

February 20, 2006

**Letter I73. Signatory – Frank Schindler**

Response to Comment I73-1

Frank Schindler  
604 South Sparks Street  
Burbank, CA 91506

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

Unpleasant odors would be **trapped** between the newly constructed 134 freeway sound wall and the rising ground north of Riverside Dr. All the local residents to the top of the hill and beyond and everyone driving through Burbank on Riverside Dr. would be impacted and our neighborhood would suffer derision from all who took that route. This would be especially troublesome during foggy weather conditions.

I73-1

Please adopt **the South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for examining these important issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

The current response of the City to odor complaints along sewer lines is to seal maintenance holes to prevent excessive releases of sewer gases. Persistent odor problems are addressed by installing air treatment facilities (ATFs), such as the ones proposed along the GBIS alignments. As described in response to comment AJ1-4, a typical ATF would include odor control fans, foul air piping and dampers leading to stacks that could be up to 25 feet tall, which would be above the newly constructed sound wall. Therefore, odors would not be trapped because of the sound wall. Comment noted. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include the Valley Heart Shaft Site.

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Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
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Dear Mr. Shah,

**Regarding the GBIS:**

Please redo the EIR because the original neglected to mention that there is an area of controversy regarding the proposed North Alignment of the GBIS through Burbank. The common expression of everyone here in Burbank when they hear of this is to ask why this was ever proposed. People conclude that perhaps the EIR requires two alternatives generally and so this was just included to comply with the form of the EIR. This needs to be reconsidered.

I73-2

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-2

Refer to response to comment AJ3-23 regarding the areas of controversy.

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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

At least **five** times as many people would be  
adversely impacted if the proposed North Alignment  
were selected than if the South Alignment is selected.

Please adopt the **Southern Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

Response to Comment I73-3

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Response to Comment I73-4

Comment noted.

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Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
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2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

**I73-4 The South Alignment** is mostly uninhabited.

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

Health issues will come up and be chronic if the odiferous sewer gases were to be released 24 hours a day into these Burbank residential neighborhoods.

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Every malaise would be suspected of being caused by the sewer gases and there would be no end of lawsuits brought to financially compensate people for any real or imagined loss.

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-5

Refer to response to comments AJ1-6, AJ1-7 and AJ1-8 for a discussion of potential odors associated with the proposed ATF at Valley Heart.

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The City of Los Angeles' goal is to keep the sewer alignment within the public right-of-way and avoid or minimize impacts to sensitive areas, most specifically residential neighborhoods, to the maximum extent practicable. The City of Los Angeles issued the Draft Joint Report to City Council Motion 06-0234 (February 2006-see Appendix E of this Final EIR) that contains an initial discussion of using variations of the GBIS North and GBIS South Alignments to minimize the impacts of selecting either of the alignment.

Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

No necessary right(s) of way will be granted by the City of Burbank or by individual property owners for any part of the construction or ultimate mechanical passage of the pipes.

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

Part of Johnny Carson Park would be lost permanently and if the odors were not contained it would all be de facto lost permanently. Who would want to go to a park that smells like a sewer?

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

As described in detail in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site at Riverside West (Johnny Carson Park).

Response to Comment I73-7

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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

Bette Davis Park would be lost. The ancient trees  
would be removed, if the Northern Alignment were selected.

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Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

As described in detail in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site at Riverside East (Bette Davis Park).

Response to Comment I73-8

Response to Comment I73-9

February 20, 2006

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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

<sup>I73-9</sup> The Pollywog would be lost permanently. A lot of people are using the pollywog on a daily basis. It is not vacant land.

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-10

February 20, 2006

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As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (both North and South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure.

Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

Property values would suffer greatly if the stink of the sewer pervaded these elegant Burbank

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neighborhoods. Each person individually and all of them collectively would seek financial compensation for the loss of value of their properties from the City of Los Angeles.

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-11

February 20, 2006

Comment noted.

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Burbank, CA 91506

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

The North Alignment is a poor alternative to the  
South Alignment. This is pretty obvious; a no-brainer.

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

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Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-12

February 20, 2006

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Burbank, CA 91506

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2714 Media Center Drive  
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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

Subsidence under Burbank houses and businesses  
would be a factor for miles.

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

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Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,



Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-13

February 20, 2006

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The existing NOS currently transverses beneath portions of the City of Burbank. The manner of which complaints are taken and responded to would be the same as is currently handled, whether by the City of Burbank or City of Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

A citizen of Burbank would be poorly positioned to complain to the City of Los Angeles if there were problems with maintenance or operation of the proposed facilities.

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Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-14

February 20, 2006

Comment noted.

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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

All four members of the Burbank City Council  
<sup>I73-14</sup> support the South Alignment. We are prepared to recall any and all members of the council if they decide to change their minds.

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-15

February 20, 2006

Comment noted.

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Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

The City of Burbank is ready to go to court if necessary to stop the implementation of the North Alignment. Burbank spent 13 million dollars fighting the FAA over an expanded LAX style airport and won after years of litigation.

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Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

Response to Comment I73-16

February 20, 2006

Refer to response to comment I73-3 above.

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Dear Mr. Shah,

Regarding the GBIS:

The Burbank Rancho is the type of neighborhood that Huell Howser does TV programs about. In the middle of Los Angeles there is an equestrian community for people of average means. And the City of Los Angeles Public Works Department considers it a candidate for an open sewer. Figures! It's our duty to oppose such urges and to direct the sewer across the river and on the other side of the 134 Freeway where it belongs, along a mostly uninhabited area.

I73-16

Please adopt the **South Alignment** for the GBIS.

Thank you for your kind attentions to these serious issues.

My best regards to you and yours,

*Frank Schindler*

Frank Schindler

23 January 2006



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Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing in respect to the Draft EIR for the sewer tunnel project that is proposed to extend from the LA Zoo to Toluca Lake, and the alternatives for the routes of this tunnel.

I moved to the Burbank Rancho in the pouring rain of January 2, 2005. Moving from my condominium in Marina del Rey, my residence for over 20 years, to my new home at 715 S. Griffith Park Drive, fulfilled a dream I had for as long as I can remember – having a house and a horse in my backyard. I was happy to trade in the nearby ocean for my pipe rail stall and the magnificence of Griffith Park just a short trot away on my beautiful horse, Apollo. It was a huge change in lifestyle, for the better, and it was the best decision of my life.

When I was first made aware of the possibility of sewer tunnel construction in my amazing and marvelous new neighborhood, I was obviously shocked and disturbed – as *any* resident of *any* neighborhood would be. The Burbank Rancho, however, is not “*any* neighborhood”. It is one of the most unique – if not the most unique – areas in greater Los Angeles County. The Burbank Rancho, as recently profiled in the Los Angeles Times, is a tranquil family oriented **urban** equestrian community unlike any other in any city. Our unique zoning allows a lifestyle like no other anywhere. In addition, we are gifted with Bette Davis Park, Johnny Carson Park and the Polliwog as anchors to our wonderful neighborhood – and unbelievably, these are the locations of the proposed shafts, tunnels and treatment center for the Northern Alignment of the GBIS Proposed Sewer Project!

The environmental impact that a project of this magnitude would create is heartbreaking and beyond belief and words. Not only would the construction process be ridiculously impactful with dirt, traffic, noise, vibrations, structural problems and unmitigatable foul odor as detailed in the EIR, but the safety of horses, riders and people in the vicinity of construction would be severely compromised. For horse owners, losing, even temporarily, the access to the park and our local equestrian trails would be unforgivable. In addition, statistics detailed in the draft EIR are outdated and incomplete.

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## Letter I74. Signatory – Bonnie Sachs

### Response to Comment I74-1

Comment noted. As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (either North or South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Because the new sewer would relieve flows in the NOS, it must be located in the vicinity of the existing NOS, which goes through an urbanized area with many residences. For a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

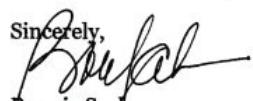
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<sup>I74-2</sup> Most importantly, the bucolic beauty and serenity of our unique equestrian community are not addressed in the draft EIR and would forever transform the lifestyle of our community. Frankly, I cannot believe that this construction project is being considered for our community. It leads me to believe that the "powers that be" in Los Angeles are not familiar with our neighborhood and what makes it so different. Please take the time to look at the areas of impact and how they affect our community! Visit our community and talk to our neighbors which include the major studios and networks.

The southern alignment of the GBIS for the sewer tunnel project runs almost entirely through Griffith Park, with no impact on the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Although I am reticent to support any impact on any parkland, the south route seems to be the only choice. The north route through and under the Burbank Rancho is **impossible and unconscionable**.

I appreciate your respect of my comments in this matter and hope that you take them into consideration.

Sincerely,



Bonnie Sachs  
Resident, Burbank Rancho Neighborhood  
Cc: Councilman Tom La Bonge  
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich  
Mayor Jef VanderBorgh  
Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa  
Rodney A. Anderson  
Councilwoman Wendy Greuel  
Councilman Ed P. Reyes  
Councilman Eric Garcetti  
Councilwoman Jan Perry  
Councilman Greg Smith  
Rita Robinson

Letter I74. Signatory – Bonnie Sachs

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Response to Comment I74-2

Comment noted. The beauty and serenity of the Rancho Burbank area was taken into consideration throughout the Draft EIR in terms of the potential for the Project Alternatives to impact adjacent land uses. In particular, Sections 3.2 (Aesthetics), 3.12 (Land Use), 3.13 (Noise/Vibration), 3.16 (Recreation) are just a few of the environmental resources analyzed in the Draft EIR that take into consideration the existing conditions of the Rancho Burbank area.

## Letter I75. Signatory – Eileen Marder

### Response to Comment I75-1

Comment noted. The improvements proposed for Tillman would be confined to the Tillman plant boundaries or in the case of storage, in the area to the east of the plant. Regarding the proposed Tillman storage tank, the impacts on recreation were identified in Section 3.16.2.3 of the Draft EIR (stating on page 3.16-36). The Draft EIR identified that construction of the wastewater storage at Tillman would result in the temporary elimination of the existing cricket field, which would be considered significant. Mitigation measure REC-MM-1 was included in the Draft EIR to mitigate the impacts associated with the relocation of the cricket field during construction of the wastewater storage at Tillman. Operation of the wastewater storage tank at Tillman would be belowground, thereby not precluding aboveground recreation (i.e., the cricket field). Therefore, no permanent loss of recreational space at Woodley Park is anticipated.

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— 1-18-06

Lake Balboa Neighborhood  
Assn. of which I am  
a member and in  
agreement with supports  
& endorses Altern. 1  
location of expansion at  
Hyperion NOT Tillman!

Expansion would lead to  
massive tearing up of  
public sts., air pollution,  
decreased air quality  
& decreased water  
quality. We would loose  
recreational space in  
Woodley park as well.

Please rethink your  
proposals and consider  
the neighborhoods! Where  
do you live?

Eileen Marder  
1648 Rubio Ave.  
Van Nuys (Lake Balboa)  
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## Letter I77. Signatory – Alan Burnett

### Response to Comment I77-1

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February 14, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
EIE Coordinator  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
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Los Angeles, CA 90065

RE: Proposed Water Treatment Facility, North Alignment

Dear Mr. Shah,

I am writing to express my alarm at the proposal for a water treatment facility installation in the area directly behind my home. I cannot begin to express how drastically this would affect the quality of my life not to mention the value of my property.

