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Re: Canyon Hills Project  
ENV-2002-2481-EIR  
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Ms. Zaitzevsky,

We find the Canyon Hills Draft Environmental Impact Report (heretofore to be referred to as the "DEIR") highly misleading in it's impact analysis of the Canyon Hills Project with respect to the issue of overcrowding of the school system.

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Firstly, we feel that the estimate of school-age children that will come with the Canyon Hills Project at full residential capacity to be woefully underestimated. Additionally, conversations with PTA leaders of neighborhood schools lead us to believe that the present over/under school capacity numbers quoted in Table IV.J-3 of the DEIR to be highly questionable. Further, the DEIR cumulative analysis dealt with anticipated effects of the Canyon Hills Project alone. A true cumulative impact analysis relative to increased school-age population is **not** limited to the entries of "Related Projects" as listed in Table II-3 of the DEIR which concentrates on urban commercial projects located primarily on Foothill Blvd which include such things as a fast-food restaurant and gas station, but on an analysis of the cumulative effect of a radius of all communities impacting a given school's population. That would include the entire radius of cumulative impact surrounding eg John H. Francis Polytechnic High School, Verdugo Hills High School, etc. That radius of impact would include the community of Shadow Hills. I am not familiar with the entire impact radius of these schools, but I can speak for the small portion of the impact radius that is Shadow Hills. A 15-unit single family home development recently fully sold out. A 57-unit single-family home development is under active construction and has already sold a number of it's units. A 21-unit single-family home development, fully approved, will soon begin construction. A 14-unit single-family home development, not yet applied for, but imminently coming. A number of additional 1 to 4 unit single-family homes under construction throughout the community. This speaks for the impact of Shadow Hills alone. What further developments are under active construction throughout the impact radius that should be included in this School-Impact Cumulative Analysis of the DEIR?

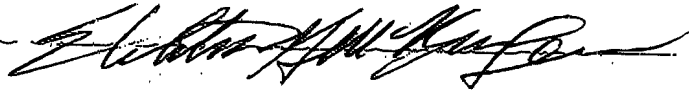
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Following is a response to a totally different subject – that of the Equestrian Park. The DEIR leaves much to the imagination rather than effective planning. The DEIR Project Description III-4 states that “It is anticipated that the City’s Department of Recreation and Parks or a non-profit organization would operate the Equestrian Park.” There is no evidence of any formal conversations with or negotiations with either of the above to assure that this will come to pass. In the absence of such outside support, the DEIR presents no alternatives to assure the construction of and maintenance of the Park.

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Further, there is a serious oversight in the design of the Park. The Verdugos are much enjoyed and used by equestrians. Weekend rides are often a group activity. Parking capacity for only two horse trailers in a Public Equestrian Park is markedly inadequate. They do not easily stack one atop the other.



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