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Honorable Wendy Greuel, Councilmember
City of Los Angeles, Council District 2
200 N. Spring Street, Room 475
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 8040 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA – proposed Home Depot

Dear Councilmember Greuel,

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council forwards you this motion passed by both the DAC and the STNC board. We know that you support these findings and will take immediate and public action on behalf of the community.

The Design Advisory Committee of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and the board of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, in response to the November 6, 2006 meeting with the Honorable Councilmember Wendy Greuel and other City staff hereby request that Councilmember Greuel bring the following matter to the full City Council and the City Attorney while the appeal filed by the No Home Depot Campaign is pending. We demand a Stop Work Order be issued at the site of the proposed Home Depot at 8040 Foothill Blvd., Sunland, CA, based on the following justifications:

1. Mr. Keim, Code Enforcement Bureau Chief of the L.A. Dept. of Building and Safety, stated at the November 6th, 2006 meeting that the auto repair use area must only be "no use", or a change of use application would be required. A Change of Use would trigger the "Project" definition of the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan, which is a discretionary, not ministerial action.
2. The June 22, 2006 architect approved, July 21, 2006 Dan Scott, City Planning and July 24, 2006 Lily Teng, Metro Plan Check City approved plans being used on the job site show inconsistent uses for the auto repair area. The uses indicated in the plans are either "storage, cash register check-out or pro-desk contractor area".
3. The City approved plans indicate structural alterations to the existing building that should also be subject to the regulation of the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan and the "Project" definition therein.

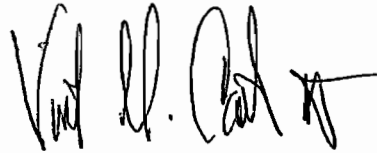
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4. The inconsistencies in the plans and the "no use" statement at the Nov. 6, 2006 meeting indicate an intent to "piecemeal" the project and avoid the full Project Permit Compliance Review and Environmental Assessment that this site requires for the public safety now and in the future.

Sincerely,



Cindy Cleghorn, Chairperson
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council



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