I77-1

I urge you to find an alternative to this proposal. I will not re-iterate all the arguments that show the disastrous effect this would have; I know you have heard them from many people and they are quite valid and worthy of your attention. I simply ask you to do the right thing and do not move ahead with this project in our neighborhood (a neighborhood which has been a friend and watchdog for Griffith Park all these years).

Sincerely,



Alan Burnett

The proposed GBIS North Alignment proposes an air treatment facility (not a water treatment facility as noted by the commenter). Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

## **Letter I78. Signatory – Alfred and Anne Leifer**

### Response to Comment I78-1

Alfred B. Leifer  
Anne Tesoro Leifer  
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Burbank, Ca. 91506

February 13, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

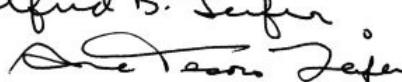
We as residents of a very lovely area of Burbank are very troubled by the City of Los Angeles proposing the possibility of destroying our beautiful neighborhood. We strongly suggest that you review in minute detail all the alternatives to the North Alignment. It is astonishing to us that after reviewing the City of Burbank's letter to you that a remote possibility could exist as to any possible justification in allowing any consideration to the North Alignment.

Some of our greatest concerns are;

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1. Health impact to residents
  2. Visual disruption to the area during and after construction
  3. Destruction of beautiful trees in the area.
  4. Odors in the Valley Heart- Pollywog area.
  5. Unknown affect of tunneling.
  6. Noise and vibrations during construction period.
  7. Loss of use of Pollywog during and after construction.
  8. Traffic impact on our street and access streets would impose great difficulty in our immediate neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to our anguished concerns.

Sincerely

Alfred B. Leifer  


Comment noted. Regarding your concerns, refer to responses to the City of Burbank comments (AJ1, AJ13, AJ22, AJ30, AJ31, AJ32, and AJ36). Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

## Letter I79. Signatory – David C. Koch

### Response to Comment I79-1

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation  
WESD  
2714 Media Center Dr.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Feb. 8, 2006

Dear Mr. Shah,

I am a resident of the city of Burbank and my house is located at Reese Pl. and Valley heart adjacent to the proposed north alignment of the wastewater treatment project.

I will not discuss the technical aspects of the project as I am not an engineer and it is clearly out of my purview. Nor will I discuss the obvious disastrous effect the North Alignment would have on the property values or the approximately 120 homes (10% of the population of Burbank) in this unique Rancho Equestrian District.

What I do want to discuss is the L.A. Bureau of Sanitation's seemingly blatant disregard for the health and well being of our citizens. I frankly don't know of another major city in this county that would ever entertain the thought of locating a waste water treatment facility adjacent to an existing residential community; especially when another alternative is available. I am sure that the locations of Los Angeles' wastewater treatment facilities are located in industrial sites far removed from houses for most obvious reasons.

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My neighbor and I fully understand the need for the City of L.A. to expand, upgrade and improve its wastewater treatment system; but, it must do so with a social consciousness. The city and the Bureau of Sanitations first obligation is to the safety, health and well being of its citizens. Therefore, I strongly encourage the Bureau to reject the North Alignment proposal in favor of more viable South Alignment alternative!

Sincerely,  
David C. Koch  
715 South Reese Pl.  
Burbank, Ca. 91506-2918

cc: Rita Robinson  
Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor  
Rodney Anderson, P.E.  
Michael D. Antonovich

As described in the Draft EIR, the City's wastewater treatment facilities are located in the Sepulveda Flood Control Basin (Tillman), northeast Los Angeles (LAG), Playa del Rey (Hyperion), and on Terminal Island (TITP). No new wastewater facilities are proposed under the Project Alternatives. As listed in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, the project objectives include the protection of public health and the environment, especially as it relates to hazards to water, as well as meet projected wastewater needs of the City of Los Angeles and its contract cities (i.e., City of Burbank) and maximize system reliability. A section of the NOS is located near the Valley Heart Shaft Site. The NOS is one of the City's oldest sewers and was constructed in the 1930s through 1950s. Odor releases from sewers can generally occur under high flow conditions, and past odors attributed to the NOS may have occurred under such conditions. Either of the GBIS alignments evaluated in the Draft EIR would divert wastewater from sewers that flow into the NOS upstream of the City of Burbank near the west terminus of GBIS, which would reduce both the amount of flow within the NOS and the likelihood of wastewater overflows and odors being released from the NOS in the future. If the commenter is referring to the proposed air treatment facility at Valley Heart, this facility is proposed to treat sewer air to reduce odor releases. For a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

### Response to Comment I79-2

As stated above, as the project objectives in the Draft EIR attest, The City of Los Angeles is fully aware of its responsibility to protect public health and the environment, especially as it relates to hazards to water, as well as meet projected wastewater needs of the City and its contract cities (i.e., City of Burbank), in addition to maximizing system reliability. Comment noted.

## **Letter I80. Signatory – Debra and Ken Haber**

### Response to Comment I80-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

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February 14, 2006

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Bureau of Sanitation, WESD  
2714 Media Center Dr.,  
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To Whom This May Concern,

As the parents of two young school-aged children who attend Oakwood School, I was dismayed to learn that the Los Angeles Department of Public Works is currently considering Woodbridge Park for the site of a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming sewer improvement project.

The proposed route through the park would be extremely detrimental to our elementary school and the surrounding community. Not only would it close one of Studio City's prime open spaces for about four years, it would create safety problems due to increased construction traffic and environmental hazards in the form of air pollution and odors.

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We can't understand why the city would select a route that would have a daily adverse Impact on a group of children!?

We STRONGLY OPPOSE the building of this site at the Woodbridge Park location in North Hollywood, and will be joining efforts of our children's elementary school, Oakwood, as well as a group composed of Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office, the Studio City Residents Association, the Studio City Neighborhood Council, the Park Beautification Board, and the Tujunga Merchants Association.

Please consider another site for this project and help protect our school and our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

*Debra and Ken Haber*  
Debra and Ken Haber

## Letter I82. Signatory – Barbara Montini-Scollon

### Response to Comment I82-1

Comment noted. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

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From: Barbara Montini-Scollon  
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525 South Niagara Street  
Burbank, CA 91505

Like many of the residents of Burbank's Rancho Neighborhood we are writing to urge you to locate the Glendale/Burbank Interceptor Sewer to the south, along the Los Angeles River.

It seems obvious that it would be preferable NOT to disrupt an established neighborhood that has long been a source of pride to the city of Burbank. To devalue that neighborhood, disrupt its residential calm with construction and unsettle its homeowners with a course of action that raises more questions than it answers seems ill advised and downright thoughtless.

I82-1 Instead of rewarding a community for maintaining a high standard and appreciating its environment by taking care of both private properties and public spaces, a decision to construct the sewer through the Rancho can only be thought of as punitive. It will establish that pride in ownership and being a good neighbor in both the personal and larger sense is irrelevant.

Disrupting the Rancho and leaving it open to all the consequences this construction can cause is an insult to the time, care and attachment its residents have long exhibited.

Again, we urge you to make what, indeed, seems to be the most practical and community oriented decision. Place the Glendale/Burbank Interceptor Sewer to the south, along the Los Angeles River.

## Letter I83. Signatory – Chris and Suzanne Weerts

### Response to Comment I83-1

January 17, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah:

We wish to express our support for the SOUTH ALIGNMENT of the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer Project. We do not want the negative impacts of poor air quality, noise and traffic congestion certain to affect our Rancho Equestrian neighborhood should the City of Los Angeles route the sewer project through Burbank.

The fewer people and residences impacted in this multi-year project the better, and the SOUTH ALIGNMENT clearly does not directly affect as many residential neighborhoods, where children, pedestrians, horses and their riders could be in harms way with the additional traffic and machinery associated with such a project.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the impact on our neighborhood. We sincerely hope you'll make the decision to utilize the SOUTH ALIGNMENT.

Sincerely,



Chris and Suzanne Weerts  
625 South Sparks Street  
Burbank, CA 91506

cc: Antonio Villaraigosa, Michael Antonovich, Rodney Andersen, Rita Robinson, Tom La Bonge, Greig Smith, Jan Perry, Eric Garcetti, Ed P. Reyes, Wendy Greuel,

Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. In addition, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. As described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Comment noted.

I83-1

## Letter I85. Signatory – Betty and Neal Matzinger

### Response to Comment I85-1

Jawahar P. Shah  
City of LA

2/15/06

Dear Sir;

Please do not use Woodbridge Park for the project of the tunnel shaft & or air treatment facility for a sewer project.

I85-1 It would be a very bad decision to take away this small park from the neighborhood--even for a very short time!

The alternative city maintenance yard nearby would be a much better choice and would really not disturb the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Betty and Neal Matzinger



Comment noted. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

## Letter I86. Signatory – Eden Rosen

### Response to Comment I86-1

1021 W. Clark Avenue #A  
Burbank, CA 91506

February 8, 2006

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

RE: The Glendale/Burbank Interceptor Sewer system (GBIS)

Dear Mr. Shah:

I do not have a lot of time to write a long letter pertaining to the above-mentioned project, but I do want to voice my concerns. I am against the North Alignment of this project and favor the Southern route.

I86-1

Although I don't live in the Rancho District, I do live close enough to it to stand with the residents of the Rancho district against the Northern Alignment for reasons already stated in the City of Burbank's response to you.

I hope the City of Los Angeles will follow the southern alignment and reject the northern route.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely,

*Eden Rosen*

Eden Rosen  
A Concerned Citizen

Comment noted. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR).

## **Letter I87. Signatory – Thomas Winter**

### Response to Comment I87-1

**From:** Tom Winter <tomwinter@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Mar 13, 2006 8:02 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed LA Sewer Alignment Through Burbank

City of Los Angeles

I87-1

I am very concerned with the City of Los Angeles's proposal to align its sewer through Burbank and Rose Street. I am a homeowner at 201 S. Rose Street and understand that sewer installation and its very existence will severely reduce the value of my property.

Thomas Winter  
201 S. Rose  
Burbank, California 91505  
(818) 845-4145  
Homeowner

Comment noted. Regarding your concerns about the proposed sewer under Rose Street, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment.

## Letter I88. Signatory – Tracey Navrides

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### Response to Comment I88-1

February 7, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
EIR Co-ordinator  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

#### **Re: North Alignment vs. South Alignment Draft EIR/GBIS Sewer Project**

Dear Jawahar Shah,

My name is Tracey Navrides. I have lived in the Rancho area with my family for the past 8 1/2 years. We moved to the Rancho because I have horses and have kept them at various properties I have rented for the past 15 years. Moving to the Rancho and owning my first home was my dream and the American dream come true. Now, with the proposed "sewer" project, my beautiful home and neighborhood will go down "the proverbial drain." No pun intended.

After reviewing both sides of North vs. South, I opt for the South Alignment. There are no parks to be torn up, no neighborhood areas designated for horse enjoyment destroyed and no encroaching factory behind our beautiful homes.

This should be a "no brainer." The South Alignment is clearly the choice here. It would create the least amount of encroachment on the surrounding neighborhood, owners and animals. I won't even waste your time with the obvious danger to friends, families and pets this North Alignment would incur.

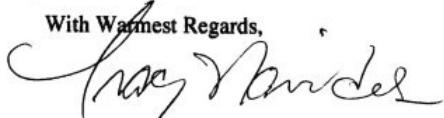
I88-1

Pollywog and the surrounding parks are all the Rancho have for their families and pets. We are not allowed access to the Equestrian Center and haven't been allowed access for many years. Pollywog is all we have in our neighborhood to freely exercise our horses.

