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Attn: Sarah Molina Pearson **sarah.molina-pearson@lacity.org**

RE: ENV-2005-6657-EIR (Hidden Creek Estates Project)  
SCH # 2006031049

Dear Ms. Pearson,

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that you accept the following comments on the draft EIR for the above-referenced project:

Traffic and Safety:

1. Request that the Dept of Transportation provide an updated traffic study on Mason Avenue in order make an accurate determination of the existing traffic volumes. The draft EIR is deficient because it is referencing the 2007 volumes as "existing volumes" (pg 8 and 9 of transportation/traffic section). However, there has been substantial development and growth in traffic and safety issues in the last 10 years.
2. Over approximately the last five years (subsequent to the 2007 traffic study) ongoing traffic and safety problems exist near and around the Porter Ranch Community School on Mason Ave and Sesnon Blvd, and this intersection will serve as the primary entrance to the new community built under this project. Issues being seen around the school are speeding, street racing, traffic congestion, j-walking, and illegal u-turns. The additional traffic from this project will exacerbate these problems. The draft EIR should consider the traffic problems at this location in such close proximity to the community school and include clear mitigation measures for them.
3. Request that Dept of Transportation provide an updated traffic study for Sesnon Blvd, Porter Ranch Drive, and Rinaldi St., the adjacent ingress and egress routes.

Health and Environmental:

1. Request that the health impacts identified by LA County Department of Public Health CASPER study and Dr. Nordella's study, root cause analysis and forthcoming AQMD health studies be considered and included as part of draft EIR to determine the impact on future users and residents.

2. Request inclusion and consideration of the stakeholder's ongoing health and odor complaints as well as the impact the reported subsequent leaks will have on future users and residents.
3. Request review and consideration of the reports included as part of the ongoing investigation by the State Water Resources Control Board on GeoTracker (Case #03700776) and impact(s) on future residents.
4. Request consideration and inclusion of Jan. 18, 2018 report from California Council for Science and Technology on the Long-Term Viability of Underground Natural Gas storage in California including Ch. 1 "What risks do California's underground gas storage facilities pose to health, safety, environment, and infrastructure?" as related specifically to Aliso Canyon and the impact on future users and residents. Some important issues raised in the report include the risk related characteristics of the facility (ie. seismic risk, fire risk, close proximity to homes and schools, and age of infrastructure). ([http://ccst.us/projects/natural\\_gas\\_storage/publications.php](http://ccst.us/projects/natural_gas_storage/publications.php))
5. The EIR doesn't address the question "Is the project exacerbating any of the above mentioned conditions."
6. Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council, on behalf of the community, is concerned regarding any ecological impacts, impacts on the visual character and wildlife habitat in this 154 acre site.

Schools:

1. There is no available lower and middle school capacity to cover additional students residing in the Hidden Creek Estates as well as the currently approved by not yet built Toll Brother's homes.

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