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Los Angeles City Planning Department
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Re: Canyon Hills Project
EIR Case Number: ENV-2002-2481-EIR
Reference Number: SCH #2002091018

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

My husband and I were both born and raised in Tujunga, we have seen many changes over the past 35+ years. What has kept us in the Sunland-Tujunga area is the small town feeling and rural atmosphere. There are so few large cities that still boast of ample open space. Developers have come in and bought up every piece of land and put in seas of houses in an effort, not to better the community, but to pad their already full wallets. It's all about money.

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I have many concerns about the Canyon Hills Project and the effect it will have on our community and the quality of life for my family. My biggest concern is the effect it will have on an already overloaded Foothill Blvd., Tujunga Canyon, and the 210 freeway. Not only will the increased traffic impact our ability to get in and out of our community conveniently, there are many safety issues that have not been addressed. There is lack of traffic enforcement for the current traffic, it will only be more dangerous as the number of vehicles using the streets on a daily basis increases. We don't have the space to become the next Canyon Country where there are too many people and not enough roads.

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I am also concerned about the pollution generated by not only the new residents, but by the heavy equipment and construction traffic. Not many people recall the Sunair home near McGroarty Park where asthmatics from around the country retreated in search of clean air. Tujunga was known for its clean air and open spaces.

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Our area is one of the few horse keeping areas left in Southern California. Developers and their greed are pushing us out all for the sake of money. The area near the cross where the project is proposed is the only place within riding distance for equestrians in our area when the National

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Forest is closed. If you allow this area to be taken away, we will be completely land locked during the fire prevention closures. I know there are proposed equestrian lots, trails, and an equestrian 'park' that have been discussed, but we both know what is seen on paper seldom makes it in to reality, it is all an effort to soothe the equestrian community and push through a plan that will rape our hills and put added stress on our already struggling community.

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So much has been taken from Sunland-Tujunga and very little has been given back. It is the Planning Commission's responsibility to take care of our city and make prudent decisions that will enhance the City of LA in general. Why not use this land to benefit the community by creating parks and recreation facilities for the existing population?

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The above comments are just a few of my concerns if this project goes through as currently proposed. I respectfully request that the planning commission consider the negative impact that this project will have on Sunland-Tujunga and its current residents and that this project be denied.

Very truly yours,



Lisa A. Martin