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February 21, 2006

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Dear Mr. Shah:

I appreciate the opportunity to write you about my concerns regarding the Integrated Resource Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) released by the City of Los Angeles, specifically the Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer (GBIS).

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There are two choices presented by the City of Los Angeles as to where to place the GBIS, the GBIS NORTHERN ALIGNMENT Alternative vs. the GBIS SOUTHERN ALIGNMENT Alternative. The alternative which needs to be chosen is obvious, the GBIS SOUTHERN ALIGNMENT.

The adverse effects of the GBIS NORTHERN ALIGNMENT alternative are numerous. Not only would the aesthetics of the Burbank Rancho District be destroyed, air quality would become odious, the natural flora and fauna compromised, the serenity of the neighborhood impacted by excessive noise, vibration, traffic and congestion; also, acquisitions of private property by the City of Los Angeles would cause displacement of residents as well as businesses; along with a decrease and destruction of recreational resources for residents and their animals and finally significant devaluation of property would occur.

By choosing the GBIS SOUTHERN ALIGNMENT the needs of the City of Los Angeles to improve and expand it's wastewater, storm water and recycled water systems would be satisfied, without having to destroy a residential community.

## Letter I1. Signatory – Melanie Adam

### Response to Comment I1-1

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval. Response to comment AJ1-1 also discusses the process and rationale for the staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR.

Melanie M. Adam  
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As a homeowner in this neighborhood, I personally believe it would be a disastrous decision to place the sewer in the Burbank Rancho District. My neighbors and I work hard to keep our homes and neighborhood a community worth living in. The choice to put the sewer in this area would be devastating to all of its present inhabitants, as well as, affecting the quality of life for future generations.

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Please allow common sense and common decency to prevail by choosing the GBIS SOUTHERN ALIGNMENT alternative.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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## Letter I2. Signatory – Aris Kakkis

### Response to Comment I2-1

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval. Response to comment AJ1-1 also discusses the process and rationale for the staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR.

### Response to Comment I2-2

As described in Section 2 of the Draft EIR, a majority of the construction and operation of the proposed sewer infrastructure (both GBIS alignments) would occur belowground from designated shaft sites. Section 3 of the Draft EIR analyzed in detail the potential impacts from the construction (i.e. shaft sites) and operation (i.e., ATFs) of the sewer on adjacent land uses. Both GBIS alignments have aboveground maintenance access points and shaft sites. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 for a discussion of the proposed construction and operation of the GBIS North Alignment at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

I2-1

On paper, it is evident how the two alignment GBIS pathways were conceived. However, upon closer inspection it has now certainly become evident that one of those alignment options (GBIS North Alignment) would irreparably damage a unique residential community in the Burbank Rancho - a community tucked away in an otherwise urban L.A. sprawl, somehow escaping the barrage of mini-malls, parking structures, parking meters and liquor stores. This is an equestrian community where horses, dogs and all other animals are very much a part of its unique ambience - and can be seen walking the streets in harmony with their human counterparts - many of whom have lived here for decades.

As for myself, I have been a Rancho resident for more than 16 years - and I am certainly no stranger to the compromises we have all had to make in the name of progress and the future development of our city. In most cases, it is difficult to overcome the steam rolling effect of exponential growth and the stresses it puts on our resources. Thankfully, this is not the situation here. The proposed GBIS project has an already-proposed solution: *Southern Alignment*.

I2-2

The Southern Alignment indeed has less impact on residential neighborhoods but more importantly, it also removes the need for above-ground maintenance access points and worse, the building of large unsightly shaft sites - most particularly the one that would be built in our equestrian park we call Pollywog, a park that is the hub from which all the equestrian activities in our neighborhood are centered. The sight of horses as they walk our streets to and from Pollywog are integral part of the unique character of our neighborhood.

As a citizen who both lives and works in this neighborhood, I am willing to do what it takes to help preserve this unique lifestyle from careless property devaluation, crime and vandalism, water and air pollution (including odors) and excessive traffic and noise. This will always be a neighborhood worth fighting for.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on issues that affect our future. I look forward to finding the kinds of workable solutions that will enable us to preserve this beautiful area for generations to come.

Best regards,

Aris J. Kakkis, Art Director  
Arism Productions

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Via Facsimile (323) 342-6210

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City of Los Angeles-Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
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**Re: Draft EIR-Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS)**

Dear Mr. Shah:

I4-1

We wish to reiterate the opinion of others in opposing the northern alternative for the GBIS. The environmental impacts are obviously so overwhelming in comparison to the southern alternative that we respectfully assert that the northern alternative should not be an alternative at all. However, our additional concerns and questions regard the EIR process itself and the right of Los Angeles to even consider tunneling under properties owned by private Burbank homeowners and the City of Burbank. Specifically, our questions are as follows:

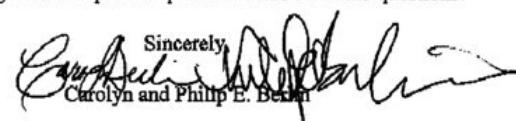
I4-2

Councilman LaBonge proposed two additional alternatives last Tuesday, February 21, 2006. Does the existence of these new alternatives indicate that there should have been additional alternatives that should have been considered when the Draft EIR was initially circulated? Does the existence of these new alternatives render the Draft EIR flawed, requiring the process to begin anew with a thorough investigation of these new alternatives? Our belief is that the very existence of Mr. LaBonge's suggested alternatives require that the Draft EIR be withdrawn and a re-circulated EIR be drafted with all of the alternatives to be considered since all of the alternative routes have negative impacts on Burbank residents. A thorough analysis of these new alternatives and any other alternatives that may be considered but have not been publicized must be done. The GBIS is a multi-year project wherever it is placed. The delay in the EIR process is the least assurance that should be forthcoming from LA that the process is truly complete and open and not expedited at the expense of the public's analysis and input.

I4-3

Absent the City of Burbank agreeing to allow LA to tear up its streets, what legal right does LA have to do so? We believe LA has no such right. Absent a private property owner agreeing to allow LA to tunnel under his or her property, what legal right does LA have to do so? We believe LA has no such right.

Thank you for your thorough and complete response to these concerns/questions.

Sincerely,  
  
Carolyn and Philip E. Berlin

## Letter I4. Signatory – Carolyn and Philip Berlin

### Response to Comment I4-1

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval.

### Response to Comment I4-2

The staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR would connect the eastern portion of the GBIS South Alignment with the western portion of the GBIS North Alignment with a section of tunnel beneath Pass Avenue. This connector tunnel beneath Pass Avenue would reduce the amount of sewer tunneled beneath streets in Burbank by approximately 0.75 miles when compared to the GBIS North Alignment. To reiterate, Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR explains the rationale, including the environmental considerations and stakeholder concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

### Response to Comment I4-3

Refer to response to comment AJ1-12 for a discussion of private property acquisition.

## **Letter I10. Signatory – Karen Winchell**

### Response to Comment I10-1

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval.

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February 23, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Re: Integrated Resources Plan (IRP)

Dear Mr. Shah:

I10-1

[ As a homeowner in Toluca Lake, I am requesting that the City of Angeles reject the South Alignment and that the City of Los Angeles explore an alternate route to the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP). ]

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Karen Winchell*

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**GSG Associates, Inc.**

# Fax

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Phone: Date: 2/27/06

Re: GBIS issue/ CC:

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## Letter I12. Signatory – Walter Stratton

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Response to Comment I12-1

January 10, 2006

Mr. Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

I am writing this letter to you in response to the recent uncovering of a plan to build a sewer tunnel known as the GBIS with a proposed route in the Burbank equestrian neighborhood.

As a homeowner in the equestrian district, I add my voice to the concerns of others of what this project will mean to our neighborhood, the horse community, and the health and the recreation of the public in general.

As you are aware, there is very little land left in Los Angeles County that can be utilized for owning, training, and riding horses. Griffith Park is one of the only parcels of acreage left that is unspoiled and can be used by the public to ride horses. The construction being proposed will very likely cause havoc to the horse community, the horse rental businesses, and the "pleasure" riding enjoyed by visitors.

I12-1

The "vacant" lot at the end of Reese Place "Pollywog Field" is a place where anyone can take their horse to "lunge" them and exercise them. The general public goes there to run, exercise their dogs, enjoy a stroll and recreate. If this is taken away to put in an air purifying plant, it will mean the end to one more slice of open space that we all have to enjoy.

We are also concerned with health issues arising from the proposed construction including the odor emanating from the "air purifying" plant along with the pollutants of NOx and VOCs. We are concerned about 5 years of heavy equipment, noise, vibrations, dust and traffic in our quiet residential neighborhood. We are concerned of our quality of life that we have worked hard to achieve in our little equine neighborhood. We are very concerned of the devaluation of our property that this project will cause.

*A South alignment project will be the least disruptive to the recreating public, the horse community, the Burbank equine neighborhood, and to the City of Burbank and I ask you to consider this alternative plan as the least offensive, for the reasons stated above.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter Kirk Stratton  
Homeowner of 636 S. Reese Place, Burbank 91506

Cc: Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor  
LA City Council  
District representatives

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (both North and South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank and Toluca Lake areas; therefore, the new sewer needs to be within close proximity to the existing NOS and users. As described in Section 2 of the Draft EIR, a majority of the construction and operation of the proposed sewer infrastructure (both NEIS II and GBIS alignments) would occur belowground from designated shaft sites. The potential impacts associated with the construction (i.e. shaft sites) and operation (i.e., ATFs) of the sewer on adjacent land uses is described in detail in Section 3 of the Draft EIR and, where appropriate, includes project features and mitigation measures to reduce construction and operational impacts. Also, as shown in Section 2 of the Final EIR, additional mitigation has been added regarding the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog that will further reduce impacts to the adjacent community. City of Los Angeles staff have considered the findings of the Draft EIR when identifying the Recommended Alternative (including the staff recommended GBIS Alignment and shaft sites), as will the decisionmakers prior to certification of the project.

Certified Mail

Mr. Jawahar Shah  
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Feb 23, 06

Mr. Shah,

I would very much like to express my anger and dismay about the proposed plan to tunnel under my house at 1401 W. Valleyheart Drive, Burbank. It makes absolutely no sense whatever to adopt a plan that will disrupt the lives of so many people, not to mention ruin the property value of the houses. Additionally, the health issues alone should preclude this option.

It just makes no sense to choose the Northern Alignment unless Los Angeles politicians are planning on getting rich from not choosing the Southern Alignment so that they can build a money-making entertainment facility. The environmental issues alone should prevent this.

I bought the house at 1401 W. Valleyheart for in late October and was not advised of this issue until the sale of the house was final. I would not have purchased the house, had I known. I paid more than a million for the house, and recently found out about this proposal. I have attended numerous meetings at the Burbank City Council and learned through the course of the meetings that this project has been in the works for five years! This information should have been disclosed so that I did not throw away my life savings on a house that is about to be worthless-if this proposal is passed.

Do the right thing-put the tunnel where you will not have to dig underneath existing homes, especially in earthquake country. What happens, liability wise, when an earthquake occurs and the houses, unstable due to the tunnel underneath them, collapse?

I just want to let you know that in the event the Northern Alignment passes, I will hire a real estate attorney so the City of Los Angeles can pay me what I paid for the house. **This information, which was known to both the City of Los Angeles and the City of Burbank for YEARS, yet was not disclosed.**

Sincerely,

*Cathy Marx*

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## Letter I14. Signatory – Cathy Marx

### Response to Comment I14-1

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (both North and South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. In addition, as described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

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February 27, 2006

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Bureau of Sanitation, WESD

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Dear Mr. Shah

Integrated Resources plan - GBIS

The proposed north alignment of the Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer plans would have a severe negative impact on our neighborhood in the Burbank Rancho area. The proposed air filtration plant does not belong in a residential neighborhood.

I15-1

Why is the Polliwog even being considered as the site for the Air Filtration Plant?

The Burbank Rancho area is a well established sought after neighborhood in Burbank. Its unique lifestyle is just that - it is exceptional. This extraordinary neighborhood allows us to live in peace and harmony without the intrusion of the bustle and chaos of city life.

I15-2

It is also home to many animals including horses, donkeys, goats, dogs, cats, chickens that makes it a one of a kind neighborhood.

This is the reason why I moved to this neighborhood - for its uniqueness. This is why all the residents have moved to this neighborhood for its special charm.

