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January 28, 2006

Rita Robinson  
Director of Public Works  
City of Los Angeles  
233 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013

Dear Ms. Robinson,

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.

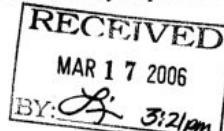
I491-1 I strongly and earnestly urge you to select the **GBIS SOUTH ALIGNMENT** alternative.

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.

I491-2 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 a Sewer Air Treatment Facility in the Pollywog is a nightmare for the community. That 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?

I491-3 I491-4 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



## Letter I491. Signatory – Mary Schindler

### Response to Comment I491-1

Comment noted.

### Response to Comment I491-2

Refer to response to comments AJ1-4, AJ1-6 and AJ1-19 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at 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. Operation of permanent aboveground structures (i.e., ATFs) within designated open space or public facilities would not be a conforming use and would require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Therefore, the successful issuance of a CUP would reduce land use consistency impacts to less than significant. However, as addressed 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.

### Response to Comment I491-3

Refer to response to comment AJ1-10 for a discussion of potential for settlement along the GBIS alignments. To further minimize the potential for settlement impacts, mitigation measure GEO-MM-2 has been modified in this Final EIR (refer to Section 2) to add a goal to further limit surface settlement to 0.50-inch along the tunnel alignment.

### Response to Comment I491-4

As detailed in Section 3.2.4.4 of the Draft EIR, mitigation measures AES-MM-7 (measures to minimize construction lighting) and AES-MM-8 (measures to minimize operational lighting) will be implemented to minimize the impact of the new lighting sources to adjacent light-sensitive uses to a less than significant level. Specifically, mitigation measure AES-MM-8 includes directing lighting downward onto the structure, avoidance of outwardly directed spotlights, and use of shielding on lights to isolate the illuminated area.

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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.

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,

Mary Schindler  
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(818) 845-0455

cc :Rodney Anderson P.E.  
Michael D. Antonovich  
Antonio Villaraigosa, Major  
Councilman Tom LaBonge  
Councilman Greig Smith  
Councilwoman Jan Perry  
Councilman Eric Garcetti  
Councilman Ed P. Reyes  
Councilwoman Wendy Greuel

## Letter I491. Signatory – Mary Schindler

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As adequately addressed in Section 3.5 (page 3.5-34) of the Draft EIR, in the event that construction impacts to the native trees at the Riverside East Shaft Site cannot be avoided, preservation would be attempted. If preservation is not appropriate, impact to the trees would be mitigated with implementation of mitigation measure BIO-MM-5, and no significant impact would occur to the character of the Bette Davis Park. As addressed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include construction at the Riverside East site.

### Response to Comment I491-5

As noted by the commenter, odor problems exist from the NOS. 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 areas currently serviced by the NOS, including the Rancho Burbank area; therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. Comment noted.

**From:** "william schmidt" <wschmidt2@earthlink.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 31, 2006 8:57 PM

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
Wastewater Engineering Services Division

Dear Mr. Shah:

Like many other Toluca Lake/Burbank residents, I oppose the so-called "Hybrid" sewer plan.

I favor the South Alignment Plan for a number of reasons. It would impact the fewer residents. It seems it would be more cost-effective. But the main reason I oppose it is for one of the reasons the South Alignment was originally accepted - the Hybrid plan will harm endangered wildlife.

As a staunch conservationist, I must oppose any plan that would harm our environment.

Thank you for your time,

Yours,

William Schmidt

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## Letter I492. Signatory – William Schmidt

### Response to Comment I492-1

Comment noted. As described 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), have selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. Response to comment AJ1-1 also discusses the process and rationale for the staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR.

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R I H A P R O P E R T Y A C C O U N T

4135 McFARLANE AVENUE • TOLUCA LAKE, CALIFORNIA 91505

March 28, 2006

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

RE: "DUMP THE HYBRID SEWER PLAN"

Dear Mr. Jawahar P. Shah:

I am writing to vehemently protest the Modified Sewer Plan that runs through Burbank and to demand that you immediately **DUMP THE HYBRID SEWER PLAN.**

I have lived in the Burbank Community between Pass Ave. and Rose Ave. on McFarlane Ave. for the past 23 years. During this time, I have seen the traffic on Olive and Pass Ave. and Riverside Drive increase dramatically. This is the main route for people to travel from the 101 Hollywood Freeway to the 134 Freeway to access the San Fernando Valley, Glendale and cities to the East and South. To impose any type of Construction on this route would severely cripple traffic and put undue burden on streets such as Cahuenga, Pass Ave, as well as the freeway itself, but also burdening the streets and increasing the compromise of safety of our streets for our family members and neighbors with the increased traffic.

