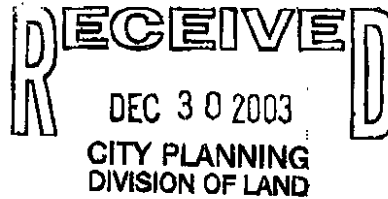


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I am Writing in regard to the Canyon Hills Project EIR case # ENV-2002-2481-EIR
Ref # SCH #2002091018.

I have been a resident of Tujunga since 1965. I have seen this community change from a rural setting to a more urban setting. Almost every vacant lot has been developed but the community has still maintained some of its country aspects. 95-1

Even before its growth there have been problems. On the few occasions I've found it necessary to call the police, response time was too slow to be of any value. The Foothill Division of the LAPD was spread too thin and would be burdened even more by the plan for growth that has been proposed. I have great respect for law enforcement but know I cannot depend on help when I need it. 95-2

This area is one of the few horse keeping areas in Southern California. Many people, including myself cherish it for that reason. I've had horses for my children and hope to have horses for my grandchildren. 95-3

The traffic on Foothill Boulevard and Tujunga Canyon Boulevard is very heavy now. The additional cars that will be added to the local main streets will greatly effect safety in the community. 95-4

L.A. City Fire had problems in responding to the brush fires we had in the mid 70's. They actually abandoned our street, Haines Canyon Avenue. If the neighbors would have left as directed, we would have lost homes to the firestorm that jumped the street. I can only see less protection as the community grows beyond the ability to serve everyone. 95-5

A lesson can be learned from the City of Santa Clarita. Traffic is a daily problem. The earthquake of 1994 did all but isolate them entirely. 95-6

With all the growth in this community in recent years, there has not been a growth in recreation facilities. Our children do not have places to play. 95-7

The public schools have lost students because of busing. The schools will not be able to handle the influx of students into the area causing even more criticism of their inability to educate our children. 95-8

The time has come to take care of what we have and not to add to the existing problems.

Your consideration would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,