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Ms. Maya E. Zaitzevsky
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Subject: ENV-2002-2481-EIR;SCH#2002091018
Canyon Hills Project - DEIR Comments

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

We are residents of Tujunga for over 25 years, owning two homes through the years. The Whitebird Canyon Hills Project is of great concern to us and this community. We are very much opposed to the building of homes in our area. We have contacted our Councilmember Wendy Greuel, asking that any radical changes to the Community Plan be submitted to the voters for approval. Our feeling is that granting variances for the benefit of one company will set a bad precedent for the entire area.

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There are several important reasons why we oppose the Whitebird Inc. Canyon Hills Project Proposal to build 280 homes on both sides of the 210 Freeway (between La Tuna Canyon Road and Sunland Boulevard). As long-time residents and home owners, we have a strong sense of pride in the natural rural beauty of the La Tuna Canyon area, and our desire is to see that it is maintained as it now exists. Environmental scarring resulting from grading the land would be visible from the 210 Freeway and La Tuna Canyon for possibly decades. The filling of canyons and cutting of ridges for this project would certainly contribute substantially to the elimination of areas, and access to areas, used presently by hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers.

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We are also concerned about worsening traffic, as the Environmental Impact Report indicates that an additional 2,700 daily vehicle trips would be made (at least that amount) on La Tuna Canyon and surrounding streets. At a time when public concern is being voiced strongly about heavy traffic in Southern California, added pollution resulting from increased vehicular travel in our community is unacceptable.

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In two and a half decades of living in Tujunga we have seen many positive changes which have enhanced the quality of life here. The Whitebird development does not improve or help our community. Please hold the project to compliance with all laws and the Scenic Plan as well.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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