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**RE: ENV-2002-2481-EIR;
SCH#2002091018**

**Canyon Hills Project -
DEIR Comments**

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

My sister lives in Tujunga and I visit here frequently, and I lived in Tujunga for approximately 12 years. Although I no longer live in Tujunga, I frequently visit the area to spend recreational time hiking and cycling, and visiting my sister.

I have the following concerns after reading portions of the EIR:

Traffic -

The EIR states an additional 2,700 daily vehicle trips on La Tuna Canyon and surrounding streets; I think this number is understated, because the traffic counts that were conducted don't account for traffic that will occur on the weekends on La Tuna Canyon Blvd. at the recreational areas. It also fails to consider other sources of traffic, such as residence of the Canyon Hills Development taking their children to schools, and picking them up, service people, trash trucks driving to and from the Canyon Hills Development, etc.

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The widening from one lane to two lanes from La Tuna Canyon to Foothill Blvd. are not adequately addressed in the EIR.

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The bike lanes on La Tuna Canyon are not adequately addressed. Many cyclists use La Tuna Canyon.

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I believe the increased traffic will decrease quality of life for the residents of Tujunga, Sunland, LaCresenta and LaCanada due to the increase in population.

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Emergency access proposed from Area A -

Alene Drive and Hillhaven are too narrow to allow for the proposed 20-foot minimum. There is no proposal for a traffic light at Hillhaven and Foothill Blvd. to accommodate for the increase in traffic due to the residence of the Canyon Hills Development traveling to their homes using the emergency access road. Hillhaven is too steep to have heavy

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truck traffic on. The increase in traffic on the emergency access road would, I believe, decrease the quality of life for the people living on the roads due to the higher volume of traffic and pollution. The EIR is inadequate in its failure to properly analyze the possible impacts on this emergency access road.

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Trees -

Approximately 200 large trees will be cut down, and replaced with small trees. The new trees will be planted in entryways and common ways of properties. I don't believe this is adequate, because placing the trees in commons ways and entryways does not protect habitat. Protecting habitat would be to place the new trees in undisturbed areas., or not to cut so many trees down in the first place.

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Zoning Changes -

I urge the City not to approve the zoning changes, and only allow the 87 houses to be built, because I think 280 would just have too much of a negative impact on this community.

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I believe the cumulative impacts on the community will be huge. I strongly recommend that you 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. I believe the EIR is insufficient and should be redone because it seriously understates the impact of this development on the community.

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I very much hope you will consider my concerns. I am just very concerned because this development threatens the quality of life that this community knows. Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Eric Sorensen

