

To: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa,

City Council Members

The Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council, at its regularly held General Board meeting tonight, May 20, 2010, voted (vote) to again SUPPORT the zone variance appeal by the Community Alliance for Open Space as it creates an industrial use in an OS Open Space zone. This appeal is supported by hundreds of affected neighbors, the full Board of Los Angeles County Supervisors, State Assemblyman Cameron Smyth, the Sierra Club, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the following Neighborhood Councils: Foothill Trails District, Sunland/Tujunga, Sun Valley, Studio City, North Hills West, Lake Balboa, Granada Hills North and Greater Toluca Lake, as well as Community groups including Kagel Canyon Civic Association, Lake View Terrace Improvement Association, Shadow Hills Property Owners Association and the Sunland-Tujunga Alliance.

The precedent being set – allowing an industrial (M zone) use in an OS zone, which by nature and code is established to provide balance to all other uses in the overall City Plan, has destructive ramifications throughout the City. The normal planning process has been superseded by the City for convenience by ministerially approving the findings and defective MND. By definition, *convenience* does not satisfy *findings* and all findings must be met in order to grant a variance.

The proposed variance is not about procedure nor transparency and should be denied.