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Adam Villani
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Re: Studio City Senior Living Center
4141 Whitsett Ave, Studio City, CA 91604
ENV-2001-1196 EIR
State Clearinghouse No. 2002031028

Dear Mr. Villani,

The Hillside Federation represents 44 homeowner and residents associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, including Studio City Residents Association. The Federation's mission is to protect the property and quality of life of its over 200,000 constituents and to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the hillside and mountain areas in which they live. At its September meeting the Federation voted to support the Studio City Residents Association position opposing the Studio City Senior Living Center as proposed in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and to support Alternative D.

The Hillside Federation is greatly concerned about preserving open space and about supporting the Los Angeles River Revitalization project whose comprehensive Alternative 20 has strong support throughout the state. The Los Angeles River Natural Park project designed in Studio City is an integral component of the LA River Revitalization. After reviewing Alternative D, the Federation unanimously agreed that the Los Angeles River Natural Park project (Alternative D) is the "Highest Best Use" of this valuable Open Space for the benefit of all of Los Angeles and surrounding communities. Feasibility technical studies were conducted and submitted to the Los Angeles Department of Sanitation for their review. The Department deemed Alternate D viable for the purposes of cleaning the river. Alternative D would collect surface water runoff from 200 acres of surrounding streets and clean it before discharging into Los Angeles River by installing a riparian swale habitat while at the same time maintaining the highly used recreational elements of the site such as the tennis courts, the driving range, the putting green and the clubhouse.

In addition, the City of Los Angeles has planned a 51-mile greenway and bike path along the river. The Whitsett property is the last remaining Open Space on the river in the San Fernando Valley and a necessary component of the Los Angeles River Revitalization. Should the Studio City Senior Living Center project proceed it would also block the newly funded River Greenway from Whitsett to Coldwater scheduled to break ground November 1, 2014.

Therefore, the Hillside Federation opposes the proposed project and urges the Los Angeles City Planning Department to recommend Alternative D.

Sincerely,

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