Several years ago, because of the traffic at Warner Bros. Studios and the traffic between the freeway systems, the City of Burbank made all the streets between Olive / Pass and Rose cul de sacs. To have any construction on Rose would prevent we the homeowners from entering or exiting our homes on National, McFarlane, Warner, Toluca Lake Ave., Franklin and Hood **UNSAFE**. This would turn our very quiet and serene neighborhood into one gigantic mess and make getting in and out of our homes virtually impossible, again compromising the **SAFETY** of our families and children.

Another point to consider, when there was a street resurfacing project a few years ago on Riverside Drive, it crippled many of the businesses along Riverside as well as the traffic from all the Studios, (Warner Bros, NBC, Disney, etc) driving to the West. Putting an extensive Construction project on Riverside Drive would adversely affect Burbank, as well as Toluca Lake and the surrounding business owners for many years. I would also put considerable increased traffic on the North East West street, again making our neighbor hood **UNSAFE**.

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## Letter I494. Signatory – Frank and Linda Riha

### Response to Comment I494-1

Comment noted. As described beginning in Section 2.2.1.9 of the Draft EIR, a majority of construction associated with the proposed sewers would be belowground. A majority of aboveground construction impacts would be associated with shaft sites with limited aboveground construction at other sites along the alignment (i.e., drop and diversion structures and maintenance holes). 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. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank.

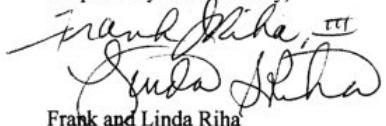
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Again, I am asking you to please reconsider and **DUMP** this Hybrid Sewer plan before it will ruin and devalue a highly sought out residential neighborhood as well as having a very **UNSAFE** and negative impact on many local businesses along Riverside Drive and the surrounding areas.

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I know there are other ways to solve this problem and I am willing to devote time and energy to this cause. We as Burbank citizens cannot sit back and let this happen to our community. We believe in Burbank and do not want this sewer project going through our home.

Respectfully and Sincerely,



The image shows two handwritten signatures stacked vertically. The top signature is "Frank Riha, III" and the bottom signature is "Linda Riha".

Frank and Linda Riha

**From:** <TMScom@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 30, 2006 10:30 PM  
**Subject:** IRP Glendale/Burbank area

To Whom It May Concern,  
Which should be all people living in the areas of the proposed Integrated Resources Plan. I am adamantly opposed to this project as it relates to my neighborhood. I cannot speak for the other areas of the city that will be affected, although I'm sure they feel the same about their neighborhoods. Your report is long and not user friendly, however, from what I can ascertain none of the proposed IRP Alternatives are without issue whether they be environmental, noise, traffic, destruction of natural areas or harm to wild life. Most affected will be the people who live in these areas.  
My neighborhood is very unique in that it borders the LA River and Griffith Park and allows for the keeping of horses. Most people who reside in this area are horse enthusiasts and feel that this "country in the city" feeling and lifestyle is a very special attribute.  
The proposed Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (LAG) expansion and the construction of the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS) will adversely affect our neighborhood, lifestyle, property values, air quality and eliminate valuable land used for recreational purposes.  
I could list specific reasons why none of the alternatives are acceptable, but they are already spelled out in your plan. I vote for the No Project Alternative.  
Sincerely,  
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Glendale, CA 91201  
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Property Owner  
Also own property at:  
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240 Irving Ave., Glendale 91201

## Letter I495. Signatory – Tracy M. Smith

### Response to Comment I495-1

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the Recommended Alternative.

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# Letter I497. Signatory – David D. Stitz

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## FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

DATE: *March 29, 2006.*  
 TO: *Jawahar Shah* FAX #: *(323) 342-6210*  
 FROM: *David D. Stitz, Esq.* No. of pages to follow: *02*  
 RE: *Hybrid sewer plan*  
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PLEASE CALL DAVID D. STITZ AT 818-761-7602 IF ALL PAGES ARE NOT RECEIVED

## MESSAGE

*See Attached  
Letter*

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Response to Comment I497-1

Comment noted. As described beginning in Section 2.2.1.9 of the Draft EIR, a majority of construction associated with the proposed sewers would be belowground. A majority of aboveground construction impacts would be associated with shaft sites with limited aboveground construction at other sites along the alignment (i.e., drop and diversion structures and maintenance holes). Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank.

