



"Gateway to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area"

June 13, 2005

County of Los Angeles
Regional Planning Commission
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: COUNTY PROJECT NO. 98-062, CUP NO. 98-062, SCH NO. 1998101060;
HESCHEL WEST SCHOOL PROJECT REVISED DEIR

Dear Chairman Wayne Rew and Commissioners:

The purpose of this letter is to convey the position of the Agoura Hills City Council on the proposed Heschel West School project, which is scheduled for consideration by the Regional Planning Commission on June 15, 2005. As you are aware, the approximately 73-acre project site is located within unincorporated Los Angeles County, just north of U.S. Highway 101, and directly adjacent to the eastern limits of the City of Agoura Hills.

On May 18 and June 8 of 2005, meetings regarding the proposed Heschel West School were held by the City Council. At these meetings, City staff presented a brief summary of the Heschel West School project and comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The Heschel West School representatives then spoke about the project, followed by public comments from attendees both in support and opposed to the development. Following this public testimony, the City Council discussed the project and DEIR. The City's formal position on the project is as follows:

1. The County Regional Planning Commission public hearing on the Heschel West School project should be continued until City and County staff, along with the applicant, can meet to further discuss and resolve important technical items regarding the project and DEIR, particularly traffic issues.
2. The City Council opposes the Heschel West School project as currently proposed, based on the deficiencies in the DEIR.
3. The letters prepared by City Planning and Community Development Department staff (dated May 16, 2005) and by the City Attorney (dated May 18, 2005) regarding the DEIR reflect the position of the City Council regarding adequacy of the DEIR. These letters are included as Attachments A and B, respectively.

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If you should have any questions, please contact Greg Ramirez, City Manager, at (818) 597-7311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Corridori". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Ed Corridori
Mayor

Attachments:

- A. City Planning and Community Development Dept. letter, dated May 16, 2005
- B. City Attorney letter, dated May 18, 2005