Burbank Rancho's exclusivity is reflected in its real estate - the house prices in general are nearly \$100,000 greater than other Burbank neighboring

## Letter I15. Signatory – Nichola Ellis

### Response to Comment I15-1

From the beginning (Notice of Preparation of the Draft EIR was released in 2004 - refer to Section 1.6 of the Draft EIR for detailed information), the GBIS North Alignment has been a project-level component of the IRP Project Alternatives. Regarding a response to your concerns over the GBIS North Alignment, refer to response to the City of Burbank comments - AJ1, AJ13, AJ22, AJ30, AJ31, AJ32, and AJ36. In addition, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval (see Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR), which does not include construction or operation of GBIS at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Comment noted.

### Response to Comment I15-2

Comment noted. As described in Section 2 of the Draft EIR, a majority of the construction and operation of the proposed sewer infrastructure (both NEIS II and GBIS alignments) would occur belowground from designated shaft sites.

## Letter I15. Signatory – Nichola Ellis

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Response to Comment I15-3

As noted in response to comment I15-1, refer to response to City of Burbank comment letter AJ1 regarding the ATF proposed at Valley Heart.

Response to Comment I15-4

Comment noted. Mitigation measures NV-MM-1 and NV-MM-2 would reduce construction noise levels by five decibels or more at adjacent sensitive receptors. Should construction noise levels disturb animals, including horses, mitigation measure NV-MM-5 would allow the community to address this issue to the City and the City would be required to resolve the issue. As mentioned in response to comment AJ1-4, Section 2 of this Final EIR includes additional mitigation measures to relocate the potential shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart to a portion of Pollywog that would least impact the adjacent residences and recreational uses (including equestrian uses). Furthermore, as described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

Response to Comment I15-5

Comment noted. As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (both North and South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. As described in Section 1.6 of the Draft EIR, and further expanded upon in Section 1.2 of this Final EIR, the public comment period for the IRP Draft EIR was 120 days in length. CEQA requires a minimum of 45 days for public comment.

## Letter I15. Signatory – Nichola Ellis

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Response to Comment I15-6

As I mentioned at the January 4, 2006 Public Hearing at Van Nuys City Hall, Disney came across contaminated water when they built their building on Riverside & Buena Vista on the edge of the Polliwog. In view of this we have had an independent test conducted in the area and the initial results indicate that there are dangerous toxins present.

I have been walking my dog daily in the Polliwog since he was 10-months old and this seems highly logical that this could be the cause of his tumor.

I15-8

I urge you to reconsider even thinking about disturbing the ground in the Polliwog area, which will seriously cause a major health issue in the area and become a far greater public matter for LA City.

Sincerely

Nichola Ellis

Burbank Rancho Resident

c.c.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Honorable Brad Sherman, 27th District

Senator Barbara Boxer

Senator Diane Feinstein

Assemblyman Dario Frommer

Senator Jack Scott

Department of Toxic Substance Control

Burbank City Council

Bonnie Teaford - Deputy City Manager

The undeveloped land that the commenter notes is available on the south side of the river is Griffith Park. Although further from the residents of the Rancho Burbank area, the GBIS South Alignment also includes residences (in Toluca Lake). The City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval (refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR).

Response to Comment I15-7

Impacts associated with emergency services (such as police and fire services impacts) were discussed in Section 3.15 of the Draft EIR. During construction, emergency ingress and egress would be maintained at all times. Through the development of a site-specific traffic control plan (TRA-MM-1) and coordination with emergency service providers (TRA-MM-6), including ambulance and paramedic services, which would provide advance notice of any lane closures, construction hours, or changes to local access and to identify alternative routes, emergency services would not be adversely affected.

Response to Comment I15-8

Comment noted. It would speculative to respond to what could have caused the dog's condition. Additionally, as described in Section 3.10 of the Draft EIR (page 3.10-11), an environmental hazards records search was performed. The search identified 44 of the 89 potential sources of contamination within the GBIS corridor have either soil or groundwater contamination. The Pollywog site was not one of the sites. However, Section 3.10.3.2 the Draft EIR does acknowledge that there is a potential to encounter contamination along the alignments. This section of the Draft EIR also discusses measures that would be employed to manage contamination that is encountered, including the preparation and

## Letter I15. Signatory – Nichola Ellis

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Rodney Andersen, Principal Civil Engineer  
Burbank Police Dept - Chief Thomas Hoefel  
Burbank Fire Dept - Fire Chief Tracy Pansini  
Animal Defense League  
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implementation of a project-level Health and Safety Plan and a Sampling and Analysis. There is a minimal potential for workers to be exposed to significant health risks; therefore, the public is also not expected to be negatively affected.

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February 27, 2006

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Dear Mr. Shah:

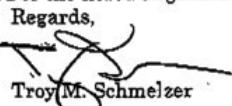
As a new homeowner in the Rancho Equestrian neighborhood of Burbank, I urge you to reject the GBIS North Alignment and adopt the GBIS South Alignment, which poses far fewer environmental and residential impacts than does the North Alignment. Please give the following comments serious consideration.

119-1 One of the most negative impacts of the GBIS project is noise and vibration. These impacts are proposed to occur for three years, and the draft EIR clearly establishes that noise level impacts will be much greater in the north alignment than in the south alignment. *Nearly twice the number* of residences under the north alignment will be affected by noise levels of 5 dBA or greater.

The proposed air treatment facilities (ATF) at the Valley Heart site of the north alignment will introduce excessive traffic, nighttime lighting and objectionable odors in an area immediately adjacent to residential homes. The south alignment sites, by contrast, are near few homes. The north alignment will introduce over 100 truck trips per day into an area that can be accessed only by residential streets. The south alignment is not adjacent to residential areas and will not create such problems.

119-2 The north alignment will have a devastating impact on a unique equestrian area. Pollywog, a critical link in the equestrian trail along the Los Angeles river and site of the proposed Valley Heart shaft site, is not even listed in the draft EIR as a recreational resource within a 2-mile radius of the GBIS. This is unfortunate, as Pollywog will certainly be lost to equestrian usage at least during construction and possibly indefinitely. Moreover, the horses that often travel the residential streets of the Rancho will share those streets with heavy truck traffic.

119-3 Consideration of these and other environmental impacts leads to the unavoidable conclusion that the south alignment is the proper and necessary choice. For these reasons, I along with my neighbors are adamantly opposed to the north alignment.

Regards,  
  
Troy M. Schmelzer

## Letter I19. Signatory – Troy Schmelzer

### Response to Comment I19-1

As the commenter correctly noted, as shown in Tables 3.13-33 and 3.13-35 in Section 3.13 of the Draft EIR, the number of sensitive receptors along the GBIS North Alignment that would experience noise level increases of five decibels or more is nearly twice as many as with the GBIS South Alignment. Refer to response to comment AJ1-6 regarding potential odor impacts associated with an ATF at Valley Heart. Also refer to response to comment AJ1-20 regarding traffic in the vicinity of the proposed Valley Heart Shaft Site. Although further from the residents of the Rancho Burbank area, the GBIS South Alignment also includes residences (in Toluca Lake). The City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. As described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

### Response to Comment I19-2

Section 3.16 of the Draft EIR has been revised in this Final EIR (Section 2) to include Pollywog as a recreational facility within 2 miles of GBIS. Also, this Final EIR (Table ES-1 and Section 2 of this Final EIR) includes additional mitigation measures (REC-MM-6 through REC-MM-8) that are specific to Valley Heart and would further minimize potential recreational impacts. However, to reiterate, as addressed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

### Response to Comment I19-3

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

Cami Pomeroy

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**Subject:** South Alignment

To Whom It May Concern, *Mr. Jawahar P. SHAH*

I21-1

My name is John Pomeroy. My address is 10253 Valley Spring Lane, Toluca Lake, Ca. 91602. My phone number is 818-980-8410. My family and I have been residence of Toluca Lake for the last eight years. My wife Cami and I wish to go on record as being opposed to the South Alignment for the sewer project. This Alignment will be allowing this project to run right in front of our house. We reject the South Alignment proposal. This will destroy the value of our neighborhood and the equity in my home. We ask that you find an alternate route for this sewer line.

Respectfully  
John & Cami Pomeroy

*John & Cami Pomeroy*

2/22/2006

## Letter I21. Signatory – John and Cami Pomeroy

### Response to Comment I21-1

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

## Letter I22. Signatory – Ruth Pasciak

Feb. 20, 2006

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Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
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### In Opposition to the Proposed North Alignment

Dear Mr. Shah,

I have been a resident of the Rancho area in Burbank for over thirty years. During this time, I have enjoyed the abundant recreation areas and have enjoyed seeing neighbors from here and from surrounding areas ride their horses on the residential streets to access the equestrian trails. Many streets are sanctioned bike trails and are in daily use by single riders and riders in large groups. We also have daily runners in groups from the neighboring schools.

This is an area of well kept homes and good neighbors in a quiet residential area. Many of these people are retired and some are not in good health.

I22-1

We have good neighbors in Disney and Warner Brothers and other businesses that are in the area. Also, St Joseph's Hospital and the numerous healthcare facilities are located in close proximity of the proposed North Alignment.

The North Alignment would negatively impact this area. There would be heavy duty vehicle traffic on residential streets. There would be lights and noise day and night and intolerable air pollution. Devaluation of the existing properties would be inevitable thus destroying hard earned investments in this area.

The South Alignment would be more practical since it would not disrupt the lives of homeowners in such a negative and potentially dangerous endeavor.

Yours truly,



Ruth Pasciak  
1300 Morningside Dr.  
Burbank, CA 91506

### Response to Comment I22-1

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.



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## **Letter I24. Signatory – Jennifer Quintana and Douglas Miller**

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Response to Comment I24-1

Comment noted. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

February 24, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
 Bureau of Sanitation  
 WE&D  
 2714 Media Center Drive  
 Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

I appreciate your willingness to consider my concerns as a resident of Burbank's Rancho neighborhood, regarding the proposed alignment of a sewer and air treatment plant- as a part of the Los Angeles Integrated Resources Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), through our small neighborhood and local park (Pollywog).

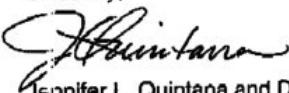
We moved to our home on Morningside Drive in the Rancho district of Burbank in 2004 because of the special neighborhood and community that immediately surrounds our new house. Our neighborhood consists of 4 quiet blocks situated south of Riverside Drive and north of the Los Angeles River that do not get a lot of through traffic. The streets are lined with wonderful old Sycamore trees that provide shade in the summer and drop beautiful leaves in the fall. At the end of our short street is a unique Pollywog park. Horse owners in our neighborhood walk their horses down our quaint street to exercise their horses in the Pollywog. Children like our 11 year-old son, Skyler, love the Pollywog. It is a place where he can throw a frisbee or hunt for lizards and grasshoppers and explore the park with our two beagles. From the Pollywog park we can access the trails to Griffith park or continue along the path following the river to the parks further down on Riverside Drive.

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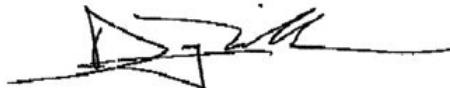
Our neighborhood is truly one of the greatest neighborhoods left in Los Angeles, it would be a terrible destruction of a wonderful neighborhood if the proposed North Alignment went through our neighborhood with an air treatment facility in our beloved Pollywog park.

While I understand that progress is necessary I also know that preservation of Los Angeles's great neighborhoods and parks is also critical. Please select the proposed alternate SOUTH ALIGNMENT that runs south of the Los Angeles River and has little if any impact to residential neighborhoods or community parks. Voting for the SOUTH ALIGNMENT will preserve our quality of life, our beautiful neighborhood and The Pollywog, Bette Davis and Johnny Carson Parks.

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. Quintana and Douglas Miller  
 1509 W. Morningside Drive  
 Burbank, CA 91506  
 818-567-2123



## Letter I25. Signatory – Stan Hyman

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### Response to Comment I25-1

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a detailed discussion of the GBIS alignments, including the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

I25-1

**From:** <IAMYELNATS@aol.com>  
**To:** <Jawahar.Shah@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 3/3/2006 8:37:10 AM  
**Subject:** Re: IRP-DEIR COMMENTS PERIOD EXTENSION

The problem is that the proposed new routes through Burbank, Pass/Olive, Rose or Clybourn, will effect up-words of a thousand people in addition to the hundreds of business on Riverside. This area requires an EIR then the same 90 day comment period given everyone else along the sewers route.