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March 29, 2006

Mr. Jawahar P. Shah  
EIR Coordinator  
Bureau of Sanitation  
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VIA FAX (323) 342-6210

Dear Mr. Shah:

I would like to formally state my opposition to the City of Los Angeles's plans to run its sewer and or water lines through residential neighborhoods in the City of Burbank. I am particularly concerned about, and opposed to, the "hybrid sewer plan" or any version thereof.

The worst idea is to run the sewer down Clybourn or Rose (I happen to live at 4238 Clybourn) and almost as bad, the plan to run the sewer down Pass. As someone pointed out at the Burbank City Council meeting last night, Pass Avenue has residents too, many concentrated in apartment houses. Also the traffic congestion that a Pass to Riverside sewer route would create would be horrendous. (All you have to do is try to drive down Riverside near Pass at 5:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday and you would see the imperfection of this concept.) All this traffic would be shoved into adjacent residential neighborhoods which simply can't handle it.

I also would point out the damage the merchants on Pass and Riverside would surely suffer. I know some of those nice folks on Riverside who own shops and restaurants and any plan running down Riverside would push many of them into failure and bankruptcy.

In contrast to the havoc that would be created by the hybrid plan stands a proposed sewer route commonly referred as the "South Alignment" which, as described in the 11/15/05 Burbank Public Works memorandum from Bonnie Teaford to Mary Alvord, "does not enter Burbank except under a corner of the Lakeside Golf Course". It would appear the South Alignment affects almost no one while the hybrid plan affects thousands and could well lead to litigation and millions and millions of dollars in damages.

As a kid in Burbank I explored the vacant and condemned houses in the path of the to be constructed 134 freeway. That route decision (probably by Cal Trans) cut this quaint neighborhood in two and nearly destroyed it. (The value of the Toluca Lake houses north of the 134 is still suffering from the effects of that bad decision.) I implore you not to make another bad decision and instead to proceed with the South alignment.

Sincerely,

David D. Stitz

cc: Tom LeBonge, Rodney Anderson

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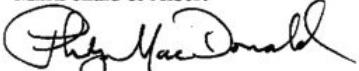
Re: Clybourn Sewer

Dear Mr. Shah:

MacDonald & Albert is a family partnership that has owned the land and property along Riverside Drive since 1948 where the Bob's Big Boy and Starbucks Coffee shop currently resides. Over the years, we have seen many changes transpire in the area, some good and some bad. The latest proposal by the City of Los Angeles to run part of its sewer system north on Pass Ave and west on Riverside Drive is one of the worst ideas to surface yet. The routing of a major street project that could take years to complete through one of the busiest arteries in Burbank is absurd. We just finished enduring a major street widening and improvement project several years ago.

The Clybourn routing is so much more disruptive to homes and business than the South Alignment that one questions the competency of our government leaders. We hereby formally oppose the Clybourn route and will do everything possible to defeat its ill-conceived adoption.

MacDonald &amp; Albert



Philip MacDonald  
 General Partner

## Letter I502. Signatory – Philip MacDonald

### Response to Comment I502-1

Comment noted. As described beginning in Section 2.2.1.9 of the Draft EIR, a majority of construction associated with the proposed sewers would be belowground. A majority of aboveground construction impacts would be associated with shaft sites with limited aboveground construction at other sites along the alignment (i.e., drop and diversion structures and maintenance holes). The City of Los Angeles makes all reasonable efforts to site infrastructure projects within public rights-of-way (such as under streets), and this objective is noted in the objectives and criteria for selection of the Recommended Alternative, as discussed in Section 1.5 of this Final EIR. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank.

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From: Chris & Bill <wmcm@pacbell.net>  
To: <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
Date: Sun, Apr 2, 2006 9:13 PM  
Subject: Draft-EIR-Comments

Mr. Shah,

Both my husband and myself support the "HYBRID PLAN" with reference to the proposed sewer project and the best plan for all communities -- the City of L.A. and the City of Burbank should both share the burden of construction.  
Thank you.

Christine Marshall  
William Marshall  
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818-761-8981

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## Letter I504. Signatory – Christine and William Marshall

### Response to Comment I504-1

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

## Letter I505. Signatory – Suzanne Marlowe

March 19, 2006

### Response to Comment I505-1

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

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

Dear Mr. Shah,

I am writing to you about that part of the Los Angeles Integrated Resources Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) that impacts on my Burbank Toluca Lake neighborhood.

