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Attn: Sherrie Cruz

re: Paleontological resources for the proposed Tristart Park Pointe Project, in Encino in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, project area

Dear Sherrie:

I have conducted a thorough search of our paleontology collection records for the locality and specimen data for the proposed Tristart Park Pointe Project, in Encino in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, project area as outlined on the portion of the Canoga Park USGS topographic quadrangle map that you sent to me via e-mail on 22 March 2019. We do not have any vertebrate fossil localities that lie directly within the proposed project boundaries, but we do have localities nearby in the same sediments that occur at depth in the proposed project area.

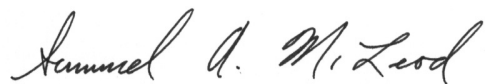
The surface deposits in the entire proposed project area consist of younger Quaternary Alluvium, derived as alluvial fan deposits from the Santa Monica Mountains just to the south. These younger Quaternary deposits typically do not contain significant vertebrate fossils in the uppermost layers, but at varying depths there are older Quaternary deposits that do contain significant fossil vertebrate remains. East-northeast of the proposed project area, east of the Sepulveda Dam Recreation Area and north of the Ventura Freeway (Highway 101), we have several vertebrate fossil localities found at depth beneath the younger Quaternary Alluvium. These localities include LACM 3822, near Kester Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard north of Oxnard Street, that produced fossil specimens of extinct peccary, *Platygonus*, camel, *Camelops*, and bison, *Bison*, at depths between 75 and 100 feet below the surface, locality LACM 6208, further south along Kester Avenue near Burbank Boulevard, that produced fossil specimens of

extinct bison, *Bison*, at a depth of 20 feet below the surface, and further south still locality LACM 3263, near the intersection of Kester Avenue and Otsego Street, that produced fossil specimens of extinct horse, *Equus*, at a depth of 14 feet below the surface. Also from similar deposits, but to the west-southwest of the proposed project area between Topanga Canyon Road and Mulholland Highway, our vertebrate fossil locality LACM 1213 produced fossil specimens of horse, *Equus*, and ground sloth, *Paramylodon*.

Surface grading or shallow excavations in the younger Quaternary Alluvium exposed throughout the proposed project area are unlikely to produce significant fossil vertebrate remains. Deeper excavations in the proposed project area that extend down into older Quaternary deposits, however, may well encounter significant vertebrate fossils. Any substantial excavations in the proposed project area, therefore, should be monitored closely to quickly and professionally recover any fossil remains discovered while not impeding development. Also, sediment samples should be collected and processed to determine the small fossil potential in the proposed project area. Any fossils recovered during mitigation should be deposited in an accredited and permanent scientific institution for the benefit of current and future generations.

This records search covers only the vertebrate paleontology records of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. It is not intended to be a thorough paleontological survey of the proposed project area covering other institutional records, a literature survey, or any potential on-site survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel A. McLeod". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Samuel A. McLeod, Ph.D.  
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enclosure: invoice