Dear Mr. LoGrande:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., representing forty resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, supports the residents of Stanley Hills Drive, Laurel Canyon Association, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) in their attempt to maintain the agreed upon wildlife easements for the Stanley Hills Drive project.

The wildlife easements were carefully negotiated and approved by the Central Area Planning Commission (CAPC). To accommodate the plans of the applicant, the SMMC accepted wildlife corridors that were below their minimum standard. These wildlife easements were specifically delineated in Exhibit A. Plans subsequently submitted by the applicant are not consistent with the plans that were approved. I am attaching Mr. Edelman’s letter which describes the discrepancies of the wildlife easements in detail.

The residents have already made great concessions to the applicant by waiving the requirement that the substandard road be improved in exchange for this wildlife corridor. Continuing studies of wildlife connectivity clearly demonstrate that there is much more wildlife living in the Santa Monica Mountains than was previously thought. Therefore it is critical that every effort be made to leave open spaces that will allow wildlife to co-exist with humans in a manner that will allow them to thrive.

The Federation requests that the wildlife easements approved by the CAPC be preserved on the ground and duly recorded by the City. The Federation further requests that no permits be issued for these addresses until the issues with the wildlife easements have been resolved.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge

cc: Alan Bell
Councilmembers Paul Koretz & Tom LaBonge
Paul Edelman, SMMC
Robert L. Glushon