

August 28, 2023

Dear Councilmembers,

RE: WITHDRAWAL of Appeal of a Haul Route CEQA Environmental Determination for 3649 and 3651 Woodhill Canyon Road / Case No. ENV-2022-6651-CE; CF 23-0802

This is to inform you that I am withdrawing my appeal of August 1, 2023 for the Board of Building and Safety Commissioners (BBSC) approval of a haul route and categorical exemption for the 3651 Woodhill Canyon Road project (Case No. ENV-2022-6651-CE). The property owners have reached out and come up with meaningful and real mitigation for this project. I am grateful there are people out there like the Davis's who also care about the environment enough to come together and find a solution.

Please know that the *reasons* for this appeal is still valid in every way. I maintain that a categorical exemption for this project was an improper application of a CEQA exemption as not all exceptions for the CE could be made. Had proper environmental review been conducted and applied in this case from the get go, meaning a biological assessment and actual mitigation for the trees to be preserved, trees to be removed, and trees to be planted, I believe the owners would not have been unnecessarily delayed for almost one year. I certainly do not want to add to their grief.

I URGE that proper environmental review be conducted for projects that are located in potential sensitive habitat areas, such as within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone and within recognized SMMC State Mapped Habitat Linkage Blocks. We need to truly protect our wildlife and these natural resources that sustain them, and it is up to the Lead Agency and our decision makers to do so! Trying to cut corners with issuing CE's will not achieve this.

Thank you for your time in this matter,

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Sincerely,

Marianne King

Cc: Stacey and Steve Davis

