

Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

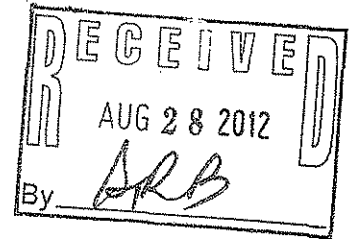
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August 27, 2012

TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SUNLAND-TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
RE: COUNCIL FILE #12-0002-S82
OPPOSITION TO THE SR-710 FREEWAY EXPANSION



The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council submits this letter to reaffirm our opposition to the SR-710 extension and to support the Resolution (Huizar-Reyes-Garcetti) to OPPOSE the extension of SR-710 (North) along alternatives H-2, H-6, F-2, F-5, and F-6 and any above ground highway or freeway that would cut through the City of Los Angeles. (City Council Item No. 48 - August 28, 2012).

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, on June 9, 2010, voted to formally support our Foothill area neighbors in opposing the proposed extension of the SR710 Freeway expansion to the 210 Freeway. Our vote also included opposition to the possible destruction of 500 homes in the El Sereno community. We are also very much against the unjustified and unnecessary expense of the proposed tunnel which is just one of our many objections to the proposal.

Our community believes that our government's funds would be better spent investing in real rapid transit, such as a rail system, instead of the proposed freeway extension, which is only a band aide and not a solution to our growing transit problems, as cities will continue to grow. The proposed extension will only rapidly increase traffic through the foothill communities bound by the 210 freeway and will not resolve the transit problem.

Sunland-Tujunga's goal is to protect our historical community, known for decades worldwide, for its' clean air that provides a safe haven from bad air quality for people around the world with respiratory diseases. The toxic air caused by the stop and go emissions from additional vehicles will create new health problems and will adversely affect persons who came here because of serious health issues. The freeway extension will destroy the environment that makes Sunland-Tujunga a health haven.

From a safety point, Sunland-Tujunga's logistics leaves us with only two ingress and egress roads in and out of our community. In the event of a Natural Disaster such as an earthquake or fire, the Foothill Freeway is one of the only two routes in and out of our community. Today, when there is an accident on the 210, which happens often, Foothill Blvd, our only other throughway is used as an alternate route and

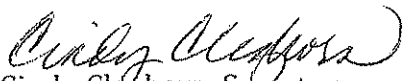
becomes jammed and practically at a standstill for hours. It not only causes chaos in our community, but also makes it a very difficult task for local First Responders, which causes them to lose precious minutes to handle emergencies in our community. This is dangerous for our community members and the City of Los Angeles.

A study of the following suggestions would be a good start.

- Using the rails to transport goods across the county to a central warehouse in the desert as suggested by Supervisor Antonovich
- Install a light rail system as a workforce connector to and from the harbor area to the foothills and give tax credits to companies or their employees who use the system. This would cut down on emissions from heavily increased vehicle traffic.

We look forward to continuing our work with our Foothill communities and the City of Los Angeles in the future.

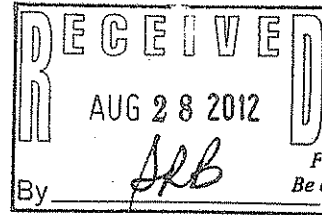
Sincerely,



Cindy Cleghorn, Secretary
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

cc: Richard Alarcon, Council District 7

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August 24, 2012

Per Tenant

07-LA-710

018528-0001-04

Do not want tenant name
 revealed in fear of being
 labeled or evicted by Caltrans.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mrs. Chaffino,

After a recent drive-thru inspection of the area, it has been determined that some tenants are not keeping the appearance of the property in a neat condition, as outlined in the executed Rental Agreement (Agreement) with the California Department of Transportation (Department).

As referenced in the Agreement, tenants are responsible for keeping the yard at the property in a neat condition, which includes, but is not limited to regular mowing, edging, watering, keeping shrubs and other landscaping trimmed, and ensuring that the yard is free of debris. Additionally, all vehicles at any given property should be parked either on the street or in the driveway and not on the lawn. We sincerely appreciate those tenants who take pride in the appearance of their property.

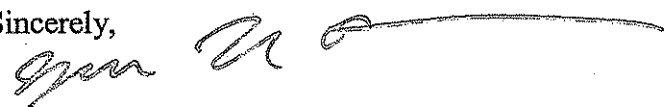
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The State does have a responsibility to the community to maintain the appearance of its properties. If State-owned property is permitted to deteriorate, community aesthetics of private property in the surrounding area are adversely affected. Your cooperation is requested to assist in improving the environment of your neighborhood.

Random, periodic inspections of your property will be conducted to monitor the progress you are making to bring this property up to expected standards. If for any reason you are unable to meet these standards, the Department will have no choice but to serve you a Notice to Vacate, or you may be charged for a gardener to complete the work. We do not wish to take this action but will do so if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding the maintenance of the property, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 897-0200.

