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To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to express our family's opposition to the proposed development outlined in the Warner Center Specific plan 2035 for the following reasons:

1.) Warner Center is situated squarely in an extreme earthquake liquefaction zone: according to the California Geological Survey report that can be found here: http://gmw.conservation.ca.gov/SHP/EZRIM/Reports/SHZR/SHZR_007_Canoga_Park.pdf
It is fool hardy to endanger thousands more lives by dense development in a dangerous earthquake zone. One cannot live in Los Angeles without realizing that a large Earthquake on the San Andreas is likely to occur in the not to distant future.

2.) Global warming, urban heat sinks, and scarce water resources.

This plan does not adequately address the urban heat island effect. The massive multistoried buildings and increased pavement will turn Warner Center and the surrounding neighborhoods in urban cauldrons.

We have seen nearly a decade of worsening drought in California, this summer Los Angeles has experienced records setting temperatures, often in excess of 105 for degrees for days on end. The Warner Center plan will only exacerbate this problem.

Water resources are already scarce in California and residents in Warner Center and surrounding neighborhood have already seen their DWP bills skyrocket over the last five years because of this scarcity. The dense urban development proposed in the Warner Center Specific Plan will only exacerbate this problem and lead to increased bill's from DWP.

3.) Traffic Congestion and gridlock will be exacerbated in Warner Center, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park and surrounding neighborhoods:

Residents in these neighborhoods were repeatedly assured during the development and building of the Westfield Village in Warner Center that traffic congestion would not be a problem due to developers traffic mitigation planning. That assurance has turned out to be a complete falsehood. Warner Center, and the surrounding thoroughfares at Victory Blvd, Canoga Ave, Topanga Canyon Blvd, and Ventura Blvd have become practically gridlocked at peak travel times.

The assumption is made in the Warner Center 2035 Plan, that new residents of these developments will rely heavily on public transit. In fact ridership on L.A.'s rapid transit has FALLEN by 20% since 2013 and they are losing 65,000 passengers a year. <https://la.curbed.com/2017/8/29/16219230/transit-metro-ridership-down-why>

Based on a new study by UCLA, L.A. Metro ridership is in freefall because L.A. residents cannot be convinced to give up their cars in this large metropolitan area. <https://la.curbed.com/2018/1/31/16950224/metro-ridership-decline-stats-car-ownership-study>

Developers and the city council make the assumption that the residents of these new \$3500 per month luxury apartments will be using public transit. They are sadly mistaken, these new high end apartment dwellers will be using their automobiles not public transit, and the traffic congestion will become unbearable.

4.) Police and firefighters will be stretched to the breaking point:

Gang crime is on the rise in the West Valley <https://www.dailynews.com/2017/04/24/with-gang-crime-up-in-the-west-san-fernando-valley-la-leader-seeks-more-funding/>

Firefighters and police are stretched to the breaking point, the Warner Center Specific plan and city council have done nothing to address these infrastructure issues, problems that will only be exacerbated by the high density developments.

Theses are some of the few issues that has led our family to vigorously oppose this massive development.

Thank-you for your consideration n this matter,
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