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

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in my home for approximately 17 years, and I am concerned after reading the DEIR about the potential impact that the Emergency access proposed from Area A could have. The DEIR fails to address many possible impacts, such as the increase in traffic on such narrow and steep roads, no mention of a proposal to install a traffic light at Hillhaven and Foothill Blvd. to provide for the increase in traffic. And I am very concerned about the increase in traffic going by my house and the houses of my neighbors. With the new scattering of houses that have been built above me, where the residence have to use Hillhaven to get to their homes, and have to drive by my house, the traffic has increased considerably. The DEIR doesn't mention anything about increased traffic on the emergency access road from Area A before and after the project, and how it will impact the residence here. Is the gate going to be permanently locked on the access road from Area A after the project, or will the residence be entitled to open the gate and use the road? - The DEIR does not address this issue.

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I take daily walks from my house on Hillhaven to Verdugo Crestline Drive, overlooking the project site, and I think the new homes will have a negative visual impact. I don't think a gated community fits in with the rural style of Tujunga. I also believe that many walkers I see will be losing a place to walk due to the possible increase in traffic, which may make it more difficult to walk on these narrow streets, and they won't even be able to use the Canyon Hills Development to walk in because it is gated.

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Current zoning law allows for no more than 87 homes to be built on the Canyon Hills property. I urge the City to require the Canyon Hills project to stay within all the current law and codes, and within the specifications of the Scenic Preservation Specific Plan and the Community Plan. I also urge the City to have the consultant redo the EIR and have the City re-release the EIR for additional comments when issues that haven't been adequately addressed are corrected.

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The DEIR fails to address how it will protect wildlife. CEQA guidelines state that they want to prevent the elimination of wildlife due to man's activities. I think most people that live around here and are familiar with the area would say that the estimated five coyote that the DEIR states occupies the area of the Canyon Hills project is an understatement.

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Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for giving me the opportunity to express my concerns.

Sincerely,



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