Stan Hyman

## Letter I26. Signatory – Harry and Kate McWatters

### Response to Comment I26-1

Comment noted. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

February 24, 2006

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Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
Department of Public Works  
Bureau of Sanitation  
City of Los Angeles  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

I26-1

Dear Mr. Shah:

We would like to voice our concerns over the proposed Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer project (GBIS), specifically, the proposed *north alignment* for this project. The north alignment will pass through a unique area very close to our home, a vacant parcel adjacent to the Ventura Freeway, south of Riverside Drive, identified in the draft EIR for this project as the "Valley Heart Shaft Site;" the residents in our neighborhood refer to it as "Pollywog Park."

Although the actual sewer would be underground, it is our understanding the north alignment would require that 1.53 acres of this parcel be set aside for a period of three years for a construction shaft needed to remove dirt from the tunneling operations associated with the project. In addition, this area would be the permanent location of an air treatment facility (ATF). During the construction period, the shaft site is to be surrounded by 20-foot high construction barrier and more than a hundred trucks per workday taking away the dirt removed for the sewer's tunnel would visit it.

We would like to point out that the area in question is a unique bit of unspoiled land that is enjoyed by many people in the area on a daily basis. In particular, it is used by the many horse owners in our neighborhood for exercising their animals and for gaining access to the numerous trails in the adjacent Griffith Park. In fact, Pollywog is a remnant of that park, cut off when the freeway was constructed in the 1960s. The shaft area would be right at the point where the riders and horses enter Pollywog; depending on how the barrier is situated, it is possible that no entry for horses would be feasible at this point.

We recognize the need for this project. However, we believe that there is no reason to impair this unique area either temporarily or permanently, since there is a proposed alternative route, the *south alignment*. The latter route goes through an area already heavily impacted by various public works, minimizing its negative aspects, in our opinion.

We would also point out that the north alignment requires significant disruptions at two other nearby parks, Johnny Carson Park to the west and Betty Davis Park to the east. The south alignment would not affect these parks.

Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
February 24, 2006  
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Finally, any one familiar with the local street pattern near Pollywog will see that 100 dump trucks a day entering and leaving this area will have a significant and detrimental impact on daily traffic, noise levels in the neighborhood, and safety. Riverside Drive, the only means of taking the trucks out of the area, is limited to one lane in each direction with parking permitted on each side of the street. One hundred trucks using it on a daily basis has to be considered environmentally unfriendly, if not downright dangerous.

We ask you to consider the facts presented in this letter and convey them to whoever will make the ultimate decisions regarding this project and its location. We cannot see how any reasonable EIR could endorse the north alignment over the south, based on a fair and dispassionate reading to the facts.

I26-1

Sincerely,



Harry and Kate McWatters  
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Burbank, CA 91506  
818-842-8117  
hmcwatt@pacbell.net

## Letter I28. Signatory – Louise Saxon

### Response to Comment I28-1

Louise Saxon  
1300 Morningside Dr.  
Burbank, CA 91506

February 19, 2006

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Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Re: Opposition to Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS), North Alignment, Options A & B

Dear Mr. Shah:

I strongly oppose the construction of the GBIS North Alignment. The South Alignment is the superior choice for this project.

I feel that I am quite fortunate to be able to live in this beautiful, wonderful and unique neighborhood. People from neighboring communities come here to enjoy the area. They come here to ride horses. They come here to walk. Many come here to ride bicycles-the area is a major bikeway. It is also enjoyed by many runners-many organized runs/walks for charities are conducted on the same streets that would be torn up for the GBIS North Alignment. Over 100 trucks per day, hauling toxic muck would be sharing these same streets. Noisy construction sights and areas with stinking air filtration plants are not the types of places where you want to go for recreation. They are places you would like to avoid. The 100's of residents who live here, and paid top dollar for their properties would become victims to this terrible undertaking and their properties would be devaluated.

I28-1

Tetrachlorethylene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) are present in the groundwater in the area. Tunneling where these chemicals are present would release these cancer causing agents into the air and cause the chemicals to flow into neighborhoods that are "downstream" from the site. Thousands of residents, school children, and patients at near-by St. Joseph Hospital would be subjected to this pollution.

PCE and TCE are not present in the South Alignment area. Also, over 100 homes are adjacent to the major structures in the North Alignment. No homes are near the major structures of the South Alignment.

The area chosen for the North Alignment contains more sensitive biological resources, including trees that have a protected status than the area chosen for the South Alignment.

The South Alignment is the right choice to make for the GBIS project. It is environmentally less invasive than the North Alignment, and in a less populated area than the North Alignment.

Please support the South Alignment.

Sincerely,

  
Louise Saxon,  
Resident, North Alignment Area

Section 3.17 of the Draft EIR detailed the potential construction and operational impacts of the Project Alternatives, which in the GBIS alignments. Refer to response to comment AJ1-20 for a detailed discussion of the potential traffic impacts specific to the Valley Heart Shaft Site area. The potential impact from PCE and TCE in groundwater has been responded to in detail in response to comment AJ1-2. The potential for the GBIS alignments to impact biological resources is discussed in responds to comment I23-5.

Comment noted. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval.

## Letter I29. Signatory – Kevin Leichter

### Response to Comment I29-1

LEICHTER FAMILY  
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February 24, 2006

To: Department of Public Works  
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To Whom It May Concern:

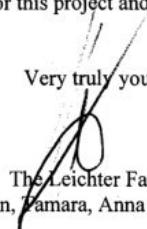
We understand that the Los Angeles Department of Public Works is currently considering Woodbridge Park for the site of a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming sewer improvement project. As Studio City residents, and as a part of the community at the Oakwood School, which is directly adjacent to Woodbridge Park, we are appalled to learn of the Department of Public Works' plans.

The proposed action would be extremely detrimental to our elementary school and the surrounding community. Not only would it close one of Studio City's prime open spaces for about four years, it would create safety problems due to increased construction traffic and environmental hazards in the form of air pollution and odors. To propose to do this right next door to an elementary school is as unbelievable as it is unacceptable.

WE STRONGLY OPPOSE the building of this site at the Woodbridge Park location in North Hollywood, and will be joining efforts of the Oakwood community as well as a group composed of Councilmember Wendy Gruel's office, the Studio City Residents Association, the Studio City Neighborhood Council, the Park Beautification Board, and the Tujunga Merchants Association.

Please consider another site for this project and help protect our school and our neighborhood.

Very truly yours,

  
The Leichter Family  
(Kevin, Camara, Anna and Grace)

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February 21, 2006

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**Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Svcs.Division  
2714 Media Center Dr.  
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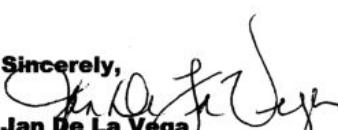
**Re: IRP**

**Dear Sir:**

I30-1

**As a resident of Toluca Lake, I am writing this letter to you to vehemently dispute the proposed plan of going through our neighborhood. The city already has an alternate and viable route beneath the L.A. River. Please do not destroy our community with this plan. NO NO NO.**

**Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.**

Sincerely,  
  
**Jan De La Vega  
4546 Placidia Ave.  
Toluca Lake, CA 91602**

## **Letter I30. Signatory – Jan De La Vega**

### Response to Comment I30-1

Comment noted. Regarding a suggested Los Angeles River alignment, refer to response to comment AJ31-2.

## **Letter I33. Signatory – Frank and Joan Nemecek**

### Response to Comment I33-1

**FRANK AND JOAN NEMECEK**  
4648 Sancola Avenue  
Toluca Lake, CA 91602

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February 22, 2006

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City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
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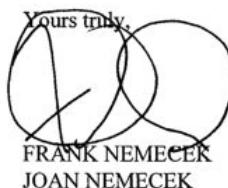
Re: Toluca Lake / Major Sewer Project

Dear Mr. Shah:

I33-1

Please accept this letter as our strong objection to the GBIS south alignment sewer project which we understand is now being considered by your office. We believe that this long term project will adversely effect the entire Toluca Lake community and urge that your office consider alternate proposals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

  
Yours truly,  
FRANK NEMECEK  
JOAN NEMECEK

cc: Toluca Lake Homeowner's Association

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Julia Coley and Jerry Goren  
12321 Hartsook Street  
Valley Village, CA 91607

20 February 2006

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Jawahar P. Shah  
Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

I34-1

We have learned that the Los Angeles Department of Public Works is currently considering Woodbridge Park for the site of a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming sewer improvement project. Such a project on this site would be extremely detrimental to our community. Not only would it close one of Studio City's prime open spaces for about four years, it would create safety problems due to increased construction traffic and environmental hazards such as air pollution and odors. Since moving to Valley Village four years ago, our family has joined many others in fitness and recreational activities at Woodbridge Park.

We STRONGLY OPPOSE the building of this site at the Woodbridge Park location in North Hollywood, and will be joining with our son's elementary school (Oakwood School) as well as a group composed of Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office, the Studio City Residents Association, the Studio City Neighborhood Council, the Park Beautification Board, and the Tujunga Merchants Association.

Please consider another site for this project and help protect our school, our neighborhood, and our children's health and fitness. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Julia Coley

  
Jerry Goren

Julia Coley and Jerry Goren

## Letter I34. Signatory – Julia Coley and Jerry Goren

### Response to Comment I34-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

February 17, 2006

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Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Integrated Resources Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report released by the City of Los Angeles. Unfortunately, the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer North Alignment would have significant adverse impacts upon my neighborhood and my family.

Let me be more specific:

1. The Valley Heart site is known to residents as "Pollywog" and has been used for years as a recreational area for residents to exercise their horses and dogs. There is no other suitable place for this purpose. Pollywog is not unused land. It was not listed the draft EIR as a recreational resource.
2. The Valley Heart site is right next to many homes. The nearest home is only 33 feet away! This is the closest receptor distance of any of the possible other sites in which the distances were listed in meters, not feet). The draft EIR indicates that this receptor would likely experience objectionable odors and may even experience H2S concentrations that are not safe.
3. There are already sewer gas emissions in this area that were not recognized on the draft EIR. There are sewer odors that I and my neighbors have observed near Mountain View Park and Riverside Drive.
4. The ATF would introduce nighttime lighting in an area that has very little and would likely disturb residents.
5. I am very concerned about what ground settlement caused by such extensive tunnelling could do to my property.
6. I am concerned about a construction project with deafening noise, dust, and other pollutants disrupting my right to peace and quiet lasting for three years! This is not a small project with no alternative. Quite the contrary. This project will profoundly disturb many people and animals for a long period of time, and there is a viable alternative!
7. Since your analysis of the noise impacts, a sound wall has been built to protect my neighborhood from the noise due to the 134 freeway. This wall would likely double the construction noise we experience, making it intolerable.
8. I am concerned that my daughter's asthma, which has been under control, will be worsened by pollutants and airborne dust from such a massive construction project that is so close to homes. In addition to the magnitude of the construction itself, the time frame for completion is three years! She would have to live in an environment with high levels of airborne dust and other pollutants for years!

I35-1

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. Please urge the City of Los Angeles to reject the North Alignment option! The South Alignment is the better alternative.

Sincerely,



Heather Fox  
1328 West Morningside Drive  
fox.h@sbcglobal.net

## Letter I35. Signatory – Heather Fox

### Response to Comment I35-1

Although Section 3.16 of the Draft EIR did not specifically identify Valley Heart (Pollywog) as a recreational resource, other sections of the EIR did, such as Section 3.2 - Aesthetics. Section 3.16 of the Draft EIR has been revised in this Final EIR (Section 2) to include Pollywog as a recreational facility within 2 miles of GBIS. Also, this Final EIR (Table ES-1 and Section 2 of this Final EIR) includes additional mitigation measures (REC-MM-6 through REC-MM-8) that are specific to Valley Heart and would further minimize potential recreational impacts.

The commenter is correct that the Draft EIR identified a potential for a significant odor impact at the ATF at Valley Heart (pages 3.4-115 and 3.4-159 of the Draft EIR). The Draft EIR also identified mitigation measures AQ-MM-7 and AQ-MM-8 to mitigate odor impacts by relocating the ATF stack to a location at least 100 feet from sensitive receptors and establish a more stringent hydrogen sulfide emission concentration at the stack. In addition, a new mitigation measure has been added, mitigation measure AES-MM-10, to provide further aesthetic mitigation. This measure would also further mitigate potential odor impacts by siting the ATF at the Valley Heart Shaft Site to the west end of the Pollywog site, which is located more than 100 feet away from residences.

