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September 17, 2019

Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Chair
Planning and Land Use Management Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 N Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 6401, 6433, 6555, 6635 W La Tuna Canyon Road; 9201, 9315 N Tujunga Canyon Blvd.

Case No. CPC-2007-3082-VZC-SPR-SPP

Environmental No. ENV-2007-3083-EIR

State Clearinghouse No. 2007121012

Dear PLUM Chair Harris-Dawson,

I am writing as the Senator for the 25th District, which includes the Verdugo Hills Golf Course site in Tujunga being considered for development by Snowball West Investments. I join the community in preferring that this entire site be preserved as open space. I support Snowball West's plans to sell 47 of the 215 parcels to the State's Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to be preserved as open space both for recreation and as part of a memorial to the former Tuna Canyon Detention Station. In addition, I also support the Tuna Canyon Detention Station Coalition's desire to swap out parcels along the western portion of La Tuna Canyon Road for parcels that lie within the footprint of the former internment camp so descendants of internees can walk and commune in the land where their ancestors were held against their will. Today, at a time when our federal government is regrettably again separating families, it is important to honor the memories of these detainees as best we can.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony J. Portantino".

Anthony J. Portantino
SENATOR
District 25