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Re.: Canyon Hills Project, EIR  
Case No ENV-2002-2481-EIR  
Reference No SCH2002091018

After reviewing the above EIR, we conclude that it is inadequate, because the impact of the proposed development on the community is greatly understated. We ask the consultant to redo the EIR and have the City of Los Angeles re-release the EIR for additional comments when the deficiencies are corrected.

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There are important aspects still to be determined, like the potential access points via Woodward Ave to Mc Groarty or Inspiration Way to Hillhaven. Extensive construction would be required to turn Woodward Ave into an emergency access for the project, negatively impacting the aesthetic and recreational value of the undeveloped northern hillside for our neighboring community. At present, Woodward Ave is practically non-existent north of Glenties Way, overgrown and deteriorated, returned to nature. There is a network of trails however, that locals use and maintain for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. Ingress/Egress is still an open issue and our concern is, that possibly opening these emergency access points to traffic would negatively impact the adjacent residential areas.

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Site details are unclear in terms of views from the north side. Are any structures going to be visible from Tujunga?

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Verdugo Crestline Drive and Viewpoint Drive as well as numerous trails border the site of the proposed development or will be cut off by it. The aesthetic impact on recreational users would be severe. Any proposed recreational facilities located within the project would be private.

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A significant local landmark and vista point, the Cross of San Ysidro on Mount Mc Groarty, must be included in the EIR as a historic resource and protected from development. The current proposal would cut off one access road to the site.

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As homeowners and residents of the Tujunga neighborhood just north of the proposed building site and frequent recreational users of the area, we find that the draft EIR does not address these topics sufficiently. This is of great concern to us and many neighbors. We appreciate the open spaces and the rural character of our community.

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Sincerely,

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