The NOS is one of the City's oldest sewers and was constructed in the 1930s through 1950s. Odor releases from sewers can generally occur under high flow conditions, and past odors attributed to the NOS may have occurred under such conditions. Either of the GBIS alignments evaluated in the Draft EIR would divert wastewater from sewers that flow into the NOS upstream of the City of Burbank near the west terminus of GBIS, which would reduce both the amount of flow within the NOS and the likelihood of wastewater overflows and odors being released from the NOS in the future. In addition, proposed ATFs (such as the one proposed at Valley Heart) would treat sewer air with a two-staged filtration process, a reduction in the number of untreated odor releases from the existing NOS in the future is expected.

Lighting at permanent facilities (i.e., ATFs) would be in a manner that adequately addresses security while minimizing impacts to adjacent land uses. In addition, as detailed in Section 3.2.4.4 of the Draft EIR, mitigation measures AES-MM-7 (measures to minimize construction lighting) and AES-MM-8 (measures to minimize operational lighting) will be implemented to minimize the impact of the new lighting sources to adjacent light-sensitive uses to a less than significant level. Specifically, mitigation measure AES-MM-8 includes directing lighting downward onto the structure, avoidance of outwardly directed spotlights, and use of shielding on lights to isolate the illuminated area.

Refer to response to comment AJ-10 regarding your concerns of potential settlement during tunneling.

Various issue and resource portions of Section 3 of the Draft EIR address in detail the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the proposed GBIS alignments (including aboveground structures such as shaft sites and ATFs) as they pertain to potential resource impacts, such as air quality (Section 3.4) and noise (Section 3.13). A majority of the impacts associated with the components and the Project Alternatives are during construction, which is temporary. Where necessary and feasible, mitigation measures have been added to reduce construction impacts to less than significant. In a few instances (i.e., archaeological and paleontological), potential impacts still exist after mitigation. If after considering this Final EIR, the decisionmakers find that the benefits of the project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects, a Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations will be required.

Refer to response to comment AJ1-14 regarding the recent addition of a sound wall in your neighborhood.

Because major construction activities would be confined to the shaft sites, which would be located away from the Rancho Burbank area under the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, and because dust controls required by the SCAQMD's Rule 403 would be implemented during construction (see page 3.4-131 in Section 3.4.3.3 of the Draft EIR), the construction of GBIS is not expected to result in significant dust, health, or quality of life impacts to adjacent residents.

Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a detailed discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

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**From:** <Gilbertfeig@aol.com>  
**To:** <jawahar.shah@lacity.org>  
**Date:** 3/6/2006 4:23:50 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed sewer plan through Burbank....

Dear Mr. Shah:

My husband is a writer/director (currently shooting a film for Warner Bros). We chose our home in Burbank for the peace and quiet it afforded him. He writes at home. We also chose Burbank so we would know who was governing us and have more control over things like this sewer proposal.

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I am sure you are aware there are two proposed routes in the EIR. This should allow you to leave our neighborhood alone. Please do not pursue the hybrid sewer plan. The sewer plan should avoid ALL residential neighborhoods but especially those not considered Los Angeles.

I was told that people with more money, ie Roy Disney, are influencing your decisions. I hope this is not true.

I hope you find a solution and I hope I do not have to move homes after 20 years of being a happy resident.

Thank you, Laurie and Paul Feig 4211 Hood Ave (right off Rose St)

## Letter I36. Signatory – Laurie and Paul Feig

### Response to Comment I36-1

Either of the GBIS alignments evaluated in the Draft EIR would divert wastewater from sewers that flow into the NOS upstream of the City of Burbank near the west terminus of GBIS, which would reduce both the amount of flow within the NOS and the likelihood of odors being released from the NOS in the future. Because the new sewer would relieve flows in the NOS, it must be located in the vicinity of the existing NOS, which goes through an urbanized area with many residences. The City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment is described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR. Comment noted.

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March 3rd, 2006

Dear Councilman Weiss,

Given an opportunity for public comment, I would like to register my opposition to further expansion of the Tillman plant in the Sepulveda Basin and would suggest the City think of some alternatives. I would hope with \$2 Billion dollars to upgrade our sewage facilities, there could be provisions for:

- I37-1
- 1) storing rainwater, not sewage, in large underground cisterns that could be tapped for landscape irrigation, fire fighting - we don't need pure drinking water to accomplish these important tasks. And the Mayor has spoken about storing rain water that just runs wastefully into the ocean.
  - 2) providing public education. Tree People already runs a first rate program, but it should be expanded into all schools with parent participation. Angelenos are perfectly capable of conserving if they realize it is in their best interest. Looking beyond 2020, we can't keep dumping more and more sewage into underground tanks. Let's use new technologies that limit our sewage, please.
  - 3) I don't trust the claim by the water treatment specialists that there will be no odor. I've attended many citizen meetings where residents around the Sepulveda Basin cannot go outdoors and enjoy a barbecue because of smells. Take a bike ride or walk about the Balboa Lake and your nose will pick up chemical and sewage smells. The Tillman Plant should not be expanded. We citizens in the Valley are doing our fair share of sewage treatment now for the city of LA, thank you!
- I37-2

I hope you and your colleagues will further improve the sewage expansion plans with smart new technological and plain old fashion common sense solutions where citizens can be involved as part of the solution instead of remaining passive and having our lovely neighborhoods plagued by smells.

Sincerely,

*Celeste Arndt*

Celestine Arndt  
18000 Karen Drive  
Encino, LA 91316

## Letter I37. Signatory – Celestine Arndt

### Response to Comment I37-1

The runoff management components propose capturing runoff for percolation and reuse. The IRP proposes a wet weather storage tank at Tillman to temporarily store excess wastewater flows generated during wet weather; however, the stored wastewater would be treated when the high influent conditions at Tillman subside. Although not specifically part of the Project Alternatives, public education efforts exist (i.e., LADWP has water conservation programs that include public education) and would continue to be pursued by the City. Additionally, one of the benefits of the smart irrigation program-level component of the IRP would be its ability to increase the awareness of the citizens of Los Angeles on the benefits of water conservation.

### Response to Comment I37-2

Regarding odor impacts, page 3.4-135 of the Draft EIR identifies a potential odor impact at Tillman (located in the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin) related to the storage of wastewater before mitigation. Mitigation measure AQ-MM-5, described on page 3.4-136 of the Draft EIR, would implement a multiphased odor program at Tillman to identify specific treatment plant processes that are the source of odor complaints, evaluate whether the odor sources are candidates for operational or facilities-based odor control measures, and implement the identified measures. Following mitigation, odor impacts from the Project Alternative components at Tillman are expected to be reduced to a less than significant level (see the impact discussions for each Alternative under impact AQ-3 in Section 3.4.3.3 of the Draft EIR). Comment noted.

## Letter I39. Signatory – Stephen Horn

### Response to Comment I39-1

Comment noted. The City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment is described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

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Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

RE: Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer and Air Treatment Facility

Dear Mr. Shah,

I am writing this letter as a Burbank Rancho resident to express my grave concern regarding the proposed North Alignment of the Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer, (GBIS) and Air Treatment Facility, (ATF).

This North Alignment of the GBIS and ATF would be an assault on my peaceful neighborhood and way of life. The GBIS and Air Treatment Facility would be an eyesore and an odorous monstrosity that does not belong near any residential area. Such facilities would certainly have an adverse affect on property values. It would negatively affect my ability to exercise my horse, my dogs and myself by restricting access to the pollywog field and to the trails leading to Griffith Park.

I39-1

The North Alignment of the GBIS and ATF would destroy many beautiful trees in Bette Davis Park, Pollywog Field and Johnny Carson (Buena Vista) Parks and make these areas unavailable for area residents to enjoy as we have in years past.

Construction of the GBIS and ATF would increase traffic congestion and noise by heavy trucks and machinery to unbearable levels in an otherwise quiet Rancho Equestrian Neighborhood.

If this project is truly necessary, the Southern Alignment would have less impact on people's health, homes, families, property values, horses and pets.

Sincerely,



Stephen Horn  
2015 W. Parkside Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91506

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## Letter I40. Signatory – Kathy Ross

### Response to Comment I40-1

**Kathy Ross**  
**4150 Elmer Avenue**  
**Studio City, CA 91602**

February 2, 2006

Dear Mr. Shah:

This letter is to oppose the use of Woodbridge Park (located in Studio City) for a tunnel shaft and air treatment facility in an upcoming Public Works project. Woodbridge Park is a central gathering place for the neighborhood, and its grounds are fully utilized on a daily basis. My two-year old son and I play there frequently, and we often see families with young and older kids, people walking and playing with their dogs, people exercising in the grassy areas, and young kids playing in the two playground areas. To take away any of these areas would be a true loss to the neighborhood and the community. Please find another place for your project if at all possible.

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Thank you for your consideration.



February 22, 2006

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Jawahar Shah  
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Bureau of Sanitation  
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Dear Mr. Shah,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed sewer project, asking that you go with the South Alignment.

I am a resident of the Burbank Rancho neighborhood, living right on Valleyheart Dr. My husband and I purchased a home there in November 2005. We have for years wanted to move into the Rancho area, and it required our life-savings to be able to buy this house. If we had had any notion of this proposed project, we would never have purchased this house. The possibility of a huge devaluation of our property is appalling and terrifying. We can't afford such a loss, nor do we wish to live in a neighborhood with a sewer air treatment plant. Who in their right mind would?

A second concern is the noise and vibration this construction would impose

## Letter I41. Signatory – Kari Lancaster

### Response to Comment I41-1

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life of all individuals within the City of Los Angeles and City of Burbank. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (both North and South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

I41-1

upon us residents. I am an artist that works at home. That means I would be subject to this intrusion constantly. I don't think it would be at all conducive to my creativity. So, not only would my home-life be adversely affected, but so would my livelihood.

The health issues caused by an air treatment facility, that the EIR report says will exceed safe levels, not to mention the possibility of ruptured pipes during an earthquake, and the awful odors add to my concerns.

There are a number of other concerns with increased traffic, the safety of horses and riders with construction equipment and noise and the loss of recreational areas.

The uniqueness of the Rancho Neighborhood is why we wanted to move to this area. The Pollywog area is also important for walking our dog. Our home has stables, so I look forward to buying a horse. Pollywog is so convenient to our house + would be essential for horse exercise. I know it is a heavily used area by local horses and dogs alike.

I simply can not see how the North Alignment can be considered a viable route for the sewer line. I understand the need for improvement, but to impose such an atrocity upon this residential area is cruel. Therefore, I request that the Southern Alignment be the choice for the sewer route.

Sincerely, Kari Lancaster

February 22, 2006

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Dear Mr. Shah,

The following is my response regarding the Los Angeles Integrated Resources Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR).

The Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS) North Alignment alternative concerns me greatly. If there must be a GBIS, then the South Alignment would be my preference.

Just looking at the numbers from the Table ES-1 given in the Executive Summary, the South Alignment has the least impact in comparison to the North Alignment.

I42-1 The Valleyheart shaft site is in the heart of the Rancho District. This district is an area of homes and businesses zoned for horses. It is an area unique in Los Angeles, where despite being in the city, it feels that one is living in the country. The housing market in this area commands a premium price as people are willing to pay extra to live in this unique area and take advantage of what it has to offer. Many people here, including myself have invested most of their life's savings to live in this area. The North Alignment would devastate this community and could put home owners in this area into financial ruin if they had to sell their property within the next 5 years or so. This would be the outcome, if the North Alignment was to happen. So these issues of "way of life" and financial burdens to Rancho home owners are impacts, that would occur as a direct consequence of executing the North Alignment. But the (Draft EIR) doesn't bring these points up. Yet these issues must be carefully considered and addressed.

#### Environmental Impacts

##### I. Disruptions.

In the EIR draft (page ES-46) LU Neighborhood/Community Disruptions states that None of the proposed Alternatives is expected to disrupt, divide, or isolate existing land uses or communities. Concerning the proposed Valleyheart shaft site, this is inaccurate as construction would isolate the Pollywog field from among other things equestrian access. This field is unique in the area and provides horse owners certain benefits that

## Letter I42. Signatory – Tal Lancaster

### Response to Comment I42-1

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life of all individuals within the City of Los Angeles and City of Burbank. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (both North and South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure.