Please do not take our beautiful, quaint neighborhood away from us. Especially, when there is a better alternative.

Thank you for taking your time and energy to consider my thoughts on this matter. I hope you and whoever is making this decision makes the correct one.

With Warmest Regards,



Tracey Navrides  
1406 W. Valleyheart Drive  
Burbank, CA 91506

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding mitigation at Valley Heart/Pollywog that would further reduce impacts to equestrian uses. In addition, Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment, which does not include construction at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

Cc: Rita Robinson  
Councilmen: Tom La Bonge  
Greig Smith  
Eric Garcetti  
Ed P. Reyes  
Councilwomen: Wendy Greuel  
Jan Perry  
Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor  
Rodney Andersen, P.E.  
Michael D. Antonovich

February 27, 2006

Fax: 323 342 6210

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation, WESD  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah

**INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN - GBIS**

I89-1

The proposed north alignment of the Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer plans would have a severe negative impact on our neighborhood in the Burbank Rancho area. The proposed air filtration plant does not belong in a residential neighborhood.

Why is the Polliwog even being considered as the site for the Air Filtration Plant? The Burbank Rancho area is a well established sought after neighborhood in Burbank. Its unique lifestyle is just that – it is exceptional. This extraordinary neighborhood allows us to live in peace and harmony without the intrusion of the bustle and chaos of city life.

It is also home to many animals including horses, donkeys, goats, dogs, cats, chickens that makes it a one of a kind neighborhood.

This is the reason why I moved to this neighborhood – for its uniqueness. This is why all the residents have moved to this neighborhood for its special charm.

Burbank Rancho's exclusivity is reflected in its real estate – the house prices in general are nearly \$100,000 greater than other Burbank neighboring areas. Consequently those that live in Burbank Rancho have really invested in this quality of life style.

The proposed GBIS north alignment and the air filtration plant would have a direct harmful affect on this neighborhood and its unique lifestyle. It would spoil the peace and harmony; it would disrupt the out door activities; it would take away the Polliwog; it would jeopardize the welfare of the animals; and it would impact the real estate value.

Putting animals, particularly horses, at risk by continuously exposing them to high levels of noise from the proposed construction will violate and activate the animal rights organizations.

We have all invested considerably into attaining this quality of life. The GBIS north alignment was never disclosed until the last couple of months and I would not have moved to this area here under these conditions – let alone pay a premium price for the property.

PO BOX 669 • BURBANK, CA • 91503  
Email: nellisla@worldnet.att.net

## Letter I89. Signatory – Nichola Ellis

### Response to Comment I89-1

As listed in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, the project objectives include the protection of public health and the environment, especially as it relates to hazards to water, as well as meet projected wastewater needs of the City of Los Angeles and its contract cities (i.e., City of Burbank) and maximize system reliability. A section of the NOS is located near the Valley Heart Shaft Site. The NOS is one of the City's oldest sewers and was constructed in the 1930s through 1950s. Odor releases from sewers can generally occur under high flow conditions, and past odors attributed to the NOS may have occurred under such conditions. Either of the GBIS alignments evaluated in the Draft EIR would divert wastewater from sewers that flow into the NOS upstream of the City of Burbank near the west terminus of GBIS, which would reduce both the amount of flow within the NOS and the likelihood of wastewater overflows and odors being released from the NOS in the future.

Refer to response to comments I15-1 to I15-6 for additional discussion of your concerns. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), is detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

February 27, 2006

I89-1

There is plenty of undeveloped land available on the south side of the river away from residential homes that would be more suitable for such commercial construction and disruption as outlined in your proposal.

Choosing the GBIS South Alignment along Forest Lawn at the Griffith Park Entrance in a non-residential area will not affect the quality of life for those that have invested considerably in Burbank that make the city what it is through our investment in the Burbank Rancho area.

I89-2

The emergency services have not been addressed in your proposal –  
Riverside Drive is one of the main thoroughfares to Saint Joseph's Hospital and the emergency services will be directly impacted by this which could create a life threatening situation if the services cannot get through in time.

I89-3

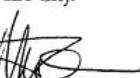
In closing, we discovered in December 2005 that my dog has a tumor. We recently did a "hair" test through an independent laboratory and received the results on Friday which I am attaching to this letter. It clearly indicates he is exposed to high levels of toxins and in fact his Aluminum, Nickel, Titanium levels are so high they are off the chart! His levels are twice as high as the average dog tested by Cold River Vets (out of 500 patients).

As I mentioned at the January 4, 2006 Public Hearing at Van Nuys City Hall, Disney came across contaminated water when they built their building on Riverside & Buena Vista on the edge of the Polliwog. In view of this we have had an independent test conducted in the area and the initial results indicate that there are dangerous toxins present.

I have been walking my dog daily in the Polliwog since he was 10-months old and this seems highly logical that this could be the cause of his tumor.

I urge you to reconsider even thinking about disturbing the ground in the Polliwog area, which will seriously cause a major health issue in the area and become a far greater public matter for LA City.

Sincerely

  
Nichola Ellis  
Burbank Rancho Resident

c.c.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Honorable Brad Sherman, 27<sup>th</sup> District  
Senator Barbara Boxer  
Senator Diane Feinstein  
Assemblyman Dario Frommer  
Senator Jack Scott  
Department of Toxic Substance Control

Burbank City Council  
Bonnie Teaford - Deputy City Manager  
Rodney Andersen, Principal Civil Engineer  
Burbank Police Dept – Chief Thomas Hoefel  
Burbank Fire Dept – Fire Chief Tracy Pansini  
Animal Defense League  
ASPCA, LA

Letter I89. Signatory – Nichola Ellis

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#### Response to Comment I89-2

Refer to response to comment I15-7 regarding potential emergency service impacts.

#### Response to Comment I89-3

Comment and attachment (hair analysis) is noted. Refer to response to comment I15-8 regarding your concerns.

**Cold River Veterinary Center**  
87 East Clarendon Road, North Clarendon, VT 05759

## HAIR ANALYSIS

Prepared for: <u>Nichola Ellis</u>	Pet's name: <u>Connor</u>
Veterinarian: <u>Kruesi</u>	Date: <u>February 18, 2006</u>
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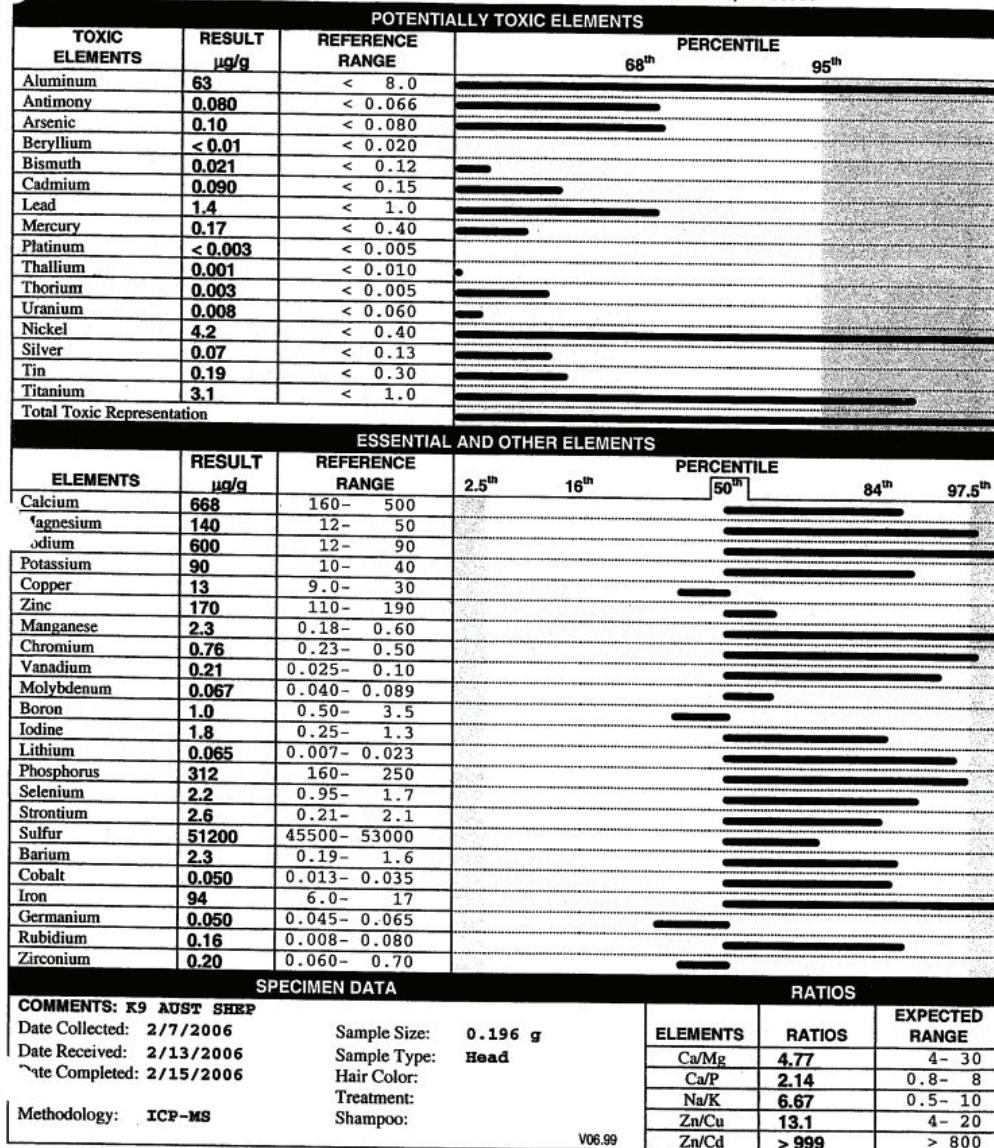
Connor has a very high level of nickel on hair testing, a potential carcinogen and nephrotoxic metal. His hair level is 10 times the upper limit of the reference range for humans. His level of aluminum is twice as high as the average for dogs tested at CRVC, about 500 patients. Dogs commonly have higher levels of toxic metals than humans in the same household. They lick their hair and will ingest minerals from their environment that we would ordinarily wash off in the shower. Nickel may leach from metal collars as it can from jewelry. Toxic metals have an additive effect so his total toxic load is very high. The good news is that Connor was well fed as shown by his more than adequate levels of nutrient metals. I suspect local soils are a source of the aluminum, iron, arsenic, and other metals. Treatment involves avoiding known sources when possible and supplementing the diet with nutrient elements that antagonize or compete with the toxic metals- for example, supplemental calcium can eliminate free lead. His dietary supplements on the BioMedical Profile (February 14, 2006) should help. A follow-up hair test in 12 months will show his progress.



## HAIR ELEMENTS

LAB#: H060213-0579-1  
PATIENT: Connor Ellis  
SEX: Male  
AGE: 8

CLIENT#: 24225  
DOCTOR: William K. Kruesi, DVM  
87 E Clarendon Rd  
N. Clarendon, VT 05759



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## Letter I90. Signatory – Krilov-Butler Family

### Response to Comment I90-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park.

The Krilov-Butler family  
4824 Gaviota Avenue  
Encino, CA 91436

2/15/6

Dept. of Public Works,  
Bureau of Sanitation, WESD  
2714 Media Center Dr.,  
L.A. CA 90065

To Whom This May Concern,

The Los Angeles Department of Public Works is currently considering Woodbridge Park for the site of a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for an upcoming sewer improvement project.

