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Los Angeles City Planning Dept. Maya E. Zaitzevsky 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, Ca 90012

RE: ENV-2002-2481-EIR; SCH#2002091018
Canyon Hills Project - DEIR Comments

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

I have lived and worked in Tujunga for over 12 years, and my home is located on the emergency access road proposed from Area leading to the Canyon Hills Project. I have studied portions of the DEIR, and find that there are many inaccuracies and omissions in regards to the environmental impacts, and I would like to address a few impacts:

The Canyon Hills Project being a Gated Community:

The equestrians and hikers will no longer be able to access this area, which has always been an open community. And the aesthetics of a gated community doesn't fit the character of Tujunga.

Emergency Access Proposed from Area A:

Access from Inspiration and Verdugo Crestline Drive doesn't conform to road width standards. Hillhaven is too steep for heavy trucks. There are no sidewalks, which could be potentially dangerous for walkers, cyclist, and the children I see playing in the currently non-trafficked streets that will be sharing the roads with large and heavy trucks.

Zoning Change:

Tujunga has beauty and aesthetic appeal because of the rural character. Changing the zoning from horse property lots to smaller non-horse property lots changes the appealing community character. I urge the City not to approve this zoning change.

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We want to keep our mountains. The DEIR did not disclosed how open space will be preserved. I urge the City to have the consultant redo the EIR so that it is corrected to adequately addresses issues that have be inaccurate, vague or not addressed in the DEIR, and then have the City re-release the EIR for additional comments. Thank you very much.

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Sincerely,

Heiko Krippendorf