### Response to Comment I42-2

As described in detail in Section 3.12 of the Draft EIR, the significance threshold for determining if a proposed project would have a land use impact is the introduction of permanent features that would disrupt, divide, or isolate existing neighborhoods, communities or land uses. Although the northern boundary of the site is adjacent to the Rancho Burbank area, the southern boundary is along the Los Angeles River. One of the reasons that the Valley Heart site was identified as a potential site was its location adjacent (not in) a neighborhood. As addressed in the main body of the Draft EIR (the Executive Summary is intended as a summary only), the proposed construction and operation at the Valley Heart site would affect access to the recreational use (including use of the equestrian trail) of the Valley Heart site. Project features and mitigation measures (such as AES-MM-3, AES-MM-4, REC-MM-3 and REC-MM-5) have been included to reduce the impacts of the project by locating the construction and operation such that the location least affects the recreational resource (including the equestrian trail). Furthermore, and specific to the proposed ATF at Valley Heart, additional mitigation has been added that would locate the shaft site/ATF at Valley Heart further from residences to reduce impacts of an ATF at that location. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 for details pertaining to the Valley Heart Shaft Site. In addition, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a detailed discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

Response to Comment I42-3

I42-2 they can't find elsewhere locally. Also it is a major equestrian artery for area residents to get to the other horse trails with minimal contact with automobiles.

**II. Noise.**

The Rancho District is a quite area. People are respective of each other. As a general rule, you don't find people playing their stereos loud or having loud outdoor parties disrupting their neighbors. In the vicinity of the Valleyheart shaft site, there aren't any cars going by with thumping bases disrupting people. Nor are there any heavy trucks that go by as they are not permitted on these streets. Yes, we are near the 134 highway, but there is now a completed soundwall, reflecting much of the traffic sounds away from us. So any change in this peace and quiet would be immediately noticed and intrusive.

In the EIR draft (page ES-47), it states that there is an expected 5 dB increases during construction. Wouldn't the soundwall that we have for the highway actually magnify this as it would be bouncing any sound that happens on our side of the wall back onto the residences? Also in your mitigation measures on this same page, it mentions that your plan would be to comply with the City of Los Angles noise ordinance. Burbank has very strict noise ordinances. If you were to pursue with the North Alignment shouldn't you comply with Burbank's regulations?

I42-3

Also the sound testing done for Valleyheart shaft area (page 3.13-29) was done on February 28, 2005, which is well before the sound wall was completed. So those numbers are no longer accurate. On Figure 3.13-9 Table C shows sound ranging between 53 and 65 dB over a 24hour period. In my neighborhood, the typical ambient level sound is in the mid-50s (A-weighted). Occasionally it will jump up momentarily to the low 60s. These are typically caused by the occasional helicopter passing by or an extra loud semi on the freeway. But these are not constant sounds. They pass by in a couple of seconds. Nor are they frequent occurrences.

Now in Table 3.13-10 it is describing sounds in the 80-95dB range! Which are clearly much more than the 5db claimed in on ES-47. Going with the peak from Table C Figure 3.13-9, of 65 to a 85 that's a 20 db increase. Going with the typical ambient noise for the area of 55 and now saying that much of the day will be 85. That is a decibel increase of 54%! This would make the area nearly uninhabitable.

On pages ES-47 Noise and Vibration and ES-49 Goundborne Noise and Vibration – The Significance Determination is listed as "Potentially Significant" and the Impact after Mitigation as "Less Than Significant". This might be true and semi-tolerable if these noise levels persisted only for a few weeks or a month. But the Valleyheart shaft site is planned to go on for three years (in a best case scenario)! None of the mitigation measures listed could possibly reduce the impact to anything other than Significant, considering the timeframes that would be involved for this project to residents in the Rancho District!

Section 3.13 of the Draft EIR addresses the applicable noise ordinances as it relates to the City of Los Angeles, as well as adjacent cities, such as the City of Burbank. Section 21-208 of the City of Burbank Noise Ordinance prohibits the use of any machinery, equipment, pump, fan, air conditioning apparatus, or similar mechanical device that would cause ambient noise levels to exceed 5 decibels. The construction noise threshold that was used in the Draft EIR is similar to the City of Burbank Noise Ordinance in that a significant impact would occur if construction noise levels incrementally increase by 5 decibels or more. According to the City of Los Angeles *Draft CEQA Thresholds Guide*, a significant construction impact would occur if construction activities that last for more than 10 days would incrementally increase ambient noise levels by 5 decibels or more. Since construction of the NEIS II and GBIS would last for approximately 3 years, the Draft EIR used 5 decibels as the threshold of significance.

Refer to response to comment AJ1-14 regarding the recent addition of a sound wall in your neighborhood.

Table 3.13-10 of the Draft EIR identified the noise levels of construction equipment that would be used during construction. However, use of this construction equipment would vary throughout the workday; therefore, the analysis considers a worst-case scenario. Tables 3.13-28, 3.13-30, 3.13-32, and 3.13-34 of the Draft EIR show that construction noise levels would range from 83 to 88 decibels at the various NEIS II and GBIS construction sites. The Draft EIR contains mitigation measures that require the use of construction mufflers and the placement of noise curtains along the perimeter of the construction sites to break the line of sight between the construction activity and any sensitive receptors. These mitigation measures are commonly used to significantly reduce construction noise levels.

I42-4

### **III Air Quality**

Figure 3.4-9 shows an area of odor complaints near NEIS II. But I don't see any listings given around the Burbank, Valleyheart shaft site. I have noticed sewage odors numerous times from many walks on Riverside Drive within in the vicinity of the Valleyheart shaft site. Burbank council is aware of this as it has come up in several of their council meetings. You should contact them to get a better sense of the odor complaints in this area.

I42-5

I am not qualified to speak on health issues. But proposing the shaft site at Valleyheart with an air treatment facility, right on top of people's homes, can't be of any benefit to their condition. Many of the residents here are outdoors: spending time with their horses, dogs, or just getting out for some exercise, at all times of the day.

I42-6

### **IV Safety**

Pages ES-55 TRA-1 Volume to Capacity ES-56 TRA-2 Safety Hazards -- under both of these sections the Significance is determined to be "Less Than Significant". I would like to know how this is being determined for the GBIS North Alignment? It seems that the impact for this area is rather understated. There is a significant amount of equestrian traffic in this area. As there are no large vehicles allowed on many of the streets in this area, these animals are not used to the loud sounds the construction vehicles will be producing. As animals are unpredictable and can be easily startled, there should be large concern for safety of horse, rider and vehicles. So any possible mitigation would have to be carefully thought out and executed as neither the people planning out the proposed mitigation or people executing it would have any prior experience with this specific situation.

One of the streets effected by GBIS North Alignment is Riverside Drive which is the main bicycling street for Burbank. Any route changes would have to take into account how and where would the bicycle traffic go during the three-plus years of construction.

Also I walk to work from 1315 W. Valleyheart Drive to 1300 Riverside Drive. There are no sidewalks on this route (Valleyheart; Reese Pl; Riverside). The current bike lanes on Riverside gives one a comfortable buffer between the side of the road where cars are parked and oncoming traffic. If the bike lanes were to go away during construction where would pedestrians be able to walk on Riverside between Reese and Keystone?

I42-7

The purpose of the Integrated Resources Plan, is to better peoples lives. This is all well and good. But it should not come at the expense of ruining a community's way of life, which is exactly what the GBIS North Alignment would do, by putting a water and air treatment plant in their back yard. For the GBIS South Alignment the treatment facilities would be so much further away from people's residences. The North Alignment is clearly an inferior choice on so many levels. So if you must pursue with GBIS, then please go with the South Alignment.

In addition, the Draft EIR also contains a mitigation measure to allow residents and community members to report noise problems during construction and the mitigation measure would require that the noise problems be resolved. Implementation of these mitigation measures would ensure that construction noise levels would not exceed the significance threshold of a 5-decibel or more increase over the ambient noise level.

#### Response to Comment I42-4

As described in the response to comment AJ1-6, the odor setting related to GBIS has been revised to reflect an existing odor condition in the vicinity of the Valley Heart Shaft Site and to reflect the odor complaint information from the City of Burbank (refer to Section 2 of this Final EIR for the revisions).

#### Response to Comment I42-5

Refer to response to comment AJ1-8 regarding health risk concerns from an ATF at Valley Heart.

#### Response to Comment I42-6

Refer to response to comments AJ1-20 and -21 regarding potential traffic conflicts in the area of the Valley Heart Shaft Site. To reiterate, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a detailed discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

#### Response to Comment I42-7

Comment noted. Once constructed, GBIS and its appurtenant structures (i.e., ATFs) would reduce the potential for sewage overflows and odors, which would enhance the quality of life in the area that the sewer would serve. The City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval (refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR).

Response to Comment I42-8

I42-8

Also, I wholeheartedly agree with the points that are raised by the City of Burbank in their letter that they are submitting for comment on this draft EIR.

Comment noted.

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## Letter I43. Signatory – Bruce Wyler

HENDERSON PROD. CO., INC.

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### Response to Comment I43-1

Comment noted. For a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

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(Bruce Wyler—contact) (brucearama@aol.com) (818 752-2240)

TO: Jawahar P. Shah, EIRF Engineer  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

RE: GBIS

I43-1

[ We are concerned that any work activities concentrating on Rose Avenue and the Riverside Drive area would disrupt and interfere with the Falcon Theatre and its operations.

Please take this into consideration when deciding where to place the connection corridor.

Thank you.



Bruce Wyler  
on behalf of The Falcon Theatre and Henderson Productions

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**Letter I47. Signatory – Audrey Israel**

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Response to Comment I47-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

**From:** Debbie Pham  
**To:** Jawahar Shah  
**Date:** 2/28/2006 9:21:27 AM  
**Subject:** Re: IRP-EIR

It looks like it's the revise version of the previous email I fwd to you earlier. Please take care of this.  
Thanks.

Debbie

>>> Audrey Israel Freeman <audrey@billaudrey.com> Monday, February 27, 2006 4:31 PM >>>

Dear Mrs. Pham,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss IRP-EIR issue this morning. As we discussed, I am a resident of Los Angeles, a parent of an Oakwood student and a prior Deputy City Attorney of Los Angeles. I write this letter in opposition to any plans to alter Woodbridge park in any way.

As you know, there are not many parks in the San Fernando Valley, and there are even fewer that parents can truly consider to be safe. Due not only to its location, but also because there is no public restroom at the park, Woodbridge park provides a safe and beautiful environment for everyone, especially children, families and pet owners.

I47-1

In addition, Oakwood school is different from other schools, both public and private, in that Oakwood fosters and encourages a child's self esteem regardless of the gifts they are born with. I have never known of another school that encourages a child to develop such a strong self esteem, especially at such a young age. In other words, Oakwood is a very special place to so many people. I do not feel I am overstating the feeling of many, if not all Oakwood parents, when I say that Oakwood provides a true extension of our families as a safe, nurturing place for our children.

In light of this, it would be an unspeakable detriment to everyone involved in the Oakwood community if the City goes forward with the IRP-EIR project at Woodbridge park.

Please, please, do not go forward at this site. The harm that will be done to our community as a whole far outweighs any benefits the City would derive from this project.

Sincerely, Audrey Israel Esq.

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## Letter I49. Signatory – Brian and Julie McGovern

February 23, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
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Media Center Drive  
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Dear Mr. Shah:

New information has come to my attention forcing me once again to write to you to express my concern over the Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer portion of the Integrated Resources Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) relative to the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS).

One major problem the DEIR report chose to leave out is the potential health hazards of tunneling (expected to be between 15 to 180 feet below ground surface) through soils contaminated with volatile organic compounds and the potential release of these contaminants in the atmosphere. Burbank is located right on top of a Superfund sight. What is the health impact of disturbing and releasing these toxins in a residential area? What about the health hazards faced by your own workers?

The residents most sensitive to this health risk are the elderly and our children! We have two small children, ages five and three, who play outside in our yard for hours a day only two blocks away from the "Pollywog", the proposed site of a permanent ATF (Air Treatment Facility). These toxins can travel by air up to one-half mile – we live well within that distance. Flat out: What are the health risks from inhaling these toxic air contaminants? Cancer? If our children's lives (and those of our neighbors) are at risk, even by the smallest amount, the price is far too great to pay!

And, what about the children at nearby schools on your proposed Northern Alignment tunneling route? Oakwood Elementary, Rio Vista School, St. Charles Catholic School, Providence High School and the St. Joseph's Medical Center? All would be exposed to the toxic vapors.