As a resident homeowner of Rose Street in Burbank since 1978, I am urgently asking that you do away with the Modified Hybrid Alignment and go back to the South Alignment recommended in the November 2005 Draft EIR, since the South Alignment will have the least environmental impact on the fewest people. The deleterious effect that the last-minute Modified (Hybrid) Alignment would have on our community is beyond comprehension and is not a sensible choice by any means.

Please do not allow the City of Los Angeles' massive sewer project to ruin our neighborhood.  
 The South Alignment is the wiser answer.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Marlowe  
 115 North Rose St.  
 Burbank, CA 91505

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## Letter I506. Signatory – Eric Michael Cap

**From:** GOLD STREET <emc@goldstreet.net>  
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**Date:** Wed, Mar 29, 2006 10:44 AM  
**Subject:** No GBIS in Burbank

Dear Mr. Shah,

Further to my previous letter, please be advised that in addition to my opposition against the proposed Northern alignment I also strongly oppose the new "Hybrid" proposal made by Tom LaBonge. Both proposals are absolutely unacceptable to the residents of Burbank and I demand they be removed from consideration. The South alignment appears to have the least negative impact on Burbank residents, however any impact on any residents for any reason is unacceptable. Please place the GBIS on/under non-residential areas.

Sincerely

Eric Michael Cap  
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(H) 818-845-6161

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### Response to Comment I506-1

Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank. Comment noted.

**From:** Joyce Dillard <dillardjoyce@yahoo.com>  
**To:** IRP <IRP-EIR@san.facility.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 31, 2006 3:44 PM  
**Subject:** COMMENTS ON THE INTEGRATED RESOURCES PROGRAM DRAFT EIR DUE MARCH 31, 2006

COMMENTS ON THE INTEGRATED RESOURCES PROGRAM DRAFT EIR DUE MARCH 31, 2006

To comment generally about the INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLAN, two objectives to integrate this plan with regional planning including the GREATER LOS ANGELES INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN working groups, the COUNCIL OF ARROYO SECO ORGANIZATIONS GREENWAY PROJECT, NORTH EAST TREES ARROYO SECO WATERSHED RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY and the LA RIVER REVITALIZATION PLAN is the integration of flows from upstream that effect the future of the channel design and water quality throughout the region.

Operation and maintenance issues and funding for same can be analyzed at this juncture by all planning involved.

Air quality and noise can either enhance or detract the surrounding neighborhoods. We have an existing, chronic problem in the arena.

Open space, green space and recreational areas in the public sector can be a vocal point in the enhancement of small business development and residential comfort ability in the region. Hiking trails, bike trails and equestrian trails connected on a regional basis and through several city jurisdictions are future enhancements to the region.

The larger sports venues which include the STAPLES CENTER and the ROSE BOWL and entertainment venues such as L.A. LIVE can provide opportunity. Large industry and future industries such as the USC BIOMEDICAL PARK and the affiliated businesses can look to the region as a leader.

Transportation issues like the CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL and future local transportation expansion through DASH buses and tourist bus routes need consideration. Smells can reject people and this plans needs to address this issue on a long-term basis.

Economic development is planned by the private sector with a regional emphasis and identity. Through ecological improvement and environmental considerations, cultural tourism and small business can be developed with eyes toward the future stability of the Los Angeles region, county, and all of Southern

## Letter I507. Signatory – Joyce Dillard

### Response to Comment I507-1

As described in Section 1 of the Draft EIR, the IRP Facilities Plan, which the Project Alternatives were developed from, is an integrated plan for the wastewater system that integrates recycled water and runoff system elements. Section 1.4 of the Draft EIR summarized the development of the components and system-wide alternatives in the IRP Facilities Plan and the City's concerted efforts to involve key stakeholders and concerned publics in the process. That said, it is unclear as to how the comments apply to the IRP or Project Alternatives.

Letter I507. Signatory – Joyce Dillard

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California.

Please take these plans-in-motion under consideration.

Joyce Dillard  
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March 29, 2006

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VIA FAX: (323) 342-6210

Dear Mr. Shah:

I would like to state my opposition to the City of Los Angeles' plan to run its sewer and/or water lines through residential neighborhoods in the City of Burbank. I am particularly concerned and opposed to the "hybrid alignment" sewer plan.

The hybrid alignment, to paraphrase Tom LaBonge's now infamous email, is a lose-lose for everyone that lives in the Burbank/Toluca Lake area. It is unacceptable to have any sewer tunneling under residential homes or streets.

