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Los Angeles City Planning Dept.
Attn: Maya Zaitzevsky
200 N. Spring St. Rm #763
Los Angeles, CA 90012

December 8, 2003

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky,

I am adamantly against the idiotic proposal submitted for the "Whitebird" (should be renamed "Dead Bird" since the proposed development would permanently destroy habitats for birds) development. This horrific proposal for illogical and destructive development along both beautiful scenic sides of the 210 Freeway west of La Tuna Canyon would:


- destroy the last untouched and scenic stretch of highway in L.A. City
- cause unacceptable unplanned crowding, an increase in traffic, and additional air, land, and water pollution
- destroy the natural habitats for resident and traveling indigenous animals and beautiful and historical native plants
- destroy a traditional way of life for generations of people in the area and prevent outdoor enthusiasts from what we have done for centuries: horseback ride, hike, bike, view and appreciate the natural area
- erase a unique area from L.A. geography and obliterate a special historical space

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I am a native Californian and spent lots of memorable childhood weekends in the La Tuna Canyon, Sunland, Tujunga, and hills, mountains, and canyons before the 210 was built. As an adult, I spend time hiking the trails with friends searching the area to record sightings of native plants and indigenous animals. I commute on the 210 daily, and I find the drive through this special area relaxing and calming, and I look forward to each seasonal change to watch the fantastic effect on the flora and fauna. I strongly request that the proposal for this and any other development be voted down, and I propose that this wonderful, unique, and precious area be preserved as a protected entity.

As a registered voter who always votes, I will be watching the proceedings of the L.A. City Council very closely.

Sincerely,



Susan M. De Santis, M.S.