This would be extremely detrimental to our elementary school and the surrounding community. Not only would it close one of Studio City's prime open spaces for about four years, it would create safety problems due to increased construction traffic and environmental hazards in the form of air pollution and odors.

I90-1

We STRONGLY OPPOSE the building of this site at the Woodbridge Park location in North Hollywood, and will be joining efforts of our children's elementary school, Oakwood, as well as a group composed of Councilmember Wendy Greuel's office, the Studio City Residents Association, the Studio City Neighborhood Council, the Park Beautification Board, and the Tujunga Merchants Association.

Please consider another site for this project and help protect our school and our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Julia Butler

Alex Krilov

KAYLA  
Kayla Krilova (1-st grader)

PLEASE SAVE  
MY PARK!  
THANK YOU!  
KAY/A<sup>SP</sup>

## Letter I91. Signatory – Lorraine M. Baptist

FEBRUARY 21ST, 2006

TO: MR. SHAH  
EIR COORDINATOR  
BUREAU OF SANITATION  
WESD

DEAR MR. SHAH:

AS A RESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN AS 'BURBANK RANCHOS', I AM MOST CONCERNED AND ALARMED OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES PLACING ANY SANITATION PROJECT IN MY BELOVED AREA.

**MY CONCERNS ARE MULTIPLE: THE EFFECT ON OUR RESIDENTS' HEALTH, THE IMMEDIATE DEPRECIATION OF PROPERTY VALUES, THE POLLUTION, AND THE STENCH.**

I91-1

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THERE ARE TOXIC CONTAMINANTS IN THE SOIL IN THE AREA YOU WISH TO EXCAVATE FOR THIS SANITATION PROJECT, AND I AM DEFINITELY AGAINST YOU DOING SO. I DO NOT RELISH THE IDEA OF HAVING ADDITIONAL HEALTH ISSUES, AS I AM CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM POLIO MYELITIS CAUSED BY WEST NILE DISEASE. THIS HAS ALREADY ROBBED ME OF THE LIFE I ONCE KNEW AS A PROFESSIONAL DANCER AND ACTIVE REALTOR. I AM NOW A PARAPLEGIC LIVING LIFE IN A WHEELCHAIR. EVERY DAY, FOR THE LAST THREE AND A HALF YEARS, IS NOW A STRUGGLE.... JUST TO DO THE SIMPLEST OF THINGS.

I91-1

MY IMMUNE SYSTEM HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPROMISED, AND I AM TOO SUSCEPTIBLE TO ANY OTHER ILLNESSES, SUCH AS CANCER, FROM HAVING CHROMIUM 6, LEAD, OR MERCURY DISPERSED IN MY BACKYARD. THE OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE THAT THE RESIDENTS AROUND THE POLLYWOG, WHERE THESE CONTAMINANTS EXIST, HAVE DEVELOPED INCURABLE CANCER IS SHOCKING!

I91-2

ADDING TO THESE HEALTH ISSUES, WHICH ARE VERY EXPENSIVE TO TREAT AND TO LIVE WITH, THE THOUGHT OF LOSING THE EQUITY IN OUR GREATEST ASSET, OUR HOMES, IS TANTAMOUNT TO A CRIMINAL ACT! I STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THIS PROPOSED PROJECT WAS NOT MADE PUBLIC BY NOTICE TO ALL THE RESIDENTS IN THE BURBANK RANCHOS!!! THIS WHOLE SITUATION REEKS OF SOME KIND OF COVER-UP!

### Response to Comment I91-1

Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the potential for environmental effects (such as from contaminated soil) of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Additionally, as described in Section 3.10 of the Draft EIR (page 3.10-11), an environmental hazards records search was performed. The search identified 44 of the 89 potential sources of contamination within the GBIS corridor have either soil or groundwater contamination. The Pollywog site was not one of the sites. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

### Response to Comment I91-2

As described in detail in Section 1.6 of the Draft EIR, the City of Los Angeles has undertaken an extensive public outreach and coordination effort prior to and during the preparation of both the Facilities Plan and the Draft EIR. For instance, a notice announcing the availability of the Notice of Preparation of the EIR was published in the *Los Angeles Times*, on July 29, 2004. In addition, a public scoping meeting was held. As detailed in Section 1.2 of this Final EIR, several thousand notices were mailed and a notice placed in the newspaper to inform the public of the release of the Draft EIR. In addition, four public hearings specific to the Draft EIR were held throughout the City of Los Angeles.

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I AM QUITE SURE THAT A GOOD NUMBER OF THE BURBANK RANCHO RESIDENTS ARE NOT EVEN AWARE OF THIS PROPOSED PROJECT AND THE ALREADY EXISTENCE OF TOXIC CONTAMINANTS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. YET, THOSE OF US THAT ARE NOW AWARE ARE DEALING WITH DEADLINES TO OBJECT!!! THIS IS NOT RIGHT!

I AM PREPARED TO DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO GAIN SUPPORT IN THE OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSED PROJECT AND TO SEE THAT EVERYONE IN THE BURBANK RANCHO IS INFORMED.

*Lorraine M. Baptist*

LORRAINE M. BAPTIST  
534 S. PARISH PLACE  
BURBANK, CA. 91506

Letter I91. Signatory – Lorraine M. Baptist

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Response to Comment I91-3

Comment noted. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR would reduce the amount of sewer tunneled beneath streets in Burbank by approximately 0.75 miles when compared to the GBIS North Alignment. To reiterate, Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR explains the rationale, including the environmental considerations and stakeholder concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

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Subj: LA Sewer Project/Burbank  
Date: 3/6/06 2:14:37 PM Pacific Standard Time  
From: Delsordo1  
To: IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org

Martha Del Sordo Hughes  
4114 McFarlane Avenue  
Burbank, Ca 91505  
818-601-8013  
Century 21 Paul & Associates 1501 W. Magnolia Blvd, Burbank 91506

I am dead set against any tunneling, shafts or Air Treatment Facilities in Burbank. Knowing that we are on liquefaction soil that was originally river bottom and knowing what future possible damage this would do to any buildings in the near vicinity I dread the possible consequences and possible legal battles we would have in the future regarding our lifelong investments in our properties.  
When you have the opportunity stay away from residential areas and you don't take that opportunity it seems to me that you are in the business of making yourselves known no matter who suffers for it. We all know you are doing your job. Let's do it with a little thought and intelligence.

USE THE SOUTH ALIGNMENT1111111



## Letter I92. Signatory – Martha Del Sordo Hughes

### Response to Comment I92-1

The comment and attached form letter are noted. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR would connect the eastern portion of the GBIS South Alignment with the western portion of the GBIS North Alignment with a section of tunnel beneath Pass Avenue. This connector tunnel beneath Pass Avenue would reduce the amount of sewer tunneled beneath streets in Burbank by approximately 0.75 miles when compared to the GBIS North Alignment. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR explains the rationale, including the environmental considerations and stakeholder concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

Monday, March 06, 2006 America Online: Delsordo1



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Integrated Resources Plan (IRP)  
Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) – Public Hearing

Comment Sheet

First Name: Ken Last Name: Corday

Organization that you represent: Residents of Toluca Lake

Mailing Address: 3400 W. Olive Ave. Burbank 91505

E-mail Address: TAH@dooh.net Telephone: 818 295 2821

*See Letter Attached*

Signature: K. Corday Date: 3-13-06

DEIR Comment Deadline – February 27, 2006, by 5:00 p.m.

Please return your comments to

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator - Bureau of Sanitation, WESD, 2714 Media Center Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90065  
Or Fax to: (323) 342-6210

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**Letter I93. Signatory – Kenneth Corday**

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Response to Comment I93-1

Refer to response to comment AJ31-2 regarding the potential for boulders/rocks along the Los Angeles River. In addition, refer to response to Petition 3 for a discussion of the potential impacts to Toluca Lake residents. Comment noted.

March 13, 2006

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation  
WESD  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, California 90065

Re: Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer

Dear Mr. Shah:

My name is Ken Corday. I have been a resident of Toluca Lake since 1981 and have several homes throughout Toluca Lake. I currently live at 10343 Valley Spring Lane.

Before going ahead with your planned Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS), I would like to go on record asking that the following questions be addressed in order to minimize the impact on the residents in Toluca Lake.

I93-1

1) The idea of tunneling repeatedly under or nearby the L.A. River is fraught with inherent problems in that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) cannot adequately predict any problems such as running into large boulders 100 feet below the surface of Valley Spring Lane whether north or south of that street. I would ask that further due diligence be done and that the community be apprised of their results. If there are boulders under the L.A. River, there are boulders under Valley Spring Lane and Lakeside Golf Club. This area is a natural river bed and has been collecting sediment for hundreds of years that may reach far below ground levels.

2) I would ask whether you are going to compensate the residents of Toluca Lake to minimize any impact by the project and what the city feels is an adequate amount and that the amount be disclosed in your next report.

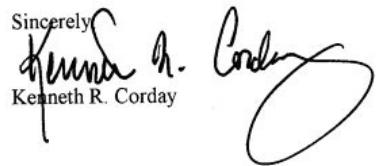
3) I would ask you to look longer and harder at alternative routes that less impact the quiet residential community of Toluca Lake.

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
March 13, 2006  
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- I93-2 [ 4) Finally, I would ask that you make the entire process more transparent for public review.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Kenneth R. Corday

cc: Roy Disney  
Toluca Lake  
Chamber of Commerce

Letter I93. Signatory – Kenneth Corday

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Response to Comment I93-2

Comment noted. The public review process under CEQA requires a minimum public comment period of 45 days. The City established a 90-day review period that was scheduled to end on February 27, 2006, but extended the review period to March 31, 2006 to allow for additional review. Several public review opportunities and forums have been associated with the IRP and the IRP Draft EIR, as detailed in Section 1.6 of the Draft EIR and Section 1.2 of this Final EIR.

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**Integrated Resources Plan  
Final Environmental Impact Report**

# Letter I95. Signatory – Mary Schindler

## Response to Comment I95-1

January 28, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation  
WESD  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

Having been a resident of the Burbank Rancho area for twenty-one years, I appreciate this opportunity to express my concerns on the proposed IRP Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR), specifically the Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer.

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I strongly and earnestly urge you to select the **GBIS SOUTH ALIGNMENT** alternative.

While I understand that an improved and expanded sewer system may be needed for the City of Los Angeles, I do *not* understand why this system would be placed in the heart of a residential neighborhood with children, particularly when the South Alignment offers an alternative that would place this system in mostly open space or public right-of-way areas.

Principal among my concerns is the Valley Heart Pollywog Park. The Draft EIR referred to the Pollywog Park, our vital equestrian and neighborhood recreational area as "vacant land," implying that there is no current use for it. This is not true. The Pollywog Park is a vital and essential part of the Rancho area. It is in the Valley Heart Pollywog that we exercise our horses and it is the only such place for that purpose in our unique equestrian neighborhood. It is also utilized by us as a place to play with and walk our dogs, and also provides us with access to Griffith Park. To place one or more Shaft Sites, each 60 feet wide and up to 120 feet deep, and an Air Treatment Facility in the Pollywog is a nightmare for the community. The ATF would sit almost in the front yard of some residents: the adjacent neighbor is only 10 meters away, far closer than the legal distance allowed. Isn't the Valley Heart Pollywog part of the Griffith Park Trust lands? Doesn't building in the Valley Heart Pollywog conflict with both equestrian use and with equestrian provisions in the Los Angeles River Master Plan?

