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Re. Canyon Hills Project, EIR Case no: ENV-2002-248I-EIR and
Reference Nos: SCH#2002091018

I live and teach High School in the area intended for the Canyon Hills Development. I cannot tell you "no" to this development more emphatically! During the recent fires I had the opportunity to see how quickly this area would go up in smoke, and increasing the density without completely rebuilding the entire infrastructure spells disaster.

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This is a rural area up here in the foothills, maintained and loved by its residents. Low density is one of this area's safety nets. We residents work hard all year long to make sure the brush is cleared and trash is disposed of properly. There are clean water creeks that run through here as well as hillsides that pose a danger to us only when graded. This development will add to the increasing likelihood that soon we will have many more extinctions.

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My school is already the size of a small town without the acreage or amenities. Our children are failing, and overcrowdedness is a main cause. This development will only add problems to an already fractured education system.

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Equestrians have created a special lifestyle up here and it is a style that attracts visitors and future residents, who find the ranch like quality attractive and comfortable. This kind of area is a rarity- you don't have to be rich to enjoy this lifestyle, you must love and embrace it.

We can afford no more losses of trees, indigenous plants and animals, and residents who know this area's worth. California is severely overpopulated and we residents pay the price everyday in degraded services: hospitals, schools, transportation, food, air and noise quality and our inherent aesthetic rights to natural, undeveloped environments within urban areas in which to live.

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Canyon Hills Development is an idea that needs to die, rather than life as we know it up here in the foothills.

Sincerely,
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