I49-1

The DEIR does briefly mention the contaminated groundwater encountered during tunneling will be tested and treated, but there is NO mention of the health risks associated with just being exposed to the contaminated groundwater.

I49-2

### Response to Comment I49-1

Refer to response to comment AJ1-28 regarding the potential for release of volatile organic compounds. Response to comments AJ1-6 and AJ1-7 address the potential air quality hazards associated with an ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Refer to response to comment AJ11-2 for a discussion on the placement of ATFs adjacent to sensitive receptors, such as schools.

### Response to Comment I49-2

As described in detail in response to comment AJ1-2, Sections 3.10 and 3.11 of the Draft EIR identified the potential for contaminated soil and groundwater to be encountered during the installation of the proposed Project Alternatives and components.

I49-2

Letter I49. Signatory – Brian and Julie McGovern

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Finally, health hazards aside - tunneling through the GBIS North Alignment will increase the amount of contaminated groundwater, due to the Superfund site, and will require more federal, state and local money to fix. So please, choose the less populated SOUTH ALIGNMENT over the North, which will point blank – save lives!

Thank again,



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Rodney Andersen, P.E.  
Rita Robinson  
Councilman Tom La Bonge  
Councilman Greig Smith  
Councilwoman Jan Perry  
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## Letter I50. Signatory – Camille Caiozzo

### Response to Comment I50-1

**From:** "Camille Caiozzo" <ccaiocco@resourcehr.com>  
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**Date:** Mon, Mar 13, 2006 7:01 PM  
**Subject:** Comments on Draft EIR

I50-1

I have recently reviewed your alignment modifications that you are now considering for the final EIR. By connecting the eastern portion of the GBIS South Alignment along Forest Lawn Drive with the western portion of the GBIS North Alignment in Riversid Dirve through a corridor in the public right-of-way in or in the vicinity of Pass Avenue, you definitely would lessen the impact on the Rancho neighborhood of Burbank and protect the Polywog area in it's natural state. I fully support this change in plan and thank you for your consideration. We value the wonderful park life of the Rancho area and support any effort on your part to maintain it. Thank you.  
Camille Caiozzo 1008 Riverside Drive Unit 33 Burbank 91506 (818) 843-6054

For a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

**From:** "Colette Schamet" <cschamet@DSLExtreme.com>  
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**Date:** Fri, Mar 3, 2006 4:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Response - comments on EIR IRP 2004071091

I CANNOT BELIEVE THEY'RE BACK IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE RECYCLED WATER FOR HOLLYWOD. IT IS DEFINITELY A HEALTH HAZARD. IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN, EACH AND EVERY SINGLE HOUSE OR APARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE 2 SEPARATE WATER MAINS, ONE FOR IRRIGATION AND THE OTHER BEING THE POTABLE WATER. HOW CAN WE DRINK FROM RECYCLED/PURIFIED WATER THAT'S COMING FROM TOILETS AND BATHTUBS???

IS2-1

THIS WILL COST THE CITY TOO MUCH MONEY TO IMPLEMENT.

IS THIS ISSUE BACK ON THE TABLE?

Colette Schamet

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From: Fran Reichenbach [mailto:[beachwoodvoice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beachwoodvoice@sbcglobal.net)]  
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2006 3:41 PM  
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Subject: Response - comments on EIR IRP 2004071091

Below please find 6 points written by our local biologist, Dr. William Emboden concerning the water aspect of your Integrated Resource Plan EIR. Also see my comments on the parking issue that your report reflects.

IS2-2

Parking:

Your report states that 225 parking spaces serving the L.A. Zoo will be lost

## Letter I52. Signatory – Colette Schamet

### Response to Comment I52-1

As described in Section 2.2.2.2 of the Draft EIR, the existing recycled water distribution system would be expanded to increase the use of recycled water generated at the existing treatment plants (i.e., Hyperion, Tillman, LAG and TITP) and urban runoff plants along Ballona and Compton Creeks. Recycled water includes nonpotable reuse (i.e., industrial and irrigation reuse) and indirect potable reuse (groundwater replenishment). If recycled water is made available to individual household and businesses it would not be for direct potable use, but rather for nonpotable uses, such as irrigation or industrial application. As detailed in the Recycled Water portion of Section 3.11.3.2, recycled water pipelines associated with the IRP are for nonpotable reuse and would be operated in accordance with California Department of Health Services regulations and would meet or exceed Title 22 recycled water quality requirements prior to being released into the distribution network.

### Response to Comment I52-2

Refer to response to comment O17 regarding response to Dr. Emboden's comment letter.

if you go ahead with your program. You have not indicated alternative parking such as a multi-level structure or subterranean parking facilities to mitigate this. This parking lot serves what used to be the Gene Autry Museum as well as the L.A. Zoo. This is entirely unacceptable.

Water:

City of Los Angeles

Att: Jawahar P. Shah

Re: Integrated Resource Plan Report 2004071091 Dated November 30, 2005

1. If this report was prepared in accord with CEQA, who were the individuals involved and what are their qualifications?
2. "Recycled water" is not clarified here in. Would you define it and provide a list of sources for "recycled water?"
3. You specify "recommended alternatives." What are these? Please clarify.
4. You use "potential water recycling component" and then list "projects." Are these IRP alternatives prepared to handle water from hospitals, mortuaries, slaughterhouses, and industrial firms producing carcinogens?
5. Biological impact is listed under "Less significant impacts." This includes human beings, animals, plants, ecological impact and atmospheric factors that pollute. Our current water system is hazardous to young people, older people and those with compromised immune systems (i.e., about 40% of the population).
6. We must know a great deal more about these issues before going forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. William A. Emoboden, F.L.S.

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Author of numerous articles, books, and environmental impact studies.

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Atmosphere:

While you state that a foul oder will result from your project, you fail to clarify that which will generate this foul oder. What chemicals and organisms are involved? We are aware of nitrous oxide producing cancer. To what degree will this foul oder create a hazard to our health.

Overall Concern for L.A.'s Municipal Water:

We want assurance that ultimately the water resulting from this project will not be the water we drink from our faucets.

Our organization would appreciate written clarification addressing the above issues.

I52-2

Fran Reichenbach, founder and board member of the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association

**CC:**        ""Missy Kelly"" <missykelly@sbcglobal.net>,    ""Terri Gerger""  
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## Letter I53. Signatory – David Stitz

I597

### Response to Comment I53-1

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March 10, 2006

Mr. Rodney A. Anderson  
Principal Civil Engineer  
Public Works Department  
275 E. Olive Avenue  
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Re: Clybourn Sewer

Dear Mr. Anderson:

It was a pleasure meeting you at the Burbank City Council meeting on February 28, 2006. As I mentioned, I reside at 4238 Clybourn Avenue, and I oppose the proposal from the City of Los Angeles to run part of its sewer system through private residential Burbank neighborhoods.

The reasons I oppose the proposal are as follows:

1. Lack of information. Which Burbank streets, and precisely which portions of those streets (which block, which side of the street, how much of the width of the street, how much of the length of the street) will be disturbed has not been identified. What ancillary equipment will be needed and where it will be placed and for how long has not been identified. Where will holes for ingress and egress be dug? What is the purpose, location, size, diameter, and depth of each hole, how long will the street and residents be affected by each such hole, what ancillary equipment and manpower will be necessary, and what impacts, environmental, sociological and economic, and potential for destruction of property are anticipated, where will the construction crews park, where will the trucks and equipment be located and for how long, what are the noise, vibration, subsidence, odor and air pollution factors which the City of Los Angeles projects? Will the sewer also be for the use of the residents of Burbank, or only the residents of Los Angeles? All of the above questions should be answered by Los Angeles, fully and completely.

Beginning on page 2-32 (Section 2.2.1.9), the Draft EIR provides details of the construction methodology associated with the proposed interceptor sewers (NEIS II and GBIS). The proposed route of each GBIS alignment is detailed in Section 2.2.1.10 of the Draft EIR. Because GBIS would be constructed by tunneling methods, construction would largely be confined to the shaft sites. Surface construction for the installation of maintenance hole structures will be required approximately every 2,500 feet, but the precise locations will not be determined until the design process after an alignment is selected for implementation. Furthermore, various environmental resource issues in the Draft EIR, such as air quality (Section 3.4) and traffic (Section 3.17), include additional details on construction (equipment and workers). Potential for odors were addressed in Section 3.4, noise/vibration in Section 3.13, and subsidence/settlement in Section 3.9 of the Draft EIR. Refer to response to comments AJ1-6 (odors), AJ1-10 (settlement), and AJ1-13 (noise) for additional information.

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Response to Comment I53-2

Comment noted. This comment letter is being responded to in accordance with Section 15088 of the CEQA Guidelines. Refer to Section 1.2 of this Final EIR for information on the public noticing associated with the Draft EIR.

Response to Comment I53-3

Refer to response to comment AJ1-10 regarding settlement. Response to comment AJ31-2 describes in further detail the potential for rocks to be found in the area of the proposed GBIS alignments.

Response to Comment I53-4

Surface water would not result in subsurface complications. For a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

Response to Comment I53-5

As described in response to comment AJ1-10, to further minimize the potential for settlement impacts, mitigation measure GEO-MM-2 has been modified in this Final EIR to add a goal to further limit surface settlement to 0.50-inch along the tunnel alignment (refer to Section 2 of this Final EIR). Comment noted.

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Attorney at Law

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2. **Lack of Notice.** The suggestion by the City of Los Angeles that it was proper to answer none of the questions raised in this letter, to change the route or location of the pipe and provide only one days' response time was so lacking in due process as to be laughable – five years might be reasonable, but certainly not one day.

3. **Destruction of Property.** Initially, I was informed that the pipe would be so deep it would have no impact upon the private homes on the surface near the pipe's route. Councilman LaBonge's letter dated February 21, 2006 and left on my doorstep exposed these assurances as illusory. In the fourth paragraph of his letter, Councilman LaBonge suggests the option of the sewer following the easement for the Los Angeles River was "too risky" for two reasons: (1) "the possibility of encountering major rocks that may . . . cause formajor [sic] surface construction;" and, (2) [The] "tunneling below the river may have some structural impact to the riverbed."

What about the "structural impact" on the Burbank homes (including mine) on the surface near the pipe? What about the "major surface construction" needed in the residential neighborhoods (including mine) when major rocks are encountered? Is that not "too risky" also?

It would appear the Clybourn Avenue alternative is particularly inappropriate due to the fact that the sewer would run directly between the two Toluca lakes which are natural collections of water, and would likely lead to extreme complications. I do not pretend to be an expert (and I have not been provided with adequate facts or information), but it would seem that the Los Angeles River easement would be a far better option – anything other than Burbank residential streets.

4. **No Indemnity.** Is the City of Los Angeles prepared to provide me and my neighbors with full indemnity against any loss or damage, including all costs and attorney's fees? Should the homes on Clybourn sink into the ground some 12 or 15 inches, a prospect which no longer appears to be theoretical in light of Councilman LaBonge's admissions in his February 5, 2006 letter, the damages would be extraordinary.

Response to Comment I53-6

Comment noted. It is not common practice for the City of Los Angeles to provide notification of hearing conducted by other agencies, such as the City of Burbank. In addition, we are not familiar with the hearing that the commenter indicated was scheduled after midnight. As practicable, it is the City of Los Angeles' practice to schedule meetings at reasonable and convenient times so that the public can attend.

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I applaud the Burbank Councilmen at the hearing who suggested they too were opposed to the sewer pipe being run through Burbank neighborhoods, and I encourage them to hold their ground.

Please keep me advised of any further Burbank hearings. (Hopefully, the hearings will be scheduled at a reasonable time – not after midnight as was the case on February 28, 2006.)

Thank you for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICE OF DAVID D. STITZ

David D. Stitz

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Councilman Tom LaBonge  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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## Letter I54. Signatory – Denise Sarquiz

### Response to Comment I54-1

March 8, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation  
WESD  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah:

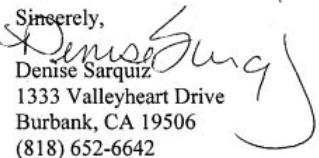
As a resident of Burbank, specifically on Valleyheart Drive, I adamantly oppose the GBIS North Alignment as it will run directly under my property and those of my neighbors. We are fortunate as we have a beautiful neighborhood that has been built to a high level of quality through years of hard work and investment. The North Alignment will devalue our property and negatively effect our area.

