

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
200 Spring Street Room 103
Los Angeles, California 90012

**RE: EXPEDITING THE SALE OF SURPLUS DWP PROPERTY
TO THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY**

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa:

As one of your constituents residing in the Woodland Hills area of the San Fernando Valley, I am writing to request your support. Currently a developer of high density projects is planning on destroying an area known as Oak Savanna at 22255 Mulholland Drive, by building 37 detached, single dwelling, three story condominiums in an area which we consider to be one of the last urban forests in Woodland Hills. We are requesting that you show your support for preserving open space and assist us in expediting the sale of the property that butts up against the Mulholland property. That property is known as the Girard Reservoir, on the 4500 block of San Feliciano Drive, and is surplus DWP land, which the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy (SMMC) is interested in purchasing. We are requesting your support in helping to finalize this sale and have this property designated as *open parkland*.

Our goal as a neighborhood is to preserve what little urban forest and open space that remains. We have met with the developer and asked him to rethink his overall plan to be more in line with the surrounding area. When we suggested that he build fewer units and have his condos be more consistent with the surrounding homes, he declined and told us he was “going to build 37 condos whether we liked it or not.” As our Mayor, please know we share your vision for our city, especially in maintaining open spaces and parkways. **We desperately need your help!** When we realized that the developer had only a financial interest in this neighborhood, assisting the SMMC in acquiring the Girard Reservoir became paramount in saving our neighborhood’s quality of life. This is a window of opportunity and seems our only chance to preserve a small portion of this area as a greenway.

On your website, www.antonio2005.com, you promise to “Aggressively pursue park and open space funding from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund . . .” *that is exactly the kind of support we need from you RIGHT NOW!* By having the DWP property designated *open parkland*, you will be helping us to preserve and protect what little greenway we have left. This may not seem important to DS Ventures, but it means everything to our neighborhood. Currently, the developer is having a draft EIR prepared. The urgency of having the Girard Reservoir sale completed and designated open parkland will have a direct impact on that report. **Please** help us Mr. Mayor!

Respectfully submitted,

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