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Los Angeles Department of City Planning
Planning and Land Use Management Committee

RE: Proposed Negative Declaration: ENV-2004-7108: CF-00-2206

Dear Council Members,

The Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council (GHNNC) was certified by the City of Los Angeles on September 10, 2002, and has had a duly elected and seated Board of Directors since March 31, 2003. The area it represents and services is bounded by the Los Angeles City/County line and I-5 Golden State Freeway to the north, the I-405 San Diego Freeway to the east, the 118 Ronald Reagan Freeway to the south and Aliso Canyon to the west, that encompasses approximately 28,600 residents.

On December 14, 2004 at a duly noticed joint meeting of the Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Committees of the Chatsworth, Granada Hills North, Porter Ranch and Neighborhood Councils from Council District 2 and 7 were invited to discuss the "Sphere of Influence" Negative Declaration 841-04-PL: ENV-2004-7108. Many believed that it might be best to leave this in the County control because their plan designates much of it as open space. If it were annexed there was concern that the land would be over developed which would create even more traffic problems.

On April 25, 2005 the Board of the GHNNC discussed the Sphere of Influence and issues that may involve and impact the stakeholders of the GHNNC. The GHNNC Board is concerned about Las Lomas and other such developments that have proposals to build in the land in the proposed Sphere of Influence area and how this will impact stakeholders within our boundaries.

The GHNNC Planning and Land Use Committee explained the concerns that surrounding Neighborhood Councils had regarding this proposal, that this process was the first step in annexation of land, and that this may make it easier for developers to request annexation into either the City of Los Angeles or the City of Santa Clarita and develop on the land in the Sphere of Influence. The preference of the GHNNC stakeholders is to preserve the mountains as they exist and have it designated as open space.

The GHNNC Board, though concerned about the land that borders our council area, felt that the City should be allowed to have input on projects that border them and therefore voted to support the City of Los Angeles in applying for this Sphere of Influence.

Sincerely,

Anne Ziliak
Planning and Land Use Chair, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council
For
Michael Greenwald
Chair, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council