If the City of Los Angeles builds this sewer system in our Pollywog Park, the Rancho area would stink and sink. Ground settlement under residents and businesses would be inevitable. The Valley Heart Pollywog would become ugly and unusable for the community. There would be permanent bright nighttime lighting in the Valley Heart Pollywog, flooding the nearby residences. The southeast corner of Johnny Carson Park would be closed to accommodate the Shaft Site. And in Bette Davis Park there would be the removal and destruction of our beautiful native trees along with the closing of most of the Park to accommodate the Shaft Site.

Permanent underground easements could be required from non-Los Angeles private property owners while also having a greater impact on employment due to the necessary acquisition of an

In general, wastewater facilities are located in, or directly adjacent to, urbanized areas, where wastewater is generated. This pattern can be found in every major city in the United States. The City of Los Angeles is responsible for construction and operation of infrastructure (such as sewers) to maintain the quality of life (public health and safety) of its citizens and the citizens of its contract cities (i.e., City of Burbank). The proposed GBIS sewer (and associated facilities, such as ATFs), whichever alignment is chosen, would ultimately relieve the existing aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the Rancho Burbank area.

Refer to response to comment AJ1-19 for a discussion of Pollywog Park. As described in detail in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site at Riverside West (Johnny Carson Park), Riverside East (Bette Davis Park), or Valley Heart/Pollywog.

As it relates to the GBIS North Alignment, as addressed in Section 3.12 of the Draft EIR, the construction of the proposed sewer component would be consistent with the goals and policies of all applicable plans, including the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

Refer to response to comment AJ1-10 regarding concerns associated with potential settlement due to tunneling. Also, refer to response to comment AJ1-12 regarding acquisitions associated with the GBIS North Alignment.

Comment noted. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR explains the rationale, including the environmental considerations and stakeholder concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

auto repair business and a 4 parcel parking lot, both of which would require relocation if the Northern Alignment were chosen.

And last, but certainly not least, is the certain devaluation of our houses. Who wants to live in a part of town that smells like a sewer? We already have long ongoing sewer odor trouble with both the sewer line and Pumping Station on Riverside and Beachwood Drives and with the L.A. North Outfall Sewer (NOS) alignment that is already under Valley Heart Street residences. Multiply these by a thousand and you are approaching the problems that the North Alignment would bring into Burbank.

I95-1 Again I strongly urge you choose the **GBIS SOUTH ALIGNMENT** alternative. It will provide you with what you want with the least environmental impact on far fewer people.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Cordially,



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Michael D. Antonovich  
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Councilman Ed P. Reyes  
Councilwoman Wendy Greuel

# 90 Letter I96. Signatory – S. Kei Gilson

## Response to Comment I96-1

S. Kei Gilson  
11150 Acama Street  
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February 10, 2006

Mr. Jawahar Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works  
Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Re: North Alignment vs. South Alignment Draft EIR/GBIS Sewer Project

Dear Mr. Shah,

I96-1

I am writing in response to the proposed sewer project in the Rancho neighborhood. As an equestrian I can't tell you how much this worries me. For those of us who have our horses in the backyards, Pollywog is the only place to exercise them. It wouldn't be so bad if we had access to the equestrian center but the simple fact is - we don't.

It is crucial to have that area not only for the well-being of the horses but for the safety of the riders. Trust me, you don't want to get on the back of a 1000 pound animal who hasn't been out in a few days without warming him up first. That's a 1000 pound ball of energy ready to explode. I can guarantee the number of horse-related injuries and fatalities would skyrocket. It may seem like just a park to you but it's crucial to have that area to let our horses work out that pent up energy.

If you think about it, most of these horses stand in a 12x12 box stall all day long and need to get out and run around at least 4-5 days a week and the only place to do that is Pollywog. Can you imagine if you kept your child in his/her room for days at a time without letting him/her out what kind of psychotic kid you would have? They would be bouncing off the walls in delirium! You can imagine the effect on a 1000-pound animal in that circumstance. It's a scary thought.

The South Alignment would make so much more sense. Not only would it not interfere with the needs of the resident equestrians (it is, after all, an equestrian neighborhood) but it wouldn't encroach on the surrounding houses in the very nearby vicinity. To put a sewer treatment facility in that beautiful neighborhood would be to destroy it in my opinion. Not only will it devalue the properties but the health risks involved to the community (humans and animals alike) are too many to mention. It's astonishing to me that this particular area is even being considered for such a project.

Comment noted. As mentioned in response to comment AJ1-4, Section 2 of this Final EIR includes additional mitigation measures to relocate the potential shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart to a portion of Pollywog that would least impact the adjacent residences and recreational uses (including equestrian uses). Furthermore, as described in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

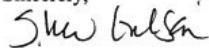
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I strongly urge you to please reconsider and opt for the South Alignment. I sincerely hope that you have the best interests of the people and animals that live in that beautiful community at heart and opt not to destroy it. There is a better alternative, that being the South Alignment.

I96-1 Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



S. Kei Gilson

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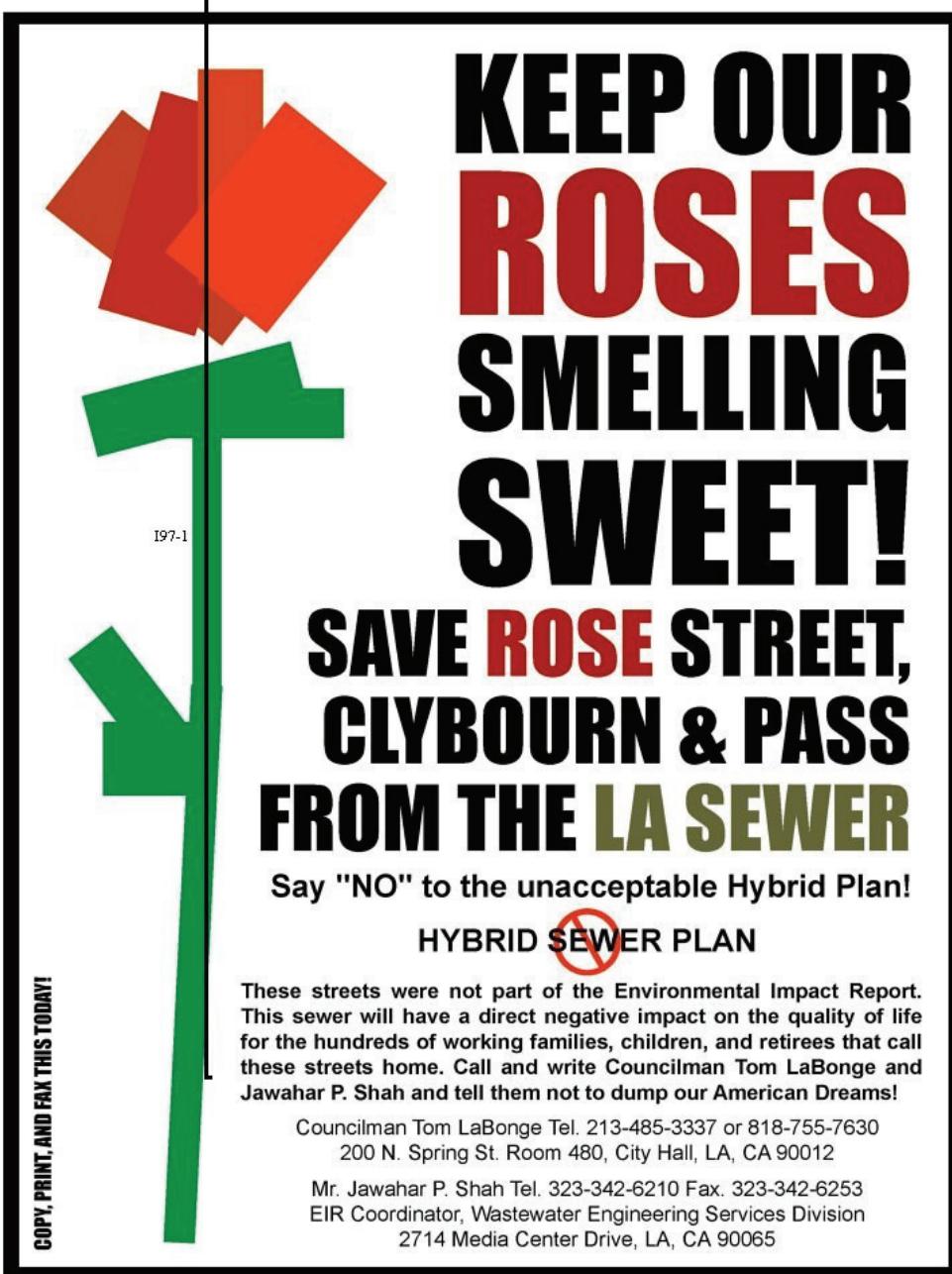
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## Letter I97. Signatory – Ryan Miziker

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Response to Comment I97-1

Comment noted. Regarding your concerns associated with the GBIS alignments, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and stakeholder concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

February 2, 2006

I am writing to express my support for the SOUTH Alignment (south of the L.A. River) for the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer Project. Please save my Rancho neighborhood and Pollywog from this tunneling project. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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## Letter I98. Signatory – K. Morris and A. Pearlman

### Response to Comment I98-1

Comment noted.

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Response to Comment I98-2

Comment noted.

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## Letter I99. Signatory – Ryan Miziker

### Response to Comment I99-1

March 13, 2006

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Shah,

The Hybrid Sewer Plan is unacceptable.

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I own a home at 134 North Rose Street and until last month did not consider myself a community activist. I now find myself reviewing every possible option to prohibit the Hybrid Sewer Plan suggested by Councilman Tom LaBonge. Tomorrow I will urge the Burbank City Council and Mayor Jeff Vander Boght to strenuously oppose the Hybrid Plan.

The original sewer plan avoids the residential neighborhood of Rancho and the studios north of the LA River. The sewer likewise needs to avoid the hundreds of working families, children, and retirees along Rose Street, Clybourn and Pass Avenue. In case you are not familiar with these streets, my block of Rose Street alone has 20 single family homes, with ten children, six of whom are under age five. A crucial developmental year of their life interrupted by constant noise, dirt, and digging when they would be playing with their friends and walking their dogs with their families is something we cannot accept.

My next door neighbor has lived in her home since the 1940's. Last year she wisely decided to hang up her car keys and not drive. Instead she relies on the Burbank shuttle service. If the street were to be blocked, she would become a shut-in, and that seems unusually cruel.

My family owns the bungalows at 4110 Riverside Drive in Burbank. My father owns a home on Ledge Street just north of Riverside Drive in Los Angeles (91602). I have urged everyone to tell their elected officials in no uncertain terms to take the Burbank Hybrid Sewer Plan out of discussion. To those of us who live and work in Toluca Lake, the Hybrid Plan is not an option.

I'm sure I don't need to remind you that the Hybrid Plan was not a part of the Environmental Impact Report, and would directly negatively impact the quality of our lives. The long term effects of poor air quality is a serious threat to our children, our

Comment noted. Regarding your concerns associated with the GBIS alignments, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and stakeholder concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

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happiness, and our property values. In essence, the Hybrid Plan is a threat to our American Dream of owning a home and raising a healthy family.

