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RE: ENV-2002-2481 EIR
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Canyon Hills Project
DEIR Comments

I have lived in Tujunga for 11 years very close to the proposed Canyon Hills project. After reviewing the DEIR I have found many inaccuracies and omissions.

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According to the current laws the area is not zoned for 280 homes. The current laws do not allow grading ridgelines by as much as 80 feet and permanently altering 310 acres.

Living in this area for 11 years I am a citizen expert and I know that this development will affect many more coyotes than the up to 5 that the plan states. The developments negative impact on roadrunners, birds, raccoons, owls and rabbits, plants and trees is understated. It does not take into consideration the enormity of this projects development area or the fact that these animals food source will be removed when the mature trees are destroyed and replaced by small trees and seedlings in the right of way where the wildlife will not be able to get to them. Also there was a Cougar sited on this property, which the DEIR does not mention.

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Public safety is another concern. We currently do not have proper police protection. It takes over 14 minutes for police to respond in this area (if they respond at all), when it is only supposed to take 7 minutes. My neighbor has asked police to drive by her home because there are people loitering in cars outside her door. They dispose of their cigarettes in a non-smoking area (due to fire hazard) and liquor bottles on her property. We have not seen a police car yet. This area does not have proper police coverage and with the number of homes proposed in the DEIR, which is not legal to build will make police coverage worse.

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The DEIR does not take accurately take into consideration the accumulative effect of all the development projects that have just recently been completed or that are in the works. For example, the development at Wentworth and the development planned on the hillsides above Day St. In Tujunga. The traffic on Foothill has increased tremendously over the last 11 years. Our streets cannot handle the additional traffic that this 280 development will bring. The DEIR does not address how this development will affect Foothill Boulevard, where all locals do their shopping.

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Another concern is public works. Public works is lacking already in this area. I am a citizen expert on this issue. I have asked the city for years to repair our tom up road and all I get is a work order number and told that it is on the list. The DEIR does not address how public works is going to handle the additional work from this project.

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The DEIR does not adequately address the affect that this project will have on air pollution during the construction and after the construction with the additional 280 homes and at least 2,700 extra trips per day on La Tuna Canyon and surrounding streets. This area used to be where kids with asthma could come to breathe better. South Coast Air Quality Management should do a study on how this project will affect the air pollution in the area. This area is a commuting workforce because there is no industry close by so all of these new homes will require a significant commute time that will make the air quality worse.

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I urge Los Angeles City officials to disapprove any portion of the Canyon Hills project that requires changes to the current Los Angeles City General Plan, Los Angeles Municipal Code, local Community Plans, the Hillside Ordinance, the Slope Density Ordinance, the Oak Tree Ordinance and all current zoning and all current laws.

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Sincerely,

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