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Los Angeles City Planning Dept.
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RE: ENV-2002-2481-EIRXZP
SCH#2002091018
Canyon Hills Project-
DEIR Comments

I have lived in Tujunga for 41 years very close to the proposed Canyon Hills project. After reviewing the DEIR I have found many inaccuracies. Under 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. I am concerned with the scaring of the land and of mudslides.

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The DEIR does not take accurately take into consideration the cumulative affect of all the development projects that have just recently completed and that are in the works on traffic. For example, the development at Wentworth the new shopping mall at Tujunga Canyon and Foothill. The traffic on Foothill has increased immensely over the last 42 years. Our streets cannot handle the additional traffic that this 280 home development will bring. The DEIR does not adequately address how this development will affect Foothill Boulevard, where all the local residents do their shopping.

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The DEIR does not adequately address the affect that this project will have on air pollution during the construction and after the construction with the additional 280 homes and at least 2,700 extra trips per day on La Tuna Canyon and surrounding streets. This areas workforce is a commuter workforce.

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The DEIR does not address light pollution from miles of new streetlights.

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The DEIR states that it would only affect up to 5 coyotes. That is grossly understated. Living in this area for 42 years I am a citizen expert and I know that this development will affect many more wildlife than it states. The altering of 310 acres of wildlife habitat will have an enormous effect on the environment and the wildlife's food sources. It will also affect opossums, birds, plants, flowers, raccoons, owls, and rabbits that are being affected by development.

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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,

Harry Nelson

