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May 24, 2006

Agoura City Council  
3001 Ladyface Court  
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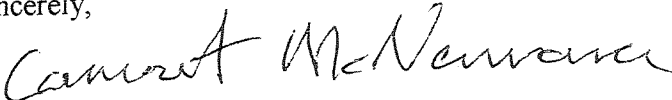
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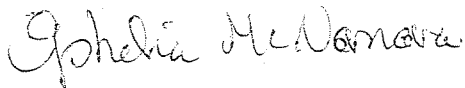
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# **Citizens for Sensitive Development**

5737 Kanan Rd. # 150 Agoura Hills, California 91301

June 4, 2006

City Council of Agoura Hills  
30001 Ladyface Court  
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HAND-DELIVERED and EMAILED

Re: Agoura Village Specific Plan

Dear City Council Members,

As a follow-up to my testimony May 24, 2006 at your meeting, I want to clarify some issues that were raised, and those in my notes I turned into you, but did not yet elaborate on because of time constraints at the meeting. Since there is a week and a half before your next meeting June 14, 2006 on this issue I trust you will have time to carefully review this letter before you make your decision.

## **Traffic Mitigation – Can we know the effects?**

In watching the slide presentation at the meeting May 24th, I noticed that it looks like you are planning to widen Cornell Road (we commonly call it Cornell Way- the Cornell that comes directly off of Agoura Rd.) Since many of the sensitive biota in question is along the cliff area of this road, can you please assess quantitatively (impacts to native grassland, endangered plants, flowers, birds, and other living species, and cubic yards of grading) that will be effected by this road widening? This should be in your capability to calculate right now. Will there be any condemnation of property associated with this road widening? What about the other traffic mitigation including road widening? These are all calculable, quantitative impacts that should be addressed now in the Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") of the Agoura Village Plan.

## **Developer Funded Reports**

Because this was recently discovered that the developers paid for part or all of the environmental impact studies, can you list which studies the developers paid for, and how much they paid? Obviously, this brings the results of these studies into question, and the studies funded by the developers should be reassessed by a neutral party for accurateness, and revised as needed with greater scrutiny.

It was brought to our attention the traffic report contains questionable and misleading data. The base of the current traffic study in your EIR of the Agoura Village Plan is at zero. I think we can all agree this is a gross understatement of the hectic traffic that exists at the Kanan and Agoura Road intersection now.

## **Distressing and Alarming Agoura Village Plan**

No one thought there as any reason to fear the Agoura Village Plan. The council passed a great resolution to protect Lady Face Mountain, and was studying a plan that would recognize the appropriate density and acknowledge the area as the gateway to

**the Santa Monica Mountains. The Agoura Village Plan is now highly upsetting to many of us who care about the irreplaceable land you are planning to pave over with development larger than the Oaks Mall in Thousand Oaks, plus the addition of 293 residences and parking for all. The lack of environmental review for such a zone change, and the unwillingness of the City of Agoura to share accurate information with the community, and surrounding communities has placed a great burden on those of us that know your intentions. We are faced with trying to inform the community because you have not. We are faced with scrambling around finding help any way we can, because the City of Agoura is trying to slide all this density in without proper studies. We have been given false, misleading, and inaccurate information. This plan has been irresponsibly presented, and the lack of environmental review by the City of Agoura to come to it's decision is truly alarming.**

**By your own EIR one cannot assess the environmental impacts and comment on the plan in an objective way using the real impacts as a basis for discussion. It has given those of us sensitive to these issues severe emotional and mental distress, and is causing physical problems to me personally, which in turn is affecting my family. Again, I am pleading with you to revise the EIR to include all the studies requested by the agencies who commented on this plan, and carry out the original vision for the village, which was to recognize the appropriate density, and recognize this area as the Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains. This is a semi-rural street with the character of Old Agoura. We do not believe the added density is required here financially or otherwise. The city has ten years to add a total of 100 residential units to fulfill California State goals. The residences most certainly do not need to be added here, and a statement of overriding consideration for the sensitive ecological area should be sufficient to add this density elsewhere.**

**One of the business owners in the Agoura Village Plan area said it best when he said "The only one who wants the Agoura Village Plan is the City of Agoura". He felt because he signed our petition, you would take his view into consideration. I urge you to solicit comments from local businesses owners within the plan, your wives, friends and neighbors and come to some reality based decision taking the people who live here into consideration. In our few hour petition drive in and around the Agoura Village Plan area, 95% of our citizens stated they oppose your plan.**

**Sincerely,**



**Mary Altmann, Chair  
Citizens for Sensitive Development**