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Los Angeles City Planning Department  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

**PROJECT: CANYON HILLS PROJECT, EIR CASE NO: ENV-2002-2481**  
**REFERENCE: SCH #2002091018**

Dear Council Members:

I am writing in response to the Draft EIR covering the above reference project.

Although the DEIR covers certain aspects of traffic, noise and pollution in the immediate area of the project, it fails to take into consideration the impact that increased traffic will have on the ancillary streets presently used to access La tuna Canyon Road.

Over the years there has been an increase in north and south bound vehicle traffic detouring the Glenoaks traffic signals by taking alternate residential street routes to and from La Tuna Canyon Road.

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These detours have increased traffic on Vindale, Wheatland, Penrose and Wildwood streets. With the increased traffic, have come unchecked increases in vehicle speeds, noise and trash pollution. These complaints and complaints of unchecked speeds on La Tuna Canyon have been made at several community meetings over the past years.

Since La Tuna Canyon is a main East/West artery between the 210 and 5 Freeways, the increase in traffic from the Canyon Hills Project will undoubtedly adversely impact our streets and the safety of these streets. We are approximately 4 miles down the canyon from the proposed project!

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My family settled in La Tuna Canyon in 1914. I, too, have acreage but abide by the City's and community's zoning regulations. Why then, should Whitebird's request for variances to these regulations be approved? As a landowner, I support Whitebird's right to develop their land in accordance with established zoning and building codes. They should not be entitled to variances without the vote of the community to change these regulations. Otherwise, why are these regulations in place?

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Sincerely,

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