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The GBIS South Alignment is preferred as it will serve the necessary purpose with the least environmental impact.

The choice seems obvious, by choosing the South Alignment you will preserve the Rancho neighborhood, Valleyheart Pollywog area where many hard-working families have, through hard work, invested in their homes.

I urge you to choose the GBIS South Alignment.

Sincerely,  
  
Denise Sarquiz  
1333 Valleyheart Drive  
Burbank, CA 91506  
(818) 652-6642

For a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

February 20, 2006

## Letter I55. Signatory – J. Denise Taylor

### Response to Comment I55-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the Valley Heart Shaft Site. In addition, for a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), and which does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

### Response to Comment I55-2

As detailed in Section 3.9 of the Draft EIR, the NEIS II and GBIS alignments chosen would be placed below soils susceptible to liquefaction or design features would be incorporated to limit any settlement. Refer to response to comment AJ1-10 for an additional discussion of a revision to mitigation measure GEO-MM-2 that would further limit settlement.

### Response to Comment I55-3

For a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR. Additionally, the City requires contractors to maintain adequate insurance coverage to ensure that property owners are protected in the event that property damage results from contractor operations.

### Response to Comment I55-4

Section 3.17 of the Draft EIR detailed the proposed project potential to impact traffic during construction and operation. Refer to response to comment AJ1-20 for a summary of potential impacts along Riverside Drive as it relates to the Rancho Burbank area.

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

ISS-1 Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the IRP Draft EIR for the GBIS alignment. I reside approximately 70 feet from the proposed Valleyheart Shaft Site and Air Treatment Facility. My view from my living room window is of Pollywog Field. Presently I look out my window to view a picturesque natural park where equestrians, joggers, dog walkers, children and adults enjoy themselves continuously throughout the day. When I learned that Pollywog was the proposed Valleyheart Shaft Site for the GBIS North Alignment, I was devastated. Why? Because the GBIS North Alignment threatens to destroy a lifetime of hard work, my peace of mind, my ability to sleep at night, my health, and extreme financial loss since the value of my home would be significantly reduced.

The South Alignment would impact fewer people, would not require an Air Treatment Facility within 10 meters of residences, and would not result in loss of an important exercise area for horses. Further it would not reduce the property value of the many homes in the Burbank Rancho. Residents would not be subjected to the vile odor that ATF's emit. I personally visited 5 of the 7 ATF's in Los Angeles. None were built in quiet neighborhoods surrounded by homes. They were located in industrial areas, surrounded by train tracks, freeway bridges, factories and junkyards. The Draft EIR fails to address the impact to neighboring residences.

ISS-2 ISS-3 Section 3.9 indicates that tunneling can cause up to  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch surface settlement. Why risk damage to many homes, swimming pools and Burbank residential streets, when the South Alignment along Forest Lawn Drive provides open space along most of the route? In the event property damage occurs, will the City of Los Angeles accept liability?

ISS-4 Riverside Drive is a residential street and artery serving commuters. Nearly all Rancho residential streets are tributaries to Riverside. Gridlock often occurs at rush hour. Signs are posted on Riverside Drive prohibiting trucks with 3 axles or more. It would seem that the construction trucks would exceed this limit. Add 100 truck trips per day, times three for the three shaft sites, and a percentage of the several hundred horses living here that must share the narrow two-way residential streets at any given time of the day, and it presents a significant safety hazard. I found no impact study for this in the Draft EIR. The South Alignment offers Forest Lawn Drive with convenient onramps to the 134 and

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no residences surrounding the proposed shaft sites. Please consider this in your response.

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As a resident living adjacent to the proposed Valleyheart Shaft Site, I, as well as many of my neighbors, would be exposed to intense noise and vibration as well as nighttime lighting. This means for **three years** after enduring a work day of construction noise and vibration, deemed unbearable and uninhabitable for some areas, some of us will suffer the impacts of glare from nighttime lighting when we attempt to sleep. Please consider the stress from noise and vibration this also places on the hundreds of horses living in the Rancho confined to small box stalls. Horses tend to panic when frightened and react unpredictably without thought or consequence. The South Alignment proposes **two** shaft sites that are not situated alongside homes. Isn't the South Alignment the environmentally superior choice since fewer people would suffer from these effects?

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Section 3.16 of the Draft EIR did not include Pollywog (proposed Valleyheart shaft site and ATF) as a recreational park. Instead it is described as a "vacant parcel." This area is Griffith Park land which was sectioned off when the 134 Freeway was constructed. It is the only area where horses can be exercised locally making it vital to the Rancho neighborhood. The closing of this area for a three-year construction project and permanent loss of the park for an ATF would be devastating to the residents.

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The North Alignment proposes the building of an ATF over the exercise rings in Pollywog. This concept of an ATF sandwiched between homes is incomprehensible. If the South Alignment is chosen, there is no need for **this ATF whatsoever**. Our Rancho neighborhood already suffers poor air quality from the adjacent 134 Freeway emissions. We also suffer from existing sewer gas odors. To add more toxins, which exceed the SCAQMD safety thresholds, is the nail in our coffin. Since the South Alignment does not require this additional ATF, wouldn't it be an environmentally superior choice?

We have learned, as a result of the GBIS, that our groundwater is contaminated. This information alone should be reason enough for the City of Los Angeles to find an alternative route for the IRP. Workers and residents would be exposed to PCE and TCE contaminants. Tunneling would send contaminated groundwater further into areas with lower contamination levels. Section 3.4 requires additional studies.

If the Los Angeles City Council votes on the certification of the GBIS Alignment having only read the Executive Summary, it would not represent the problems with the GBIS. The Executive Summary does not disclose the negative impacts it places upon our community.

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The South Alignment is environmentally superior to the North Alignment because:

Forest Lawn Drive, a major portion of the GBIS route, consists of open space.

Three Rancho neighborhood parks, which include protected trees, would be spared as shaft sites. Residences bordering these parks would be spared health risks.

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Response to Comment I55-5

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment I55-1 above.

Response to Comment I55-6

The description of the Valley Heart Shaft Site in Section 3.16.2.2 of the Draft EIR has been revised to more appropriately identify the site as "open space" and not a vacant parcel (refer to Section 2 of this Final EIR). As described in detail in Section 3.16.2.2 of the Draft EIR, the proposed construction and operation at the Valley Heart site would affect access to the recreational use (including use of the equestrian trail) of the site. Project features and mitigation measures (such as AES-MM-3, AES-MM-4, REC-MM-3 and REC-MM-5) have been included to reduce the impacts of the project. Specific to the proposed ATF at Valley Heart, as detailed in response to comment AJ1-4, an additional mitigation has been added to ensure that the equestrian trail would not be eliminated with the placement of an ATF at the Valley Heart site. To reiterate, as detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include the Valley Heart Shaft Site.

Response to Comment I55-7

The GBIS North Alignment would include an ATF on the Pollywog site adjacent to residences, while the GBIS South Alignment would have an ATF in Griffith Park that is away from residences, the identification of an environmentally superior alternative has been reserved for a system-wide alternative rather than the component options (such as GBIS) that are part of the system-wide alternative. Refer to response to comment AJ1-6 regarding odor from ATFs.

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There would be no need for the Valleyheart/Pollywog ATF.

The number of people negatively impacted would be reduced by one half.

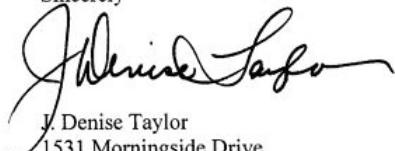
Rancho homes would not be devalued.

There would be no loss of recreational space in Pollywog.

I respectfully submit the City of Burbank's letter responding to the DEIR dated February 15, 2006 signed by our Mayor and City Council Members, as part of my comments as well.

Thank you for your consideration and response to our community during this comment phase. It is my sincere hope that the City of Los Angeles accomplishes its need for an improved sewer system with minimal environmental disruptions; and in my opinion it would be the South alignment.

Sincerely



J. Denise Taylor  
1531 Morningside Drive  
Burbank, CA 91506

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Attachment

Letter I55. Signatory – J. Denise Taylor.

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#### Response to Comment I55-8

As stated in response to comment I55-7 above, identification of an environmentally superior alternative has been reserved for a system-wide alternative rather than the component options (such as GBIS) that are part of the system-wide alternative. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR). Comment and submittal is noted.

READ AT THE 1\12\06 PUBLIC MEETING

Thank you for providing us this opportunity.

My focus tonight is the proposed Valleyheart Shaft Site known to our community as Pollywog. I am in favor of the South Alignment for the GBIS ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENTS. The North alignment would have a devastating effect on the Burbank Rancho neighborhood although there is little to no mention of our neighborhood in Section 3.16 of the Draft EIR.

SECTION 3.16-30 refers to Pollywog as a “vacant parcel” and “provides access to an equestrian trail along the Los Angeles River.”

Valleyheart/Pollywog is a natural equestrian park used as a trail access as recognized by the EIR, but it is far more than that to its residents. It is where we train, and exercise our horses. We teach our children horsemanship. On rainy days it's the only convenient area to relieve the pressure of horses that have been cooped up in stalls. Mares with foals take their first outing in Pollywog. Lame or infirmed horses can be hand-walked here. Residents with their veterinarians use it as a place for lameness exams. Sadly, it is sometimes a place to euthanize our horses, because for some of us, there is no other alternative but the street. Joggers and dog walkers also frequent Pollywog.

The GBIS North alignment construction project would have a significant impact on residents and animals by posing serious safety issues, as horses are easily frightened and exhibit flight tendencies. Horses and cars share the narrow Rancho streets. Heavy construction equipment rumbling in and out of our neighborhood would not only be stressful to horse and rider, but potentially very dangerous.

Pollywog is a treasured natural park to its community. To find it described as a vacant parcel in the EIR is a travesty. It is obvious that the City of Los Angeles has no understanding of its value to our neighborhood. Why was Pollywog omitted in Section 3.16 Recreation as follows: Table 3.16-4, Figure 3.16-4, Table 3.16-5, Figure 3.16-5? Pollywog is at Ground Zero. Why does Table 3.16-6 not address the ATF at the Valleyheart Shaft Site? 3.16-37 through 50: why isn't the loss of an exercise area considered as an impact? Please research the impacts further.

Does only planted grass and a swing set constitute a park? Pollywog is situated on Griffith Park land. It is a valued piece of land which local residents utilize throughout the day, 7 days a week. An Air Treatment Facility is an unacceptable front yard monument to our homes. Connecting the existing sewer to the new line can be accomplished on the South alignment, where it belongs, away from homes that are situated on the border of the Valleyheart Shaft site. The emissions will exceed safe levels. ATF's stink and are unhealthy. ATF's do not belong within a few feet of homes. Our property values would plummet. The adoption of the South alignment mitigates these serious issues for the Rancho.

Pollywog was overlooked in the draft EIR when it was chosen for the Valleyheart Shaft Site and ATF. Therefore, it is asked of the City of Los Angeles to give it recognition as a park, and afford it the same interest of the other parks in all sections of the Final EIR.

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## Letter I56. Signatory – Danny DeVito and Rhea Pearlman

### Response to Comment I56-1

The potential for the proposed project components to impact adjacent land uses, schools and recreation, is detailed in Sections 3.12, 3.15 and 3.16 of the Draft EIR, respectively. Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

February 25, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

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We are writing to oppose the proposed selection of Woodbridge Park in Studio City as a tunneling site as part of the Northeast Interceptor Sewer for the City of Los Angeles' Integrated Resources Plan, Facilitated Resources Plan.

Our three children, now 18, 20, and 22 all went to the Oakwood School. We have been active members of the Oakwood community and the board for many years as well.

Our children spent innumerable hours in Woodbridge Park while in school and after school too. Oakwood has a contract with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to use a section of this space for physical education. It is the only area large enough for the kids to do sports in. The impact of losing this park for the years it would take to tunnel the sewer system would be immeasurable.

The Studio City community also uses Woodbridge Park. There is a wonderful new play area for toddlers. People of all ages come there for picnics, to walk or run, to sit and talk or just to breathe some fresh air. It is right in the middle of a quiet residential area.

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We understand the need to improve the sewer system, but there are few enough public parks in Studio City. We cannot afford to lose one of them.

Please eliminate Woodbridge Park from your selection alternatives.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,



Danny DeVito and Rhea Pearlman



REDIGER INVESTMENT CORPORATION

March 6, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on that part of the Los Angeles Integrated Resources Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) that impacts our Burbank/Toluca Lake neighborhoods, namely the Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer (GBIS).