If there is absolutely no way of avoiding the interference with public property, may I suggest tunneling across Lakeside Country Club. This would allow the swiftest access to the sewer shaft sites. If you believe disrupting our families will be easier than disrupting the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway of the golf course, then your efforts are completely misguided and your reasoning is mistaken.

I believe that together we can find a solution that benefits everyone, a true win-win that will benefit more people than solely those along Valley Spring. We must seek a common sense solution that does not unfairly destroy our property, this rare community, and the family life we cherish in this area. Again, I will do everything in my power to stop the

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Hybrid Sewer Plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Miziker  
818 845 1088

## Letter I100. Signatory – Regis Taylor

### Response to Comment I100-1

Comment noted. A majority of the potential environmental impacts are associated with aboveground construction, which is limited along the entire sewer alignment. As appropriate, the project includes features and mitigation measures to reduce impacts. Refer to response to comment O6-7 regarding potential liquefaction concerns. Response to comment O7-19 describes seismic hazards associated with the proposed sewers.

**REGIS TAYLOR**  
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Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
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re: GBIS Project (SOUTH ALIGNMENT)

Dear Sir:

As a resident of the Burbank Rancho area I would like to convey to you my sincere and extreme concern that the City of Los Angeles would consider a North alignment for the GBIS Project. I am in favor of a SOUTH ALIGNMENT ONLY.

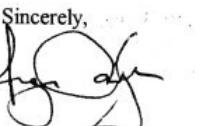
The Rancho community is a small equestrian community in Burbank that surrounds the LA Equestrian Center. The major focus of the community is a sense of family with the emphasis on our children and horses. A North alignment on the GBIS Project would bring a major and unwarranted NEGATIVE IMPACT on our community. We are concerned with a negative impact on our QUALITY OF LIFE, OUR UNIQUE SENSE OF COMMUNITY, OUR DAILY LIVES. And, yes, we are concerned with the obvious negative impact on our property values that we have worked a lifetime to build.

I am not a geologist, but I don't think it takes one to develop a sense of foreboding about this proposed North alignment. To put in place 120 feet below a residential community a 60 foot wide tunnel, when there are other alternatives, does not seem to be the wise or logical choice. The Rancho area is in the riverbed/flood plain of the Los Angeles River. It is loose sandy soil and fill. It is clear that the area is prone to liquefaction under circumstances common to historical local earthquake experience.

An important factor in choosing one of the routes is always cost. I don't know if there is a cost savings in choosing the North alignment over the SOUTH ALIGNMENT, but I can conceive the agony of all involved if there was a tunnel failure in a North alignment under a dense residential community in a quake – with huge property damage and loss of life.

We have a deep and genuine concern over this tunnel alignment. To Rancho residents the choice is so obvious. We cannot conceive any other alignment than the SOUTH ALIGNMENT. Please don't turn a deaf ear to our concerns. Please don't risk our community when there are other alternatives.

Sincerely,



CC Ms. R. Robinson  
T. LaBonge  
G. Smith  
Ms. J. Perry  
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## Letter I101. Signatory – Sandra and Randolph Romero

### Response to Comment I101-1

February 14, 2006

Jawahar P. Shah, City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

RE: Draft EIR on Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) and specifically  
the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS)

Dear Mr. Shah:

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This letter is to express our deep concern regarding the above named project and the two alternative routes being discussed for the GBIS. We are strongly opposed to the Northerly route.

Of the two routes being considered, it seems unbelievable that the City of Los Angeles would even seriously consider the Northern alignment route. Although it would probably be less disruptive to the City of Los Angeles to use this route, the Northerly route would destroy a well established neighborhood that is truly special in the Los Angeles area. Because the area is zoned for horses, the Rancho district is almost like country living in the middle of the City. Certainly being zone for horses makes the area different from most other cities in Los Angeles. For your information, I have attached a recent Los Angeles Times article which recognizes the special Rancho area. House values also reflect this uniqueness and single family homes are generally appraised from \$850,000. to over \$1 million. Obviously if an air treatment facility is constructed, all residents will be negatively impacted by decreased property value. Even at this time, sellers have to legally disclose that their Burbank Rancho property *may be* the future site of the GBIS. We have been in our house approximately four years and frankly if this had been disclosed to us, we probably would not have purchased our house on Valleyheart Drive.

The polliwog pond, although owned by the City of Los Angeles, has been used by Burbank and all Rancho residents/visitors for years – without objection by the City of Los Angeles. On a daily basis, horses are exercised and residents jog and walk dogs. Certainly this area is considered part of Griffith Park and therefore open park area for all. By using the Northern alignment, you would destroy this area. Although your report refers to polliwog pond as “a dirt lot”, the pond is much more to all people who live and work in the area. Is it correct to assume that if the Northerly route is used and an air treatment facility shaft is placed at Reese and Valleyheart, polliwog pond would be forever closed to the public because of the possible liability and diminished air quality (as stated in the EIR) at this location?

Certainly the impact of construction will negatively impact all the Rancho area residents as well as those who work in the area. The traffic, heavy equipment, noise, lights for construction and the decreased air quality should be enough of a concern that the obvious

Comment noted. As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (either North or South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Because the new sewer would relieve flows in the NOS, it must be located in the vicinity of the existing NOS, which currently serves, and transverses under and adjacent to, the residential areas. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 for a discussion of refinements to the Valley Heart/Pollywog site that would further reduce potential impacts on adjacent land uses. For a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment, which was chosen to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), and does not recommend the use of the Valley Heart site, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR.

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choice by the City of Los Angeles will be the Southerly route. No residents or property values will be affected by using the Southerly route. Traffic on Forest Lawn Drive would be minimally impacted since there are currently four lanes for traffic (versus two on Riverside Drive). During construction hours, these southerly route lanes could be reversed or modified so that heavy equipment/trucks can use designated lanes and no residents would be impacted. There would also be direct access to the site from the freeway without having to go through residential areas. Since construction is expected to last for approximately three years, this is an extraordinary burden you would be asking the City of Burbank residents, as well as the Disney Studio employees and visitors to incur. Disney employees use Riverside Drive as a main artery between their buildings and street parking. It should also be noted that there are two distinct problems that this route causes for the City of Burbank and those are: 1)Riverside Dr. and adjacent streets are lined with very large mature Sycamore trees which may be damaged by such large vehicular traffic; and 2) Riverside Dr. and the streets around Reese and Valleyheart and Morningside are currently in poor condition and with the additional heavy truck traffic, the need for extensive street repairs would become critical.

Both myself and my husband worked for the City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works for more than 30 years and so we understand that no one ever wants a project of this type and magnitude in their neighborhood. However, when such a clear alternative is available, especially one that would cause minimal disruption to residents and businesses alike, the City must make the right decision and choose the Southerly route for this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Sandra Romero*

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*Randolph Romero*

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Bonnie Teaford, PW Dept.  
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Rancho Homeowner's Association  
The Walt Disney Co.

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#### Response to Comment I101-2

Vehicular traffic associated with construction of GBIS would not come in contact with, or impact, the street trees on Riverside Drive or adjacent streets.

#### Response to Comment I101-3

Refer to response to comments AJ1-20 and AJ1-22 for a discussion of traffic impacts along Riverside Drive. In addition, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment would actually reduce the potential for impacts to communities in the City of Burbank when compared to the GBIS North Alignment by eliminating a substantial portion of sewer beneath Riverside Drive (in Burbank) and by avoiding the placement of construction shaft sites in areas near the City of Burbank.

#### Response to Comment I101-4

Comment noted. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR includes a discussion of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

## In Burbank, where there's no shortage of horse sense

Sure, Burbank is the entertainment industry hub of Southern California. And the city's Bob Hope Airport is a hassle-free way to fly from here to there. But to those who yearn for a time before movies and aviation, the big draw is the leafy Rancho Equestrian neighborhood, where residents can park their mounts in their own backyards, a short trot from the studios.

**By Diane Widmer**  
Times staff writer

Burbank, Calif. — Michael Staby, 30, has lived roughly by Griffith Park to the south, Victory Boulevard to the east, Sepulveda Street to the west and Alameda Avenue to the north. The single-story, four-bedroom, car-down Parciale Avenue is the area that purchased land in the area that now bears his name. He built a home and refined show-can-whale-is today's buck. lot at Warner Bros. Twenty years later, he sold the last out-balance stock.

Locust Avenue and the first to capture companies more than 100 years ago — about the time that formal and ranches shooting the Los Angeles River and Griffith Park sprang up in the Rancho.

By the '60s, the big properties had been subdivided, making way for next houses with horse stalls in the back. Stables lined Locust on Riverside Drive for Mexican food, then headed down the block to the feed stores for hay and grain to feed their horses.

Las Stables & Livery Stable, owned by longtime Burbank resident Michael Kirby, is the hot spot. Kirby, who runs a horse stable on weekends, also gives riding lessons to neighborhood kids.

"My dad opened a stable off Alameda Avenue and he had a lot of horses there," said Burbank Historical Society founder Mary Jane Strickland, 81. "He hired the livestock and equipment for Columbia Pictures, which became the Warner Bros. [Bros.] Ranch. We always had horses."

Dramatic scenes

Even though ranching isn't the only reason horses have been flocking to the Rancho, three-lined streets and neighbors who know one another, good schools, Griffith Park accessibility, and close proximity to Warner Bros. and Disney studios and two TV-network headquarters attract entertainment-industry honchos and their families and their horses.

Does the horse and his owner bump into each other in this predominantly neighborhood?



Photographer and horseman Michael Staby spends some quality time with the horses he keeps on his Rancho Equestrian property.

Rancho. Many of the homes come with stables and arenas.

There are about 300 single-family homes, 340 condos and town homes and 260 horse stalls.

Last week, three townhouses were listed for sale, from \$1.1 million to \$780,000. There were five single-family homes listed, from \$1.1 million to \$1.2 million.

**Report card**

Burbank Elementary students attend one of two elementary schools, one middle school and one high school, all part of the Burbank Unified School District. According to the 2005 Academic Performance Index Growth Report, Williams McKinley Elementary School scored 776 out of a possible 1,000 points. R.L. Carson Middle School, 764; Weston Jordan Middle School, 761; and Burroughs High School, 794.

**Sources:** California Department of Education, [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov); Wildermere Real Estate/BRI Toth & Associates; Donita Johnson, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; Burbank Historical Society; Bayonne Ahmed, Shutter.



Los Angeles Times

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**THE NEW WEST:** An old wagon is part of the decor in the horse-friendly town of Burbank.

stage, they have appeared in Los Angeles' "Oklahoma" and "Ponkyville" musicals.

Back in the day, horses were outfitted for "I Love Lucy" and became "Mamie" and "Admiral" in the 1970s.

Robin Hood stable, which started in 1976, offers "the ultimate experience for the riderless ponies of Mel Brooks' 'Blazing Saddles'" on horseback at the former Pickwick Drive-in on Alameda Avenue (a Pavilions

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# Letter I102. Signatory – Sue Panuska

## Response to Comment I102-1

Refer to Section 1.6 of the Draft EIR and Section 1.2 of this Final EIR for details on the public outreach associated with the IRP and IRP Draft EIR.

## Response to Comment I102-2

Comment noted. As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. Specifically, the proposed GBIS sewer (either North or South alignments) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure.

As described in detail in Section 2 of the Draft EIR (page 2-31), drop structures pride a channel for wastewater as it drops to a lower elevation point in the wastewater conveyance system. These facilities are closed - that is, they are not open to the environment. In the case of the proposed Valley Heart Shaft Site, an ATF is proposed above the drop structure to treat any foul air.

