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

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky,

I have great concerns about the Canyon Hills Project that is being proposed. We have an established community. Appropriate growth is vital when considering the decision to approve or disapprove a development such as this. Canyon Hills project developers care about profit, not what actually happens to our community when the natural ecology is disturbed. Recently, a property owner in the area that Canyon Hills is proposing to build graded over several acres near to our home expecting to build a small housing development. Trails, a large variety of trees, chaparral and other native foliage were completely destroyed.

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The impact of the above mentioned development on the wildlife in our area— including coyotes, fox, deer, squirrels, raccoon, mountain lions, wildcats, rabbits and other animals threatened their existence. They scattered into yards and adjoining populated areas. It was clearly a case of wildlife disturbance. The magnitude of the Canyon Hills project will worsen that situation a thousand-fold.

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Furthermore, the impact of oversized and large vehicles needed to clear-cut, grade, and manage the land site will devastate the neighborhood. Neighbors currently drive through, respectfully moving to one side to let other "regular sized" vehicles pass by . Our access is compromised by the size of our neighborhood streets. This will compound the traffic situation enormously. Also, when an emergency vehicle navigates through this limited space, they have difficulty. If Hillhaven Avenue is designated to accommodate emergency access to a proposed 300 or more homes - possibly thousands of new neighbors - the response time to these new neighbors will be compromised.

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The legal team for the project ensured the community that the

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environmental impact on our community has and would be considered throughout the process of the project. Let's all hope so. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

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