As a citizen, taxpayer and a voter, I insist that the Dept of Public Works more fully analyze the alternative options of tunneling under the Los Angeles River or along the easements on either side of the River. If that is not an option, then why hasn't the City of Los Angeles explored tunneling under the Universal Parking Lot and then down a business corridor?

If the only choices are the North, South or Hybrid Alignments, then it is quite obvious that the proposed "South Alignment" affects almost no one, while the hybrid and North plans affect thousands and could well lead to endless lawsuits and millions of dollars in damage.

There have been many disturbing machinations on the parts of the Bureau of Sanitation and Mr. LaBonge during this EIR period. The fact that the Hybrid plan was introduced at the last moment in hopes that the residents wouldn't "notice", the fact that those affected by the hybrid plan have been given a shortened comment period, the coincidence that the South alignment is seemingly off the table – an area of wealthy LaBonge contributors, the fact that Clybourn Avenue is situated partly in Burbank, partly in Los Angeles, meaning that residents have no direct means of recourse in case of complaints or problems.

I will remind you that Burbank and Toluca Lake are made up of long-standing, politically aware and active residents. Any decision adversely affecting our quality of life and property values will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,



Deirdre Donahue  
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 Burbank, CA 91505  
 818.566.7300

cc: Tom LaBonge, Rodney Anderson, Jeff Vander Borght, Dave Golonski, David W. Gordon, Marsha R. Ramos, Ed Rayes, Eric Garcetti, Jan Perry, Wendy Greuel, Dennis Zine, Jack Weiss, Alex Padilla, Bernard Parks, Jan Perry, Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Bill Rosendahl, Jose Huizar, Janice Hahn, Greig Smith, Antonio Villaraigosa, Brad Sherman, Los Angeles Times, Daily News

## Letter I508. Signatory – Deirdre Donahue

### Response to Comment I508-1

Comment noted. The City of Los Angeles makes all reasonable efforts to site infrastructure projects within public rights-of-way (such as under streets), and this objective is noted in the objectives and criteria for selection of the Recommended Alternative, as discussed in Section 1.5 of this Final EIR. Regarding the commenters request that the sewer should run under non-residential areas, 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, residential areas. As described beginning in Section 2.2.1.9 of the Draft EIR, a majority of construction associated with the proposed sewers would be belowground. A majority of aboveground construction impacts would be associated with shaft sites with limited aboveground construction at other sites along the alignment (i.e., drop and diversion structures and maintenance holes). Refer to response to comment AJ31-2 for information on a suggested Los Angeles River alignment. As the intent of the sewer is to relieve the existing NOS, the proposed alignments need to be in close proximity of the NOS, which eliminates various other routes, such as the one proposed by the commenter (i.e., under Universal parking lot). 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.

### Response to Comment I508-2

Section 1.2 and 1.3 of this Final EIR for a summary of the public review period and interim activities associated with the Draft EIR. Comment noted.

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Alan Duncan &lt;alan.duncan@gmail.com&gt;

**Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS)**

1 message

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 Cc: Tom LaBonge <labonge@council.lacity.org>, Allen Stone <daddyogre@earthlink.net>, Howard & Susan Ehrenberg <ehrenbergs@psinet.com>, Donna & Bill Schmidt <wschmidt2@earthlink.net>, david.stitz@sbcglobal.net, Russell Denove <denove@sbcglobal.net>  
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Wed, Mar 29, 2006 at 5:04 PM

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

Dear Mr. Shah,

I strongly oppose the alternate alignments (North and Optional Branch or Hybrid Plan) for the Glendale Burbank Interceptor Sewer. These alternate plans would seem to cause the greatest disruption to local area residents and traffic at what is probably a greater expense than the South Alignment.

I strongly favor the South Alignment which would run parallel to the Los Angeles River Flood Control and continue under Lakeside Golf Course and then parallel Valley Spring Lane. The South Alignment would seem to have the twin attributes of impacting the fewest residents and being the most direct and therefore least expensive.

As a taxpayer and active voter, I urge you to recommend that the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation adopt the GBIS South Alignment.

Best regards,

  
 Alan C. Duncan  
 4257 Clyburn Avenue  
 Toluca Lake CA 91602-2943  
 Tel: 818 508 1808

cc: Via Fax to J. P. Shaw 323 342 6210

**Letter I510. Signatory – Alan C. Duncan**Response to Comment I510-1

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

I510-1

**NICHOLA J. ELLIS**

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**

Thank you, the board and the city for coming up with alternative alignment proposals in response to resident input. I urge you to implement this new plan, for it will address the ongoing concerns regarding the potential values, and access to emergency services.

For over half a century, the Burbank Rancho area has been an established, sought-after neighborhood in southern California. It offers a unique lifestyle which allows its residents to live in harmony with nature, minus the bustle and chaos of 'city life.' Part of its uniqueness comes from the number of animals which peacefully reside within the community. Domestic horses, donkeys, goats, chickens, dogs, and cats co-exist with the professional equines of The Los Angeles Equestrian Center. The Center itself is a landmark where people from all over the city commute to in order to enjoy equestrian activities in a natural environment.

To live in this rustic oasis, residents have consistently been willing to invest between 25-50% higher than in surrounding neighborhoods as per real estate values. The cost of this tranquility has directly benefited Burbank and Los Angeles by creating additional revenue for both cities.

If the original plan were ever approved, the entire community would be adversely affected. Not only would quality of life be damaged, but serious health concerns would arise from the proposed construction. Rancid odors and incessant noise would disrupt life, but other variables could halt it altogether.

As the City of Burbank's report has already pointed out, both air and water quality would be significantly reduced with no precise way of measuring the damage. Digging tunnels and excavating for eventual sewer lines would allow VOCs to be released into the atmosphere without any proposed way of tracking their toxicity. The threshold for acceptable NO<sub>x</sub> would also be exceeded, further exposing residents to harmful toxins.

March 30, 2006

Fax: 323 342 6210

**| 931 Letter I511. Signatory – Nichola J. Ellis****Response to Comment I511-1**

Comment noted. The odor impacts associated with GBIS are discussed in Section 3.4.3.3 of the Draft EIR (see discussion under AQ-3), and mitigation to minimize potential odor impacts has been proposed. In addition, refer to response to comments AJ1-4 and AJ1-6 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. 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 (see Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR), which does not include construction or operation of GBIS at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

**Response to Comment I511-2**

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment AJ1-29 regarding VOC concerns raised by the City of Burbank and response to comment O7-6 regarding NO<sub>x</sub>.

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I511-2

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Geological impact remains insufficiently addressed. Air conditioning condenser water and other chemicals have already been disposed onto the Polliwog site (Valley Heat/Reese/Parish/Riverside Drive vacant land) and any mechanical disturbance could cause dangerous heavy metals to be released via water flows and the collection in the soils below. Independent tests have confirmed the presence of various carcinogens in the Polliwog, and cancer clusters in the neighboring area are currently being investigated based on discovered information. Any additional disturbance of this land would exacerbate the possibility of these carcinogens assimilating themselves into the water table and/or escaping as particulates. Recent tests revealed that my own dog has a tumor. He has been walked daily in the Polliwog for the last seven years, and the test results also show that his aluminum, nickel and titanium levels are twice as high as those of an average canine (see attached analysis).

I511-3

Besides an increased risk of cancer, residents would also be subjected to uninhabitable noise levels for at least three years. The proposed construction would create an expected average of 88-95 decibels of ongoing noise, ten times beyond the accepted levels. Both businesses and the 700 homes in the Rancho area would incur a deafening input of vibration, and certain animals may not survive.

I511-4

People in need of emergency services would potentially encounter life-threatening delays on their way to seeking professional medical treatment. Riverside Drive is one of the main thoroughfares to Saint Joseph's Hospital and as such would be directly impacted by increased congestion.

I511-5

Quality of life is a concern shared by all, however longevity of life is an issue which moves beyond the pleasure of esthetics, and one in which the city must not factor any role.

Therefore I ask that you uphold the new "hybrid" alignment plan following the GBIS South Alignment route along Forest Lawn Drive to Barham in favor of the originally unsound GBIS North Alignment, while mitigating any destruction to Clybourn, Rose or Olive/Pass residents. Burbank Rancho is a residential neighborhood that was never conceived to accommodate a large-scale, industrial sewage project.

I511-6

Thank you again for your efforts and understanding.

Sincerely,  


Nichola Ellis

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

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## Letter I511. Signatory – Nichola J. Ellis

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### Response to Comment I511-3

It is unclear which part of the geotechnical impact discussion the commenter believes is insufficiently addressed and the reason for such belief. Section 3.9.3.3 of the Draft EIR discusses potential geotechnical impacts due to the construction and operation of the Project Alternatives, including the GBIS alignments. Refer to response to comment O7-5 for an additional discussion of potential geological impacts.

The commenter makes an assumption that air conditioning condenser water is associated with heavy metals and that the condenser water has been disposed of at the Polliwog site. This is not necessarily the case. Refer to the test results provided by the City of Burbank (comment AJ22). As a note, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment would not use the Polliwog site (a.k.a. Valley Heart Shaft Site) as a construction site or location for an ATF.

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 Polliwog site was not one of the sites. However, Section 3.10.3.2 the Draft EIR does acknowledge that there is a potential to encounter contamination along the alignments. This section of the Draft EIR also discusses measures that would be employed to manage contamination that is encountered, including the preparation and implementation of a project-level Health and Safety Plan and a Sampling and Analysis. There is a minimal potential for workers to be exposed to significant health risks; therefore, the public is also not expected to be negatively affected. It would be speculative to respond to what could have caused the condition of the commenter's dog (refer to response to comment I15-8).

February 27, 2006

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.

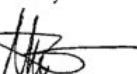
The emergency services have not been addressed in your proposal – Riverside Drive is one of the main thoroughfares to Saint Joseph's Hospital and the emergency services will be directly impacted by this which could create a life threatening situation if the services cannot get through in time.

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

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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
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## Letter I511. Signatory – Nichola J. Ellis

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#### Response to Comment I511-4

Section 3.13.3.3 of the Draft EIR discussed the noise impacts expected to occur from the construction of the GBIS alignments. Although construction would be expected to increase noise levels in the vicinity of the project, numerous mitigation measures have been proposed to minimize potential noise impacts. The anticipated noise or vibration levels are not expected to substantially diminish the survivability of animals in the Rancho area because the anticipated noise levels are consistent with the noise levels commonly associated with construction and urbanized environments. In addition, proposed mitigation would further reduce noise levels at nearby receptor locations. Refer to response to comments AJ1-13 through AJ1-16 and AJ1-19 for an additional discussion of noise and vibration associated with the GBIS North Alignment.

#### Response to Comment I511-5

Impacts associated with emergency services (such as police and fire services impacts) were discussed in Section 3.15 of the Draft EIR. During construction, emergency ingress and egress would be maintained at all times. Through the development of a site-specific traffic control plan (TRA-MM-1) and coordination with emergency service providers (TRA-MM-6), including ambulance and paramedic services, which would provide advance notice of any lane closures, construction hours, or changes to local access and to identify alternative routes, emergency services would not be adversely affected.

#### Response to Comment I511-6

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

**From:** Kathy Ewing <kpewing@earthlink.net>  
**To:** "IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org" <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 28, 2006 7:32 AM  
**Subject:** Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer - Supporting South Alignment

Concerning the Glendale-Burbank Integrated Sewer (GBIS) project and the three options proposed (the North Alignment, the South Alignment, and the Optional Branch), I urge that the South Alignment be implemented. It is the least disruptive and poses the least risk to existing homes, businesses, and recreational areas. I recommend rejection of the North Alignment and the Optional Branch for the reasons below.

The North Alignment includes installation of a shaft site and a permanent Air Treatment Facility (ATF) in the Reese Place-Pollywog field. Its construction and location in the Pollywog is truly incompatible with this otherwise quiet, residential, and equestrian neighborhood. ATF's are usually found in industrial/commercial areas where their impact and smells are considered the price of business, not the quality of homeowners' lives. To adopt the North Alignment, its related tunneling activities, and its ATF will not only subject the neighborhood to years of unmitigated traffic, construction noise, earth vibration, air quality issues and seismic safety hazards, but it will also permanently eliminate recreational parks, devalue property, and cause a myriad of other potential problems. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) itself acknowledges expected settlement of the ground surfaces and sewer breaks upon construction or seismic activity. These acknowledged risks and hazards also increase the liability exposure of the City of Los Angeles with homeowners and businesses filing claims and lawsuits against the city for damages associated with the construction and maintenance of the sewer.

The third plan, the Optional Branch, still encroaches into existing residential neighborhoods, with its path far to the north of the original South Alignment plan. This newer Optional Branch also appears to continue to subject residential neighborhoods to the same hazards mentioned in my second paragraph above.