Potential traffic impacts associated with the proposed GBIS alignments were detailed in Section 3.17 of the Draft EIR. Refer to response to comments AJ1-20 through AJ1-22 for a summary of traffic impacts associated with the City of Burbank.

No evidence has been provided that would indicate the existence of such a “cancer cluster” or any connection with a source in the Rancho Burbank/Pollywog area. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 regarding the potential for environmental effects (such as from contaminated soil) of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

FEBRUARY 27, 2006

TO: THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
JAWAHAR P. SHAH, EIR COORDINATOR  
BUREAU OF SANITATION  
WESD  
2714 MEDIA CENTER DRIVE  
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DEAR MR. SHAH:

I HAVE LIVED AND LOVED THE BURBANK RANCHO FOR OVER TWELVE YEARS. MY DAUGHTER AND I MOVED HERE BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR HORSES AND DOGS AND WE SPEND AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE OUTSIDE. THE BURBANK RANCHO GAVE US A RURAL FEEL, CLOSE TO THE BIG CITY.

I HAVE BEEN A REALTOR FOR OVER TWENTY-NINE YEARS IN THE LA AREA. I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE AND A LOT ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. UPON HEARING ABOUT YOUR PROPOSED NORTHERN ROUTE FOR THE SEWER AIRATION SYSTEM THROUGH THE BURBANK RANCHO, NOT MADE PUBLIC BY ANY NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, MY FIRST REACTIONS WERE:

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I102-2

1. ALL OF OUR PROPERTY VALUES WILL DROP LIKE A ROCK. THE DISCLOSURES, THAT A RESPONSIBLE REALTOR MUST MAKE BY LAW, WOULD MAKE SELLING OUR HOMES IMPOSSIBLE.

2. THE DISGUSTING THOUGHT OF A 60 FOOT WIDE 'SHIT WATERFALL', THAT DROPS THIRTY FEET SPEWING BACTERIA, GERMS, AND FILTH INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, IS FOUL AND A DEFINITE HEALTH CONCERN. THIS HUGE STRUCTURE AND FENCING, WOULD USE UP HALF OF OUR POLLYWOG, AND THE OTHER HALF WOULD NOT BE HEALTHY TO USE.

3. OUR STREETS WOULD BE IMPASSABLE FOR THREE YEARS. WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET INTO GRIFFITH PARK WITH OUR HORSES SAFELY. THE HEAVY TRUCKS AND MOVING EQUIPMENT WOULD TERRORIZE OUR HORSES AND POSSIBLY CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH TO BOTH HORSES AND RIDERS.

4. LAST, BUT HARDLY LEAST, IN TALKING TO NEIGHBORS AND LEARNING THAT THERE IS A CANCER CLUSTER AROUND AND DOWN WIND FROM THE POLLYWOG, I FELT THERE WAS ANOTHER UNDISCLOSED HAZARD. I BEGGED THE BURBANK COUNCIL TO TEST THE SURFACE SOIL IN THE POLLYWOG, BECAUSE THE CITY OF LA HAD NOT DONE ANY TESTING AND THERE WERE NO PUBLIC RECORDS THAT ANY SOIL TESTING HAD EVER BEEN DONE! HOW COULD DISNEY BUILD A 2000 TOILET FACILITY, WITHOUT TESTING OR PERMISSION FROM THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD TO APPROVE SUCH A PROJECT? (NOT LEGAL) THE BURBANK RESIDENTS OF THE RANCHO AREA WILL NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN AGAIN!!!!

OVER AND OVER AGAIN, WE ASKED THE BURBANK CITY COUNCIL TO DO THE SURFACE SOIL TESTING IN THE POLLYWOG. THEY VOTED TO DO IT, BUT THEY DID NOT! THE LAST STRAW WAS WHEN I DIRECTLY SPOKE TO BURBANK CITY ENGINEER, RODNEY

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A. ANDERSEN, AND ASKED HIM IF THEY HAD DONE THE BURBANK COUNCIL ORDERED TESTING OR WHEN WAS IT SCHEDULED TO BE DONE? HE SAID, "THEY COULDN'T DO ANY TESTING, BECAUSE L.A. WOULD NEVER ALLOW IT!" IT WAS CLEAR TO ME AND OTHER SELECTED BURBANK RANCHO RESIDENTS THAT WE WERE BEING SAND BAGGED! IT SEEMED OBVIOUS THAT THOSE PUBLIC SERVANTS, IN LA AND IN BURBANK, DIDN'T HAVE THEIR CONSTITUENTS' NEEDS REPRESENTED AND HONORED. WE WERE SECOND TO WHATEVER THEIR AGENDA SEEMED TO BE. TALK IS CHEAP, AND ACTION SPEAKS! NO ONE HAS SEEMED TO SPEAK FOR US AND THE HEALTH OF OUR FAMILIES!

THE THEREFORE, SELECTED RESIDENTS OF THE BURBANK RANCHOS RAISED \$4500 TO DO OUR OWN TESTING. THIS WAS DONE WITH A LICENSED AND CERTIFIED GEOLOGIST, AND A BONDED DELIVERY PERSON TO A STATE LAB, NOT AN LA LAB.

WE FOUND, AT ONLY NINE FEET, HIGH LEVELS OF CHROMIUM 6, LEAD AND MERCURY. ABSOLUTELY, THE LA PARKS DEPARTMENT MUST STOP TILLING THE POLLYWOG! FOR MONTHS AFTER THE BIANNUAL TILLING, THE DUST FILLS THE HOMES IN OUR AREA. THE WHY AND THE HOW THESE CHEMICALS GOT IN THE POLLYWOG IS NOT MY CONCERN AT THIS TIME. IT IS IMMORAL AND IRRESPONSIBLE TO EXCAVATE FOR THE LA SEWER AIRATION SYSTEM IN THE POLLYWOG WITH THE PRESENCE OF THESE SURFACE CONTAMINANTS. TO DO SO, THE CITY OF LA WILL BE KILLING PEOPLE AND ANIMALS!

I AM ENCLOSING PICTURES OF MY DOG'S TWO PUPPIES, BORN ON FEBRUARY 16TH, 2006. THE MOTHER WAS EXERCISED DAILY AT THE POLLYWOG AND THE PUPPIES WERE FULL TERM. THEY WERE OVER-SIZED, DEFORMED, AND DEAD AT BIRTH. I BELIEVE THIS WAS A DIRECT RESULT TO BEING EXPOSED TO THE SURFACE CONTAMINANTS IN THE POLLYWOG.

WE, IN  
THE BURBANK RANCHO, WILL NOT GO QUIETLY TO THE SLAUGHTER! WE ARE VERY  
NOISY FIGHTERS!

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY,



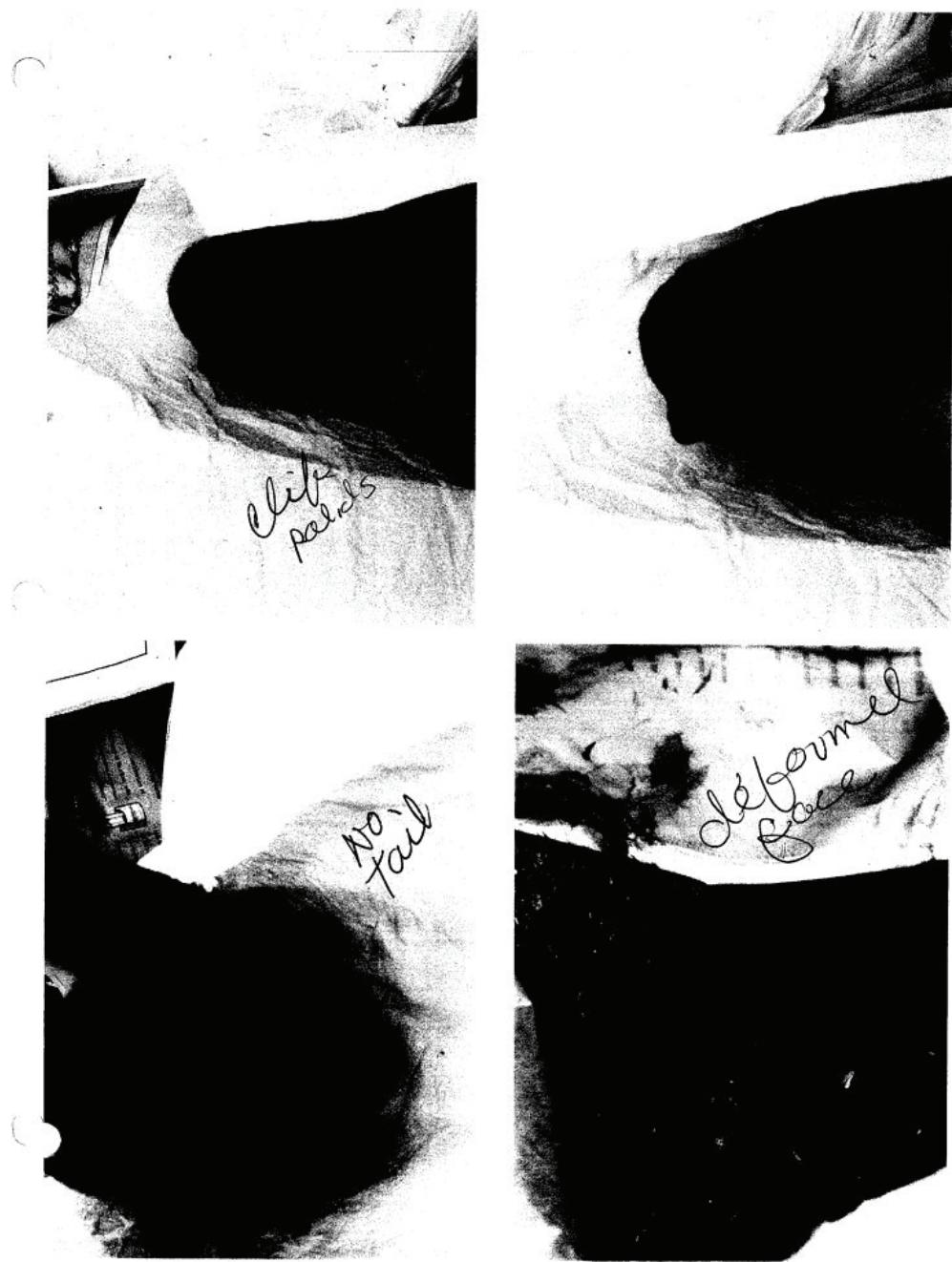
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Additionally, as described in Section 3.10 of the Draft EIR (page 3.10-11), an environmental hazards records search was performed. The search identified 44 of the 89 potential sources of contamination within the GBIS corridor have either soil or groundwater contamination. The Pollywog site was not one of the sites. Although the commenter mentioned that selected residents of the Burbank Ranchos had their own testing done (presumably at Pollywog), no lab results were provided. Comment and enclosed photos are noted.

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that City of Los Angeles staff is recommending for approval. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.





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January 10, 2006

Jawahar Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, Ca 90065

Dear Mr Shah,

I103-1

**NOT IN OUR "POLLYWOG"**

The City of Los Angeles has plans to run an 8-foot diameter sewer pipe from the Los Angeles Zoo to Toluca Lake on the north side of the Los Angeles River channel. This project will border the Riverside/Rancho neighborhood in Burbank, through what is known as "Pollywog."

