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Draft Environmental Impact Report
for the Canyon Hills Project
EIR # ENV-2002-2481-EIR, SCH # 2002091018

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky,

The proposed Canyon Hills development project is of great concern to myself, my family, our neighbors, and our community. I feel it is my obligation to speak against the proposed building of homes in and around the La Tuna Canyon Road area.

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My first concern of many is the impact of development on the wildlife in our area. Coyotes, raccoon, fox, deer, wildcats, rabbits and other non-domesticated animals will certainly be displaced— their homes and very existence threatened. My community has seen firsthand very recently the devastation that a small amount of hillside grading (on the property of a private owner nearby to our house in the hills) has had upon the coyotes, raccoon etc. in the area. I shudder to think of the impact the proposed project will have upon them.

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My second concern is the dire effects of building upon our day-to-day life in these semi-rural hills. The pace is slow; traffic is light, roads are narrow and mostly unpaved. Our street will likely be the only access road for trucks, heavy equipment, and big rigs. The increase in the flow of traffic and noise pollution, coupled with the fact that the roads are extremely narrow (barely able to accommodate two passing passenger vehicles), this will cause a disturbance to our way of life, and poses a potentially great danger.

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My third concern is the impact that thousands more 'new neighbors' will have on our neck of the woods. We are in a semi-rural community; most of us have bought property here to enjoy the quiet and peace that the natural, unspoiled natural setting provides. Our children were born here. We have high hopes that they will be able to grow up with the same peace and quiet that drew us to this neighborhood in the first place. Moreover, we hope that they will continue to experience firsthand the many miles of unspoiled terrain— walking the trails, spotting the wildlife in a mutually respectful way, enjoying the vast beauty of nature that currently exists. It's all being threatened.

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Finally, my concern is for the preservation of a way of life that seems to be vanishing quickly in this era. I want to see more and more folks like us who care

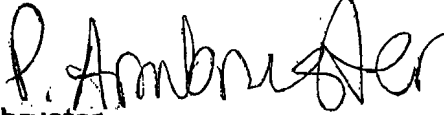
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enough about an unspoiled setting, about nature and animals, about a quiet way of life in which respect and admiration for flora and fauna is taught to tomorrow's adults. Currently, we are seeing miles and miles of land along the freeways and hills around the southland being raped. And for what? A buck. There's so much at stake here...

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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