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January 16, 2008

Mr. Joe Edmiston  
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Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
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Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mr. Edmiston:

Subject: Proposed Las Lomas Development

The City of Santa Clarita has been following the progress of the Las Lomas project for several years and is extremely concerned with the many significant environmental impacts this project would create if it were to be approved, including the loss of a vital open space wildlife corridor connecting the Santa Susana Mountains and the Angeles National Forest. On November 13, 2007, our City Council approved a resolution formally opposing the Las Lomas development. We would request that the Santa Monica Mountains also take a formal position opposing the project. I am enclosing a copy of the City Council agenda report which outlines many of our concerns with this project that you should find useful.

We hope the Conservancy takes a formal position to help get the word out about the seriousness of this development proposal to the citizens of Los Angeles.

On February 4, 2008, the L.A. City Budget and Finance Committee will be considering a request by Dan Palmer, Las Lomas' developer, to approve a Supplemental Fee Agreement. Under these agreements, the City is reimbursed for staff time associated with the review of development projects, but more importantly, these agreements move projects to the front of the line in processing ahead of other projects. If the Supplemental Fee Agreement is approved, while not a direct endorsement of the project itself, it could appear to give a certain degree of significance to a development proposal that would create enormous impacts on the environment. This sends the wrong kind of message to the citizens of Los Angeles as well as to residents of the Santa Clarita Valley who place importance on the preservation of the environment.

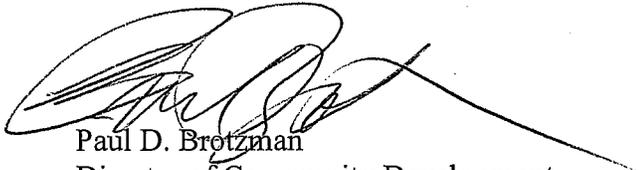
We would like you to join us in voicing our concerns with Dan Palmer's request that Las Lomas be given the highest priority over other development proposals in Los Angeles on February 4th



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before the Budget and Finance Committee. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to call me at (661) 255-4365.

Sincerely,



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Director of Community Development

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s/annexation/las lomas/santa monica conservancy opposition final

cc: Sharon Sorensen, Senior Planner