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Los Angeles City Planning Department  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 763  
Los Angeles CA 90012

To Whom It May Concern:

CANYON HILLS PROJECT EIR Case No.:ENV-2002-2481-EIR  
Reference No.:SCH#2002091018

As a Certified Arborist (ISA-WC 4369) I urge the City to require the developer to do another EIR report. This one is inadequate, understates overall impacts and leaves out many important impacts. I urge the City to hold the project to current zoning laws and ordinances.

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It is against California Law to cut down Oak trees! The California Oaks are protected by California Law There is a reason for that: They are Native Trees and thrive in this climate and can become 1000 years old if you leave them alone.

Trees are essential to all life! They reduce pollution by absorbing vast amounts of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere while at the same time replacing it with "clean" oxygen.

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Trees help to regulate water flow and can reduce the effects of flooding and soil erosion.

They also influence weather patterns by increasing humidity and generating rainfall. To rape 246 acres will be a loss of an incredible amount of trees!

To plant trees from acorns is not feasible. Wildlife can damage the acorns and if they do, the acorns need to be watered until established. When a tree has started voluntarily and matured it is in a good spot.

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If you transplant trees from their wildlife setting the risk for survival is high. The species relying on this tree will loose their home or source of survival.

To transplant wildlife trees to a major residential thoroughfare is disastrous. They will have a small chance of surviving. They will be over watered, trimmed, (usually the wrong way) and may die too soon. They may be too large for the location, also because of the electrical wires.

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I urge the City to uphold the Community Plan and the intention of the Scenic Preservation Specific Plan, and not break our laws to cater to one person's greed at the expense of us all!

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Sincerely,

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