

# RESPONDING TO THE DRAFT EIR

Responding to the Draft Environmental Impact Report is the most important thing you can do. Your comments will become part of the Final EIR which will be sent to the Los Angeles City Council to help them decide whether or not to approve the Canyon Hills Project.

The City will accept comments on the Draft EIR until 5:00 pm, **December 31, 2003**.

Written comments should be submitted to the following address:

**Los Angeles City Planning Department  
Maya E. Zaitzevsky  
200 North Spring Street, Room 763  
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Comments may be submitted by FAX or e-mail, but the City recommends you follow up with a mailed or hand-delivered copy.

**Important-Do not send your response to the EIR to the above address until the last two weeks of December (Unless you plan to be gone those last two weeks).** There are a few reasons for this. We may have updated information to give you during November on the EIR. We want to fully develop your ideas and thoughts about the impacts of this development on our community. Also, if you send the responses in early, the EIR consultant will start the response to these letters as soon as they are received. We would like them to wait to respond until they have most of our letters.

**Preliminarily, we believe the EIR is inadequate and we would urge you in your response to the EIR to have the consultant redo the EIR and have the City of Los Angeles re-release the EIR for additional comments when the deficiencies are corrected. We believe the EIR is inadequate and should be redone because it seriously understates the impact of this development on the community.**

It is important to understand that the purpose of the EIR is to provide information on the environmental impacts of Canyon Hills and for the public to have an opportunity to respond. To ensure that your comments have the greatest impact, we recommend the following guidelines:

- Obtain a copy of the EIR from the City of Los Angeles.
- Focus on any defects or inaccuracies in the EIR, not on the project itself.
- Discuss whether the EIR adequately identifies and analyzes the environmental impacts and how they can be reduced or avoided.
- Point out additional impacts and mitigation measures which have been overlooked.
- Comment on the proposed alternatives to the project.
- Provide as much factual evidence for your criticisms as possible.
- State whether you have experience which makes you especially qualified to comment. (Your experience can be something as simple as living on a street near the project and observing traffic patterns, or as complex as having a Ph.D. in Civil Transportation Engineering).

The Sierra Club in conjunction with Canyon Area Preservation and Glendale-Crescenta VOICE are preparing a detailed analysis of significant impacts that can be helpful with your response to the EIR. We will probably release this toward the latter part of November. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this, fill out one of the response cards indicating that you are interested in responding or commenting on the EIR. We will mail or e-mail you a copy if you fill out the appropriate information. If you already have filled out a response card, we will mail or e-mail you a copy when it is released.

Information about upcoming meetings and the EIR will be available from:

Glendale-Crescenta VOICE [www.gcvoice.com](http://www.gcvoice.com)

Canyon Area Preservation [CAPViews@comcast.net](mailto:CAPViews@comcast.net)

### **CD-ROM Copies May Be Purchased At**

LA City Planning Department  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 763  
Los Angeles, CA

Or call Maya Zaitzevsky at (213) 978-1355

Cost: \$7.50/ea

Sierra Club will provide Free Copies of the CD-ROM to interested people while supplies last.

### **Copies May Be Studied At**

LA City Council District 2 Field Office  
7747 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga

Sunland-Tujunga Branch Library  
7771 Foothill Blvd, Tujunga

La Crescenta Library  
7521 La Crescenta Avenue, La Crescenta

LA Central Library  
630 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles

### **Available on the Internet**

Department of City Planning's website: [www.lacity.org/PLN](http://www.lacity.org/PLN)

Click on Meetings/Environmental/Hearings, then  
Draft Environmental Impact Reports.

Sierra Club Contacts:

Fred Dong, Crescenta Valley Sierra Club Chair 818-545-3878 or [madelinesdad@juno.com](mailto:madelinesdad@juno.com)

Michele Stone, Crescenta Valley Sierra Club Conservation Chair 818-353-2422 or [micheledale@earthlink.net](mailto:micheledale@earthlink.net)

### **HELP US WITH THE ENCLOSED POSTCARD**

**We need volunteers to help us before and during the release of the EIR. We need people to comment on how this development will impact your lives in a way the Los Angeles City Council who will decide this project will understand. We need people to help spread the word about this development. We will need people who are willing to pass out flyers or other information about the project. We may need people who can make a few important phone calls. Maybe you are a person or know of a person who has expertise in analyzing an Environmental Impact Report. In short, we need anyone who is interested in stopping this project that will very negatively impact our community.**

**If you can help, please return this enclosed postcard to us and spread the word in our community!!!!**