

# Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council



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November 30, 2004

Wendy Gruel  
Councilmember  
City of Los Angeles  
200 N. Spring Street, Suite 455  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Case Nos. CPC 2004-4344-ZC-GPA-MR,  
CPC 2004-4345-SPP-SP, and  
Vesting Tentative Tract No. 61672  
Canyon Hills

Dear Councilmember Gruel,

At the November 17, 2004 Special Meeting of the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council (STNC), the following motion was unanimously approved by the STNC board.

**MOTION: Robin Siegel Meares - seconded by Cindy Cleghorn MOVED**  
That the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council **oppose** the Canyon Hills project as proposed, and that we request that Councilmember Wendy Gruel **oppose the proposed project on our behalf.**

Following are brief statements of the reasons for this position.

1. While we respect a property owners right to develop this property, the proposed project would not provide enough public benefit to balance the environmental damage and negative impacts on the existing community.
2. This community does not support the proposed amendments to the City's General Plan and our Community Plan. The Community Plan should only be amended for significant public benefit and with community consent.
3. The requested Plan amendments and zone changes, together with the significant grading and other aesthetic and scenic degradation described in the proposed project's EIR, would cause irreparable damage to our Scenic Corridor and to our community character, including our equestrian culture.
4. Although the DEIR and FEIR may be legally adequate by CEQA standards, many important issues are unresolved and are outside the scope of the EIRs.

Therefore, we have no option but to **oppose** the proposed project at this time.

However, the STNC wants to work cooperatively with developers that care about our community. Therefore, if Whitebird adequately addresses our unresolved questions and

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concerns, we would be willing to form a team of community members to continue to work with Whitebird to propose an appropriate alternative project.

Also, enclosed is a copy of the STNC's letter to Ms. Emily Gabel Luddy and the Minutes of the November 17, 2004 meeting.

The STNC looks forward to working with you and your staff regarding Canyon Hills.

Sincerely,



Ken McAlpine  
Chairman



Cynthia Cleghorn  
Corresponding Secretary

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Minutes of Nov. 17, 2004  
Letter to Emily Gabel Luddy  
w/attachments