My house is located at 4223 Warner Blvd. in Burbank which places it very near the GBIS North Alignment route and directly in the center of the new Modified (Hybrid) Alignment route.

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Of the two alternative alignments you present in the Draft EIR and the new Modified (Hybrid) Alignment you mention in your mailed Public Announcement dated February 27, 2006, the SOUTH ALIGNMENT is by far most preferable choice as it will give you what you want with the least environmental impact on far fewer people.

We are an integral part of Burbank and, along with our Burbank City Council, Strongly support the SOUTH ALIGNMENT.

Please choose the GBIS SOUTH ALIGNMENT. This choice will place the sewer line and Shaft Sites in mostly open spaces or public right-of-way areas in Los Angeles. This choice will impact the fewest number of people and save valuable communities from considerable inconvenience and potential property devaluation. Again, I thank you for your time and strongly urge you to choose the GBIS SOUTH ALIGNMENT.

Sincerely,



Donn E. Rediger

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## Letter I57. Signatory – Donn Rediger

### Response to Comment I57-1

Comment noted. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

## **Letter I58. Signatory – Elaine Franklin**

### Response to Comment I58-1

**From:** "ELAINE J. FRANKLIN" <ejsalter@msn.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 9, 2006 11:44 AM  
**Subject:** IRP DRAFT

I58-1 [ I am opposed to any sewer alignments running through any residential neighborhoods.

Elaine Franklin  
430 West Elm Avenue  
Burbank, CA 91506  
818 842-2230

Comment noted.

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**From:** "Eric Damer" <edamer@merrittusa.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sat, Feb 18, 2006 10:39 AM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

To Whom It May Concern:

I59-1

My family has lived across from Woodbridge Park for 5 years and are very disappointed in learning that the park will be used for a future tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility. The park is a pillar in the community and provides tremendous enjoyment for my family and thousands of others in the surrounding area. Please re-consider another option for the tunneling project so the community can continue to enjoy the park in the future. I appreciate your kind attention to my comments.

Thank you,

Eric Damer

Studio City Resident

4322 Elmer Avenue

Studio City, California 91352

Tel : 818-766-8144

## Letter I59. Signatory – Eric Damer

### Response to Comment I59-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

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## Letter I60. Signatory – Fae Golcan

### Response to Comment I60-1

Comment noted.

Mrs. Fae Golcan, (Tel. (818) 954-9836) called me on March 14, 2006 to express her opposition of IRP hybrid alternative. She is 94 years old lives on Pass Avenue for last 45 years and she is opposing sewer line on IRP's modified alignment. She has arthritis and she can not write, however, she is going to try writing her opposition to this project.

  
Jawahar P. Shah  
March 14, 2006

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## Letter I61. Signatory – Ami Curtis

### Response to Comment I61-1

December 31, 2005

Ami Curtis  
1909 W. Parkside Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91506

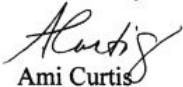
#### Re: GBIS - Sewer Air Treatment Facility

Dear Jawahar Shah and Rita Robinson,

I61-1

I am in support of the South Alignment (south of the LA River) for the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS) Project. Using the North Alignment would be devastating to our Burbank Rancho neighborhood. Burbank is one of the last communities with the privilege of having our horses in our back yards. Many people use this area for recreational riding and it has become a very important part of our community. Taking this area away from us would be devastating. There are many people that live on Valleyheart & Reese, not to mention the people that live on Riverside Drive and have their back yards facing our "Pollywog" area. If you could just drive by one weekend you will see all the activity that goes on there. Kids flying kites, dogs and horses all over the place. This would certainly ruin our lifestyle. I beg you to route the sewer line to the South Alignment, South of the 134 fwy. It will save our unique Rancho Equestrian Neighborhood.

Thank You,

  
Ami Curtis

## **Letter I62. Signatory – Anamyn Turowski**

### Response to Comment I62-1

Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 for a discussion of potential construction and operation at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

### Response to Comment I62-2

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (both North and South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure.

Anamyn Turowski  
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Burbank, CA 91506

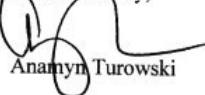
February 2, 2006

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the proposed sewer project through the North Alignment. I and my family have lived in the Burbank Rancho neighborhood for a little over 3 years. We moved here because of the idyllic setting – the lovely family oriented equine neighborhood and Griffith Park right nearby for hiking and horseback riding. The Pollywog is a crucial part of our neighborhood. It is our backyard. It isn't a "vacant lot" as it was described on something we read regarding this sewer project. Our boys, Ian (9 yrs) and Oliver (6 yrs), play in the Pollywog often. We walk our dogs and our mini donkey Gracie in the Pollywog, and we lunge our horses daily in the Pollywog. All of our neighbors utilize the Pollywog, along with most of the citizens of the Rancho. The fact that the city of Los Angeles with the City of Burbank's okay, is deciding to ruin our neighborhood by putting a sewer project right through our streets and end with a huge smelly eyesore in our beloved Pollywog is horrifying.

The other problem here is that this is apparently a plan between the Cities of Los Angeles and Burbank that has been in the works for over four years. I moved to the Rancho three years ago – if I had known that there was going to be a project like this going on I would not have bought my property as I know the value is going to PLUMMET. Is this not something that should have been disclosed???

Most Sincerely,



Anamyn Turowski

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## Letter I63. Signatory – Barbara Groth

### Response to Comment I63-1

January 3, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Dr.  
LA, Calif. 90065

Dear Sir:

I have lived on Morningside Dr for 40 years, right down the street from the one of the proposed sites for the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer Project. I had never realized that the open land at the point where Morningside and Valley Heart meet was LA land until the treatment plant proposal was brought to my attention.

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I can appreciate the need for the mandated sewer improvement and would like to be able to continue to flush my toilet; however, I would strongly encourage you to choose the South Alignment and have the project located on the Forest Hills side of the river rather than the Burbank Rancho side. I am sure the residents of Forest Lawn would be far less impacted by the 4-5 year building project, the noise and traffic the project is going to cause as well as the impact of having a treatment plant and belching station in their backyard.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Barbara Groth*

Barbara Groth  
1310 & 1304 Morningside Dr.  
Burbank, Calif.

Comment noted. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).



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12 December 2005

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Jawahar P. Shah:

I am writing in respect to the Draft EIR for the sewer tunnel project that is proposed to extend from the LA Zoo to Toluca Lake, and the alternatives for the routes of this tunnel. If this is going to happen, I support the South Alignment.

The south route appears to run almost entirely through Griffith Park, with little impact on the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Altho, I am an equestrian and use the park very often, this **south route seems to be the only choice**. I don't agree with any impact on our trail system or its access, but the **alternative of the North route is IMPOSSIBLE**.

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The north route runs adjacent and through one of the most unique and marvelous neighborhoods in greater Los Angeles. It is not even in the City of Los Angeles! The Burbank Rancho is a tranquil family oriented equestrian community – unlike any other. The environmental impact that a project of this size would create is beyond belief and words. The locations of the shafts are at each end and the middle of this neighborhood. Not only would the construction process be ridiculously impactful with dirt, traffic and noise issues, but the bucolic beauty and serenity of this neighborhood would be forever transformed. And as a horse-owner, the trails and access to the park would be eliminated. And two popular neighborhood parks would be changed. Frankly, I cannot imagine what you are thinking by even considering the north alignment.

I appreciate your respect of my comments in this matter and hope that you take them into consideration.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Sachs  
Resident, Burbank Rancho Neighborhood

cc: Bonnie Teaford/Interim Public Works Director  
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## Letter I64. Signatory – Bonnie Sachs

### Response to Comment I64-1

Comment noted. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).



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## **Letter I66. Signatory – Carlye Byron**

### Response to Comment I66-1

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December 20, 2005

Jawahar P. Shah

City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

I received a letter from your office detailing proposals for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP). With regard to the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS), I just wanted to state to both your department and The City of Los Angeles, that I would not welcome a decision to have a waste facility in my back yard. As a homeowner in the Burbank Rancho I have seen my property value as well as all the property values in this area increase. The proposed North Alignment would affect our whole area, years of construction in the middle of our neighborhood, traffic problems, and decrease the value of our homes. Clearly the Northern alignment should not even be a consideration when there are other alternatives that do not have such an impact on any neighborhood.

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Several years ago, when I had my second child, I considered selling my home. I went out and looked in other areas such as Toluca Lake, Tarzana, and Northridge. I found several prospects, but they could not compete with the uniqueness that I already had. I decided to add on to my existing home and refinanced to obtain the construction money. I am a single mother of two children and I have built up considerable equity in my home. I am sure I am not the only homeowner whose net worth would be devastated by your Northern Alignment proposal. I know there are several elderly residents who would also be affected in this manner, as well as more families.

I oppose the Northern Alignment. Please urge the City of Los Angeles to consider an alternative that would not wreck the lives of so many people and rip apart an area so special to the City of Burbank.

Sincerely,

Carlye Byron

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## Letter I67. Signatory – Deirdre and Kieran Reid

### Response to Comment I67-1

Mr. Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, Ca 90065

Re: L.A. Sewer Project

Dear Sir:

As 40 plus years residents of Rancho area in Burbank we wish to offer our plea to save the northern alignment. We understand you have a job to do and appreciate your willingness to hear our request.

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There are so many hazards and health concerns involved here not to mention a huge upheaval to the Rancho community, and a definite devaluation of property value, that it would seem to make sense to opt for the south alignment which shows considerably less hazard and minimal public effect.

There is already a putrid stench emitted from a comparably small project by Mountainview park which cannot apparently be corrected. We would definitely deplore any such similar problem but of a major proportion with the proposed project.

We will be awaiting your decision of all the above and trust that our suggestion will be accepted and the project will proceed where it will be less detrimental for the majority.

Very sincerely yours,

*Deirdre Reid    Kieran Reid*

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The City of Los Angeles is slated with the responsibility to construct and operate infrastructure (i.e., sewers) required to maintain a certain quality of life. In addition, the proposed NEIS II and GBIS sewers (and associated facilities, such as ATFs) would ultimately relieve the existing aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the Rancho Burbank area. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR). Comment noted.

# Letter I68. Signatory – Dawn Baillie

## Response to Comment I68-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

JAWAHAR P. SHAH  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
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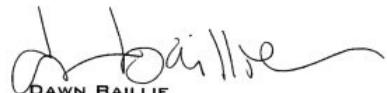
DEAR MR. SHAH,

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IS  
CONSIDERING WOODBRIDGE PARK AS A SITE FOR A POSSIBLE AIR TREATMENT  
FACILITY AND TUNNEL SHAFT.

WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE NECESSITY OF THE SEWER UPGRADE, I STRONGLY FEEL  
THAT THE CALTRANS NORTH HOLLYWOOD MAINTENANCE YARD WOULD BE A MUCH  
BETTER CHOICE FOR THIS PROJECT. THE CITY RESIDENTS DESERVE TO HAVE  
ACCESS TO THE PARK DURING THE UPGRADE.

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PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO THE GROWING LIST OF CONCERNED RESIDENTS OPPOSING  
THIS PROJECT. I STAND PROUDLY BESIDE THE PARK ADVISORY BOARD, THE STUDIO  
CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION AND COUNCILMEMBER WENDY GREUEL IN THE FIGHT  
TO KEEP WOODBRIDGE PARK OPEN WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

THANK YOU,



DAWN BAILLIE

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**From:** <Fabrk@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sat, Feb 18, 2006 1:58 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park Proposal

I'm writing to let you know my full opposition to the proposal to use Woodbridge Park for your sewer tunnel project. In a city with fewer and fewer green spaces every year thinking of ripping up an existing park is to me outrageous. Here are the main points to my opposition:

- I69-1
- Loss on one of Studio City's few parks...surely there is a better location i.e. the Caltrans Maintenance Yard
  - Destruction of a playground used by hundred's of children daily? Completely lessens the quality of life for thousands of families in this area.
  - Finally...placing a sewer project next to a school ? An invitation to lawsuits that this city can ill afford.
- I69-2

I hope you take these issues strongly into account and leave our green spaces as green spaces for the people of this city to enjoy!!!

Frank Brooks  
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Studio City, CA 91062  
818 761 2152

## Letter I69. Signatory – Frank Brooks

### Response to Comment I69-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

### Response to Comment I69-2

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment I69-1 above.