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Los Angeles City Planning Department
Maya E. Zaitzevsky
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, Ca. 900112

RE: ENV-2002-2481-EIR;SCH#2002091018
Canyon Hills Project - DEIR Comments

Dear Ms. Zaitzevsky:

I have been a resident of this area since 1990 and we have owned property here since 1978. Our property is just north, across the mountain, from the proposed Canyon Hills Project. The main reason for loving this area is the magnificent mountain views and wildlife.

This project, in my opinion, would involve much grading, which is an obvious destruction of the natural terrain. There was an impact study of the wildlife which lasted 4 days. How can they possibly come to a definite conclusion after only 4 days! Our own observations of the coyotes (just one species) are that they move in-and-out of our area on a constant basis. Sometimes we observe them daily and hear them nightly for weeks at a time, and then they migrate to another area for a short time, before returning. Over the years, I have observed deer, skunks, raccoons, opossums, bobcats, and mountain lions, plus the many birds.

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Also of major concern is the traffic and safety issue. This project is supposed to take 5 years to complete, and the traffic problems are supposed to be solved by putting a traffic light at La Tuna Canyon and the 210 Freeway. Who are they trying to convince?

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Thank you for your consideration.



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