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Dear Sunland-Tujunga Stakeholder:

You were sent this letter because you contributed in some way to the recent "Sunland-Tujunga Dialogue." Parties to this dispute, some of whom attended the Dialogue itself, have expressed an interest in continuing to engage in processes to resolve this matter. A majority of participants expressed a preference for the Dispute Resolution Program to continue to convene the dialogues. Our unit has agreed for the time being to continue to work in this capacity.

We are now exploring the preferences of parties who will attempt to resolve the concerns of all disputants and bring clarity to this matter. All processes proposed by the Dispute Resolution Program are voluntary.

At this point, we would like to learn from you which stakeholder groups you believe should be represented for the next, more limited, discussion. Based on the materials we received, we are aware that the Sunland-Tujunga Alliance-No Home Depot Campaign should be represented. We also note that Neighborhood Council representatives from the area have a keen interest in this matter and should be represented. Home Depot should certainly be a party at the table. Small business owners from the Sunland-Tujunga area should be represented. The City of Los Angeles is a party to this dispute and should be represented. The Chamber of Commerce for the area should have a representative in any additional sessions. Residents of Sunland-Tujunga who have expressed some support for Home Depot should be represented.

You are asked to provide the names of other stakeholder groups which should be represented at an initial meeting to begin the process of achieving some understanding of the issues in this matter. At this point, we anticipate no more than two persons from each group would participate in on-going sessions. These sessions would be scheduled at the convenience of the parties involved.

To provide a reasonable period of time to consider and respond to this request for your input, the Dispute Resolution Program has established **Monday, July 21, 2008**, as the cut-off date for responses to this request to be considered.

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The Dispute Resolution Program may be contacted by e-mail at mediate@lacity.org, by U. S. Mail at 222 S. Hill Street, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90012, by telephone at (213) 485-0390 or by fax at (213) 485-8916.

Barbara Goldfarb, a Dispute Resolution Program volunteer, has agreed to serve as the lead facilitator for the period of time that we continue our involvement in this process. She will collect all materials and follow up as necessary to move this process forward.

Ms. Goldfarb has a limited schedule in this office, but has agreed to follow up at her earliest opportunity to address any inquiries, concerns or issues that you may have about the involvement of the Dispute Resolution Program.

Thank you for providing your input for the initial "Sunland-Tujunga Dialogue." The Dispute Resolution Program looks forward to learning your recommendations for stakeholder groups to be included in future sessions at your earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Avis Ridley-Thomas

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Dispute Resolution Program