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October 3, 2007

Honorable Greig Smith
Council Member, City of Los Angeles
12th District
200 North Spring Street, Room 405
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council Member Smith:

Thank you for recently contacting me requesting my opposition to the Las Lomas Development located between the San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley. As you probably already know, I opposed the Las Lomas project as a Council Member and Mayor from the City of Santa Clarita because I felt there were various elements about the project that were cause for concern. Now, as a State Assemblyman, I remain opposed to the proposed Las Lomas development.

The increase in vehicle generated from this proposal will greatly impact traffic along some of the busiest freeways in the nation, specifically Interstates 5, 405 and Highway 14. Additionally, Metrolink has determined that the proposed rail transit is unfeasible and further undesirable which was acknowledged by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation.

In addition, the proposed 5,800 unit housing development will sit on important natural open space between the San Fernando Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley. As noted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in a letter sent on August 26, 2002, the Las Lomas site is the last remaining wildlife corridor linking the San Gabriel Mountains and the Santa Susana/Santa Monica Mountains. Furthermore, it is worrisome that the jurisdiction for the development continues to be proposed for the City of Los Angeles when the property sits in unincorporated Los Angeles County and has no adjoining boundary with the City. In fact the City of Santa Clarita, which is adjacent to the development, and will be significantly impacted, continues to be on the outside of the process.

Considering these issues, I believe the current Las Lomas proposal is not right for the region and regrettably must remain opposed to the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron M. Smyth".

CAMERON M. SMYTH
Assembly Member, 38th District

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