"Pollywog" was the result of the water run off of Parkside Avenue over 50 years ago and causing a small pond on the south side of Riverside Drive at Parish Place extended. Several years ago a 3-foot storm drain was placed under Parkside ending "Pollywog", however the name stuck.

The "Pollywog" area extends from Reese Street on the east to the Disney Animation facility on the west. The residents in this area use the property for horseback riding, horse exercising, jogging, dog walking and just enjoying the wide-open space.

This project with its construction shafts and treatment facilities would cause property values to dive.

Think of the health and safety issues. Heavy equipment on our quiet residential streets; permanent loss of "Pollywog" with access to equestrian trails and parks, and of course, property devaluation.

An alternative route would be a "south" alignment on the south side of the 134 freeway where the people in Forest Lawn Cemetery wouldn't object.

What's wrong with putting the 8' sewer pipe in the Los Angeles river channel? A natural flow from Toluca Lake to Griffith Park. The pipe wouldn't displace too much water flow in time of storms. Think about it.

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**Letter I103. Signatory – Thomas Robson**

Response to Comment I103-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 for an additional discussion regarding construction and operation of the proposed GBIS North Alignment at Valley Heart/Pollywog. As to the commenter's suggestion to choose the GBIS South Alignment where the people of Forest Lawn Cemetery wouldn't object, it should be noted that the Forest Lawn Memorial Park Association, as well as several homeowner groups in Toluca Lake, submitted comment letters asking that the GBIS South Alignment not be chosen because of the potential impacts on their neighborhoods.

Refer to response to comment AJ31-2 regarding a suggested Los Angeles River alignment.

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that City of Los Angeles staff is recommending for approval. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

I103-1

I've lived in the Rancho area on Parkside for over 50 years and use the "Pollywog" area daily.

Please save our unique equestrian neighborhood!!! A south alignment will preserve our beautiful Rancho area we call home.



Thomas Robson  
Burbank, California

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Cc: Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Michael D. Antonovich, Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> Dist. Los Angeles County  
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February 27.2006

Dear Mr. Shah,

In addition to what is stated in the preceding letter I would like to address a few more concerns that I have about the sewer project and in particular the proposed North alignment.

As a former Hawaii resident, I was attracted to the Rancho Burbank because of its natural beauty and small town feel. I want to give my daughter a community where she can learn to ride and grow up in a safe environment. The Rancho district gives me this while keeping me within close proximity to Hollywood where I conduct much of my business as an interior designer. Because this is one of the more expensive communities in Burbank, this decision came as a considerable investment for my family. As a resident on Reese Place, which is the street that drops directly into Pollywog field, the proposed north alignment poses a huge financial and personal loss to my family. I shudder at the thought of my daughter, now one, learning to ride a tricycle and eventually a horse amidst the dangers that a project of this magnitude presents.

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Although the Rancho is a small community in Burbank it brings a lot of business to our city. The Los Angeles Equestrian Center along with the smaller stables in the area brings in a lot of non- Burbank residents to this area. Horseback riding is an expensive sport and every day these people are frequenting our local businesses. This is what makes our local Starbucks for example one of the busiest in Southern California. Throughout the day, it is filled with people in boots, britches, chaps and cowboy hats. Every winter when the rains come and the arenas flood these people are reliant on Pollywog and Bette Davis Park to exercise their horses. The loss of these parks will greatly effect these equestrians decision to keep their horses and bring their business to our community.

As an established interior designer, I am well aware of the trials and tribulations of construction. Even with the most well laid out plan problems can arise that are often costly and time consuming to rectify. Because the proposed North alignment comes so close to where families live, breath, eat and sleep (in some cases as close as thirty three feet) the potential of a sewer break affecting the health of an entire community is at a much higher risk. As the IRP Draft Environmental Impact Report states, Tunneling 110 to

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## Letter I104. Signatory – Suzy Yager

### Response to Comment I104-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-4 for an additional discussion regarding construction and operation of the proposed GBIS North Alignment at Valley Heart/Pollywog, including additional measures proposed to further reduce impacts to equestrian uses. In addition, refer to response to comment AJ1-10 regarding revision to mitigation measure GEO-MM-2 that would further limit potential settlement impacts from tunneling. Refer to response to comment AJ1-6 for a discussion of air quality associated with construction of the proposed GBIS North Alignment. As described in response to comment AJ1-13 and AJ1-14, Section 3.13.3.3 of the Draft EIR contains mitigation measures, such as NV-MM-1 and NV-MM-2 that requires the placement of noise muffling devices and curtains. In addition, Section 3.13.3.3 of the Draft EIR also contains mitigation measure NV-MM-5 that would allow residents and community members to report noise problems during construction, which would require that the noise problems be resolved. Although the area may experience lower ambient noise levels from the presence of the new sound wall, implementation of mitigation measures would ensure that construction noise levels would not exceed the significance threshold of a five decibel or more increase over the ambient noise level.

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that City of Los Angeles staff is recommending for approval. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include a shaft site or ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

180 feet deep is expected to cause ground settlement at the surface up to ¾" under residential and business properties creating a greater potential for property damage in the event of an earthquake. Furthermore, an earthquake could cause sewer breaks and leak into our ground water. The EIR also confirms that the sewer gas emissions will exceed the South Coast Air Quality Management District Threshold. What the EIR cannot tell us is how much the noise and vibration caused by the three plus years of construction will affect our resident's physical and mental health.

In addition to these concerns, I would like to implore you to consider the issue of city planning. Griffith Park and its surrounding neighborhoods is a distinct area that adds beauty to our fine city. I think that as residents of this fine city we should be ever mindful of what makes ours a desirable place to live. The Rancho is one of the last horse communities that exist near to the core of our city. What at first seems like a Burbank issue ultimately affects all of us. If we do not protect our unique communities, we will lose some of what makes this place special.

I104-1

Please choose the proposed South alignment, which avoids our residential community. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Suzi A. Yager

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Burbank,  
CA 91506



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## Letter I105. Signatory – Carmy Peters

### Response to Comment I105-1

Regarding the GBIS alignments, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a description of the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. Comment noted.

Development Office

February 22, 2006

Jawahar P.Shah  
City of Los Angeles  
Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Sir:

Our family strongly opposes the IRP proposed project known as the South Alignment.

I105-1 WE do support the second alternative the GBIS North Alignment.

We are long time residents of Toluca Lake and more effort should be found so as not to disrupt our beautiful neighborhood.

Sincerely,

*Carmy Peters*  
Carmy Peters and family

*Katie, Jim, Susan and Tessa*

*cc: Jim LaBrge*

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**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sat, Mar 11, 2006 1:09 PM  
**Subject:** IRP Alignment

To Jawahar P.Shaw,

No resident of Burbank, or Los Angeles, whether they be a homeowner or renter, wishes to have this project, as described, to be tunneled in their "back yard," or under their street. Likewise, no business owner will welcome the inevitable disruptions to access and traffic flow, if streets are dug up in their area. A prime goal of your alignment selection should, in my opinion, be to route this project so that it impacts the fewest number of residents--people who will live adjacent to this sewer line, and thus, will be exposed to any negative side effects--24 hours a day. And, secondarily, it should be routed to minimize the impact to existing businesses.

I106-1 The Draft EIR, released November 30, 2005, described two alternative routes for the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer. Both of these alignments cut through stable neighborhoods, and you have received much comment, for over 90 days now, from the residents living there. They have concerns over health issues, protecting property values, and a general sense that this proposed project will have a negative impact on their quality of life. The GBIS-North alignment impacts both residents and businesses.

Now, there is a proposed "hybrid" alignment being considered, to connect the GBIS Alignment-South, from the Barham shaft site, to the GBIS Alignment-North, joining at the commercial area of Riverside Drive. I understand that the possible streets for the routing of this connection would be either, Pass Avenue, Rose Street, Clybourn Avenue, or Forman Avenue. Any of these streets would work, but again the project impacts either stable neighborhoods, or in the case of the Pass Avenue alignment, would impact Warner Bros. Studios.

I106-2 Another "hybrid" alignment would be to move the Barham shaft site east, to just across from the entrance to Forest Lawn. Then tunnel under the river, and the little park at Bob Hope Drive, linking up with the GBIS-North at Riverside Drive.

These various alignments are pitting the City of Burbank against the City of Los Angeles, and are turning neighborhoods, and neighbors, against each other. There must be a better alternative. I have studied the maps, and have bicycled the various proposed routes, with particular attention to your goal of connecting the Barham shaft site with the Woodbridge Park shaft site.

The least disruptive route would be to continue the GBIS-South alignment to the west, tunneling under the Los Angeles river at the southeast corner of the Lakeside Golf Course. Instead of turning up to Valley Spring Lane, proceed adjacent to the river. At the southwest corner of the golf course, it is a short tunnel under Lankershim/Cahuenga, to Weddington Park. Then turning north, the route follows the east side of the Hollywood Freeway, to rejoin the GBIS Alignment-South, as it proceeds up to the Woodbridge Park shaft site.

## Letter I106. Signatory – Stephen Baer

### Response to Comment I106-1

As described in Section 1.3 of the Draft EIR, one of the objectives of the IRP projects is to meet projected wastewater system needs of the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies (i.e., City of Burbank); thereby maintaining infrastructure required for quality of life. In addition, the proposed GBIS sewer (and associated facilities, such as ATFs) would ultimately relieve the aged NOS sewer, which would reduce odors and potential spills in the Rancho Burbank and Toluca Lake areas; therefore, the new sewers would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Reliable wastewater would also ensure that the adjacent neighborhoods remain stable. Furthermore, Sections 2.2.1.9 and 2.2.1.10 of the Draft EIR (beginning on page 2-29) provide a detailed description of the interceptor sewers proposed (NEIS II and GBIS) and includes detailed information on the sewer pipeline and its construction. As detailed in the sections noted above, most of the construction and operation of the proposed sewer infrastructure (both of the GBIS alignments) would occur belowground to minimize adverse impacts to local residents and businesses. Various issue and resource portions of Section 3 of the Draft EIR address in detail the potential impacts of the construction and operation of the proposed GBIS alignments (including aboveground structures such as shaft sites and ATFs) as they pertain to potential resource impacts, such as aesthetic, land use and recreational impacts, on adjacent land uses.

Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR discusses the GBIS alignment that the City of Los Angeles is recommending for approval.

### Response to Comment I106-2

Comment noted. The use of the site across from the Forest Lawn Cemetery is known as the headworks spreading grounds, which is LADWP plans to use to house a water storage facility (LADWPs Silver Lake Reservoir Complex Storage Replacement Project) and is unavailable for use as a shaft site. Various comment letters expressing concerns with the GBIS North and South alignments or suggesting an alignment along the Los Angeles River.

I106-2

Very few residences and businesses would be disrupted by this alignment. Much fewer than any of the other proposed alignments. Please add this route to your list of potential "candidates." You are never going to please everyone, but this seems like the best alternative.

My life will be impacted by this project, regardless of which "alignment" is finally selected. I live very close to the proposed Barham shaft site, and I work, drive, and bicycle throughout the area. Please select a plan which minimizes that impact to me, and to my neighbors.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Integrated Resources Project.

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## Letter I106. Signatory – Stephen Baer

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Refer to response to comment AJ31-2 for information on a suggested Los Angeles River alignment. As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the City has combined the two GBIS alignments to reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR), has selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval.