

Los Angeles City Planning Department  
Maya E. Zaitzevsky  
200 North Spring Street, Room 763  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

December 28, 2003

Re: CANYON HILLS PROJECT  
ENV-2002-2481-EIR  
SCH # 2002091018

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Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

As a longtime resident of Tujunga, we are extremely upset with this proposed development and find it to be unacceptable as to its present form. We draw your attention to the following reasons listed below.

In reading the DEIR, it is alarming to see the total disregard for existing laws as to land usage such as a proposed variance of 15% up to 20% grade for hillside development. Then, there is the issue of building not 87 homes, which were satisfactory initially, to now increasing the number to 280 homes. Why was this allowed? Individual home owners have to comply with the law with regard to city ordinances but, in this case, an out of state developer gets all kinds of special considerations. Something does not add up and this should be investigated.

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Our community plan is our own land use plan and is one component of the general plan whereas the referenced DEIR is a major land form alternative. This major revision of our community plan finds that those who have drafted it have offered no acceptable alternative.

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Whitebird should not be allowed to have zoning changed from an A-1 to R-9 and R-11. These variances set a very serious precedent for future development in this and other areas.

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The DEIR does not consider the grading because of this slope change which will ultimately result in landslides which we have experienced in the past. The cutting off of the tops of hills, the uprooting of trees, not to mention the severity to wildlife, which your own report indicates would occur, will just exacerbate the situation. Many of us have been told that Sunland-Tujunga is a "throwaway community." The movement of 4.6 million cubic yards of dirt, the small lot sizes and congestion that will occur, not to mention the diesel which is known to be a serious health hazard by the AQMD will certainly give it a further negative reputation. The roads in our area are deplorable not to

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mention the highways. This infrastructure is collapsing and more roads and 280 homes will contribute to this dilemma.

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Therefore, we object to the General Plan Amendment as proposed in the DEIR.

Sincerely,

*Helen De Ruiter 12/29/03*  
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