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Ms. Jeri L. Burge  
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**Re: Proposed Sunland Home Depot Store**

Dear Ms. Burge:

This morning, the Department of Building and Safety issued building permits for the property at 8040 Foothill Blvd. in the Sunland part of my district. The permits allow the remodeling of a former K-Mart store for use as a Home Depot store. In order for these permits to be issued, City staff was required to make two specific findings: 1) that the Home Depot use is substantially the same as the K-Mart use, thereby avoiding a Change of Use process and 2) that the proposed tenant improvements did not constitute a "Project" as defined in the Foothill Blvd. Corridor Specific Plan, thereby avoiding a Project Permit Compliance process.

I have received comments from my constituents to the effect that Home Depot's operations are sufficiently different from K-Mart's operations so as to constitute a Change of Use. I have also received comments which contend that the proposed tenant improvements are sufficient to constitute a "Project" as defined in the Specific Plan. Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you would review these two findings and advise me as to whether you believe the staff's interpretations of City regulations were consistent with applicable law.

Very truly yours,

Wendy Greuel  
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