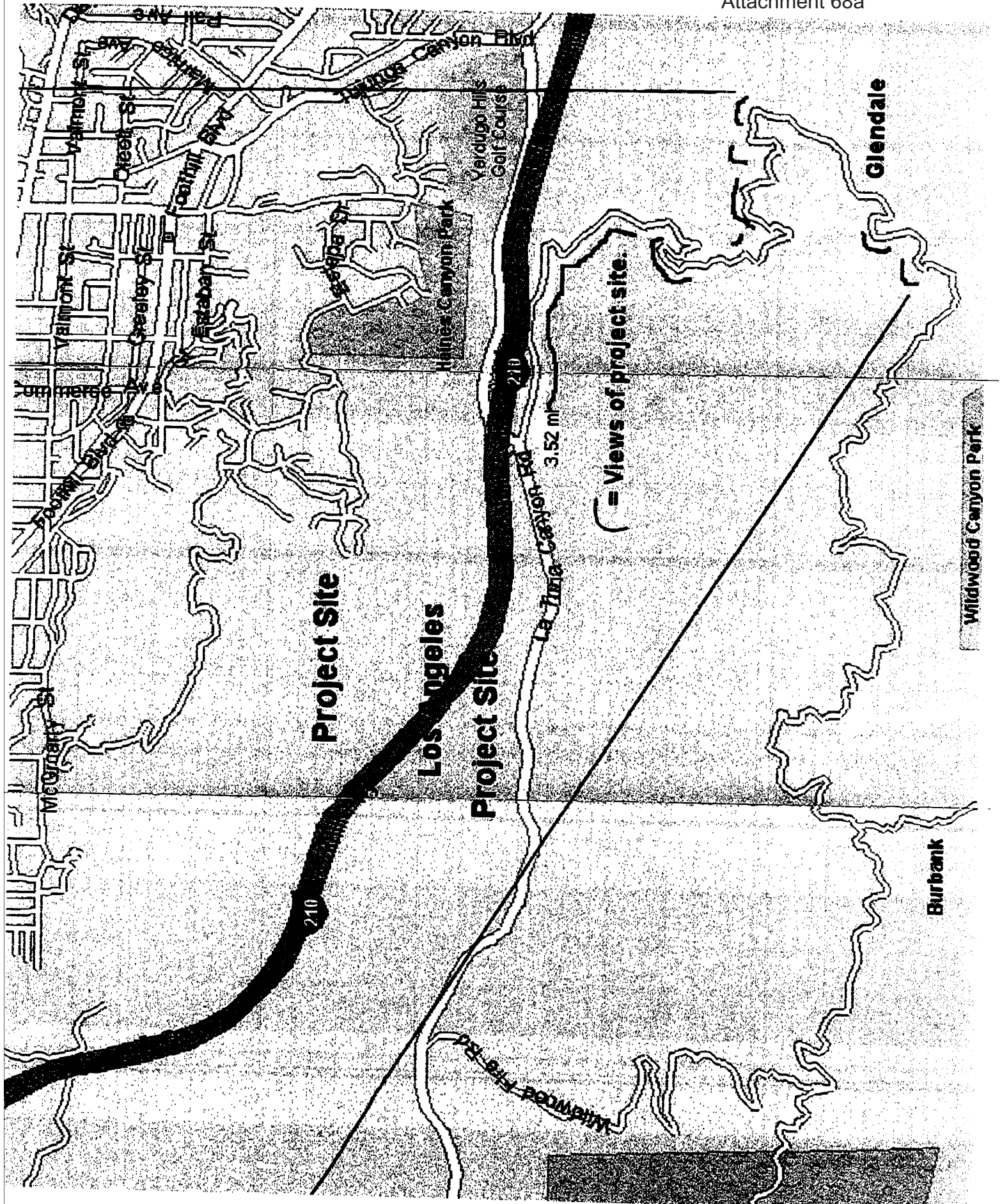
Currently these views from Hostetter have little nighttime Light Pollution from the project site or surrounding streets, roads and freeways. Night time views of the sky with lower levels of Brightness and Glare are one of the qualities residents currently enjoy that live near the project site. This includes those increasing numbers of people descending Hostetter at night. *If the project site were to be developed as requested, the resulting increase of night time Light Pollution, Glare and Brightness would have a devastating negative impact on these large views to these residents.*

As the foot note #3 in the DEIR indicates, "...it is unlikely that material numbers of the public hike those hillsides at night." The dozens of riders and hikers that hike those hillsides at night expose this as untrue and the report needs to be corrected to reflect the growing popularity of Hostetter Mtwy at night.

As well, I also 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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