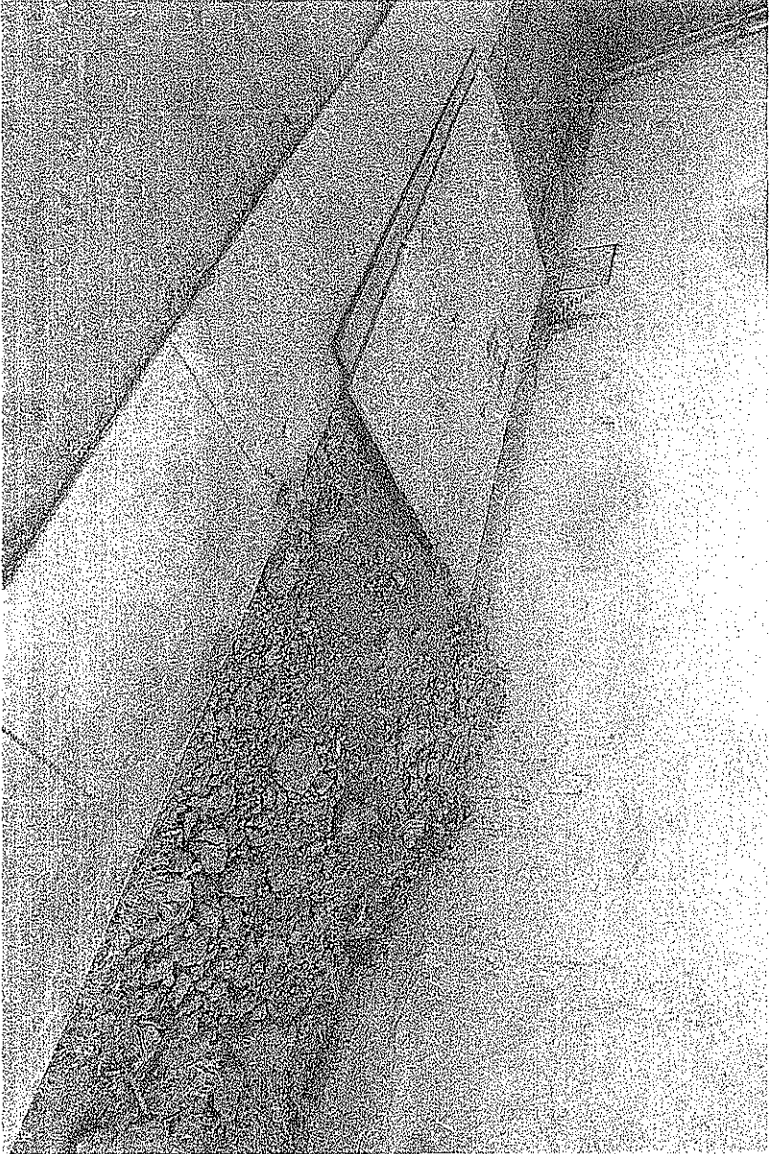
Sincerely,


 Megan Van Alstine
 Right of Way Agent
 District 7 – Property Services

Caltrans claims to do drive bys what happen here?
This tenant rec'd also a notice.



Contractor from Caltrans General Services
left their work undone. Sewage water seeps
through the huge hole.

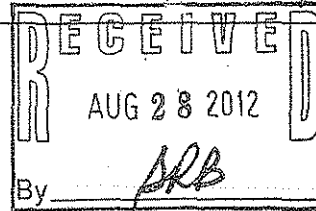


Did they fail to see this in their
drive by? Or did they ignore this
tenant as usual for repairs?



