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Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
Bruce McClendon, Director
Supervising Regional Planner, Zoning Permits
320 W Temple Street room 1390
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. McClendon,

Neighbors in the area of the proposed Union Rescue Mission in Kagel Canyon have come to us with great concern over the findings in the recent transportation and traffic data provided by Cox Castle Nicholson, LLP on behalf of the Union Rescue Mission's proposed Hope Garden Facility. They are concerned that the categorical exemption being applied for has not had the thorough review it deserves.

This proposed facility is extremely different than the Foresters Retirement Home. The amount of people that the Union Rescue Mission propose to move to this facility is greater than the retirees who lived on the property previously. The Forester's had, at most, 168 residing on the property at any given time. According to the old management some of the elders were living in the nursing facility there and were unable to commute.

With children and their mothers, the movement of people to and from the facility will be far more frequent than that of retirees. School, outside sports, other outside activities, doctor appointments, employment, meeting for 12 step programs and visits with the fathers and others will for certain have a greater impact.

We hope that you will look into these concerns that have been brought to our attention by the neighbors directly affected and respect their request for a full Environmental Impact Study.

Sincerely,

Cindy Cleghorn, Chairperson
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

Cc: Supervisor Michael Antonovich
Wendy Greuel, Council District 2
Marlene Rader, Kagel Canyon