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RE: Proposed Negative Declaration: ENV-2004-7108: CF-00-2206

Dear Ms. Whisnant:

On December 14, 2004 at a duly noticed joint meeting of the Neighborhood Council Planning and Land Use Committees of the Chatsworth, Granada Hills North, Porter Ranch and Neighborhood Councils from Council District 2 and 7 were invited to discuss the "Sphere of Influence" Negative Declaration 841-04-PL: ENV-2004-7108.

In attendance were appointed and elected representatives from Chatsworth Neighborhood Council, Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council, Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council, Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council, Sylmar Neighborhood Council, and West Hills Neighborhood Council.

Mr. Platkin from City Planning presented the Los Angeles City Planning Department proposal to change the sphere of influence. He stated that some material regarding this proposal would not be available until January 2005. He was also unable to provide answers or respond to the following Committee Member questions and comments:

1. The time allowed for comment is very short and very little information on what this really means to residents of the City of Los Angeles.
2. How can the public make an informed analysis of this proposal, if certain documents are not being made available to the public until January 2005 and the comment period on this document expires December 27, 2004?
3. What parts of the General Plan for the City of Los Angeles will take precedence in determining the future uses of this area? They include conflicting statements, and clarity as to what will be done in this area is deserved and necessary. The County of Los Angeles has taken a clear stand in its update to their General Plan as to appropriate land uses in this area – what is the City proposing? Citizens deserve to know, that is the intent of public disclosure and notice, but **NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED.**
4. Does the public notice on the Negative Declaration need to be re-published, no address to send comments to was indicated; only an address for review of the file was indicated; shouldn't a comment address be included?
5. A checklist Indicating "No Impact" to each question in the document does not provide the public with appropriate information on the results of the proposed sphere of influence