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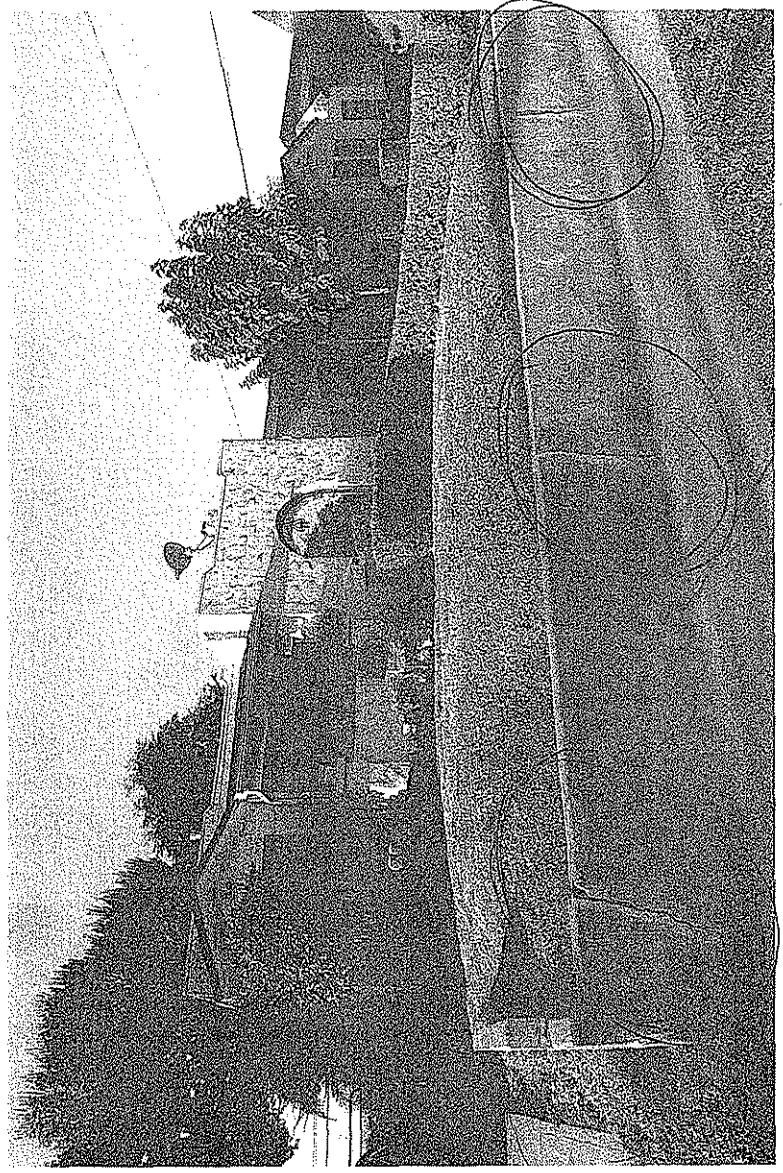
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This tenant rec'd this notice. ~~But~~ But what is wrong with the front yard? The problem I see is the neglect of Caltrans.



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What happen here? Why are the
tenants getting notices while Caltrans
is allowed to keep their grounds looking like
this

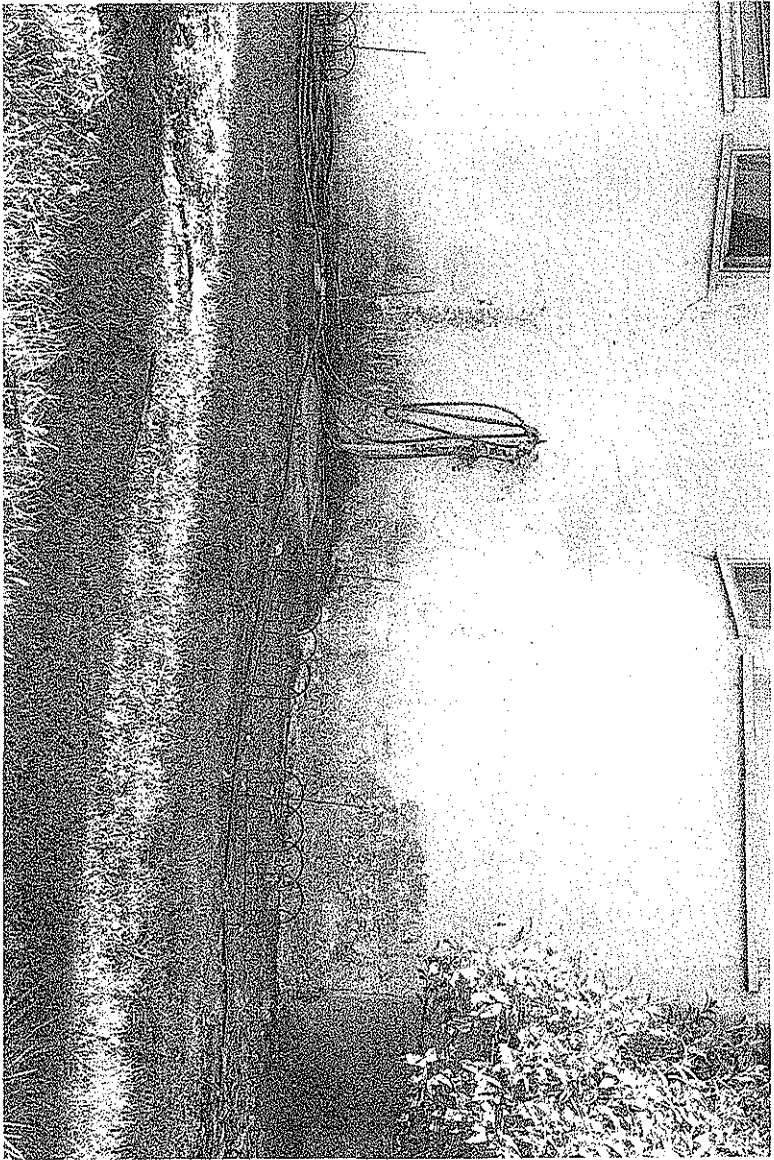


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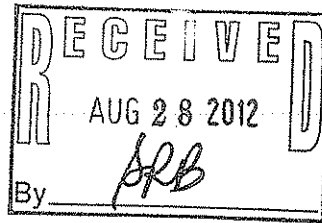
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While driving by did they not see this?
Or was it ignored?



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Megan Van Alstine", written over a horizontal line.

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