No one wants this project in their back yard or under construction in their neighborhood for all the years it will take. However, if the project must proceed, I implore you to implement the least of all evils; namely, the South Alignment. Choice of the South Alignment will also reduce the liability exposure of the City of Los Angeles as fewer homeowners and businesses will be directly affected by the risks and hazards acknowledged in the EIR. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Ewing  
 604 S. Reese Place  
 Burbank, CA 91506  
 (818)845-0778  
 kpewing@earthlink.net  
 March 26, 2006

I513-1

## Letter I513. Signatory – Kathleen Ewing

### Response to Comment I513-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comments AJ1-4 and AJ1-6 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. In addition, refer to response to comment AJ1-10 for a discussion of potential for settlement along the GBIS alignments. To further minimize the potential for settlement impacts, mitigation measure GEO-MM-2 has been modified in this Final EIR (refer to Section 2) to add a goal to further limit surface settlement to 0.50-inch along the tunnel alignment. 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 (see Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR), which does not include construction or operation of GBIS at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

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**From:** Jon Farhat <j@jfi.net>  
**To:** <jawahar.shah@lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 28, 2006 6:11 PM  
**Subject:** Hybrid update

Dear Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator

I am commenting on the Los Angeles Integrated Resources Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) that greatly impacts on my Burbank, Toluca Lake neighborhood.

I am grateful of the extension to comment, yet at the same time, appalled that the Modified (Hybrid) Alignment, which you contacted our Mayor, Jeff Vander Borgh about, as well as the Burbank City Council on February 21, 2006 -- leaving us only six day before the Feb 27th EIR comment deadline.

Frankly, had it not been for the public upheaval over this effort to "sneak" this modified route past us, this extension to comment would have never happened. Still, our comment period ends March 31, while other Burbank residents had 90 days.

IT IS IMPERATIVE, THAT YOU AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TAKE THIS MODIFIED (HYBRID) ALIGNMENT OFF THE TABLE FOREVER!

Frankly, considering the plans for Universal Studios to expand their back lot, and being a member of that film community for over 25 years, I am aware of an opportunity you could have there and suggest you take advantage of that opportunity to work with Universal City and route the City of LA's own sewer project down along the flood control channel.

Or, revert to your previous tunnel recommended in the November 2005 Draft EIR (South Alignment).

But in no case, can the residents of Burbank, (Petition of all the residents of Rose and Clybourn to Burbank City Council provided upon request) stand for a tunnel under Clybourn, rose or Pass Avenue.

Kind regards  
Jon Farhat

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## Letter I514. Signatory – Jon Farhat

### Response to Comment I514-1

A subsequent information notice was distributed on February 27, 2006 that extended the comment period to March 31, 2006. Refer to Sections 1.2 and 1.3 of this Final EIR for a summary of the public review period and interim activities associated with the Draft EIR. Refer to response to comment AJ31-2 for information on a suggested Los Angeles River alignment. As the intent of the sewer is to relieve the existing NOS, the proposed alignments need to be in close proximity of the NOS, which makes some routes not practical. 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.

**From:** "Circle F Saddles and Tack" <alan@circlefattack.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 22, 2006 11:25 AM  
**Subject:** GBIS

Gentlemen:

We are not in favor of this project. As a homeowner, business owner and equestrian, we are very concerned about the impact on our lives. Use of the equestrian trails into and out of Griffith Park is vital not only to our own use and enjoyment, but to our business which caters to the Equestrian community.

Please seek an alternative. Thank you

Sincerely,

Alan M. Fischer

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## Letter I516. Signatory – Alan M. Fischer

### Response to Comment I516-1

Comment noted. 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.

I516-1

**From:** Alvord, Mary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2006 10:36 PM  
**To:** 'Wegenwheel@aol.com'  
**Cc:** Teaford, Bonnie; Andersen, Rodney; Vander Borght, Jef; Campbell, Todd; David Gordon; Golonski, Dave; Ramos, Marsha  
**Subject:** RE: From a resident on Rose Street

Ms. Gainer, Thanks for your input. I am not sure if you watched our Council meeting tonight or not, but this issue, and specifically a discussion of the 'hybrid' alternative that affects your neighborhood, will be on the Burbank Council's agenda at their March 14 meeting. It is critical that all Burbank residents weigh in with the City of LA...since this project is being handled by LA City staff. Written comments can be submitted to Jawahar P. Shah, City of Los Angeles Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, Wastewater Engineering Service Division, 2714 Media Center Drive, LA, CA 90065. The expert on our staff is Rodney Andersen who can be reached at (818) 238-3931. Again, thanks for your concern and input. Mary Alvord, City Manager

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**From:** Wegenwheel@aol.com [mailto:[Wegenwheel@aol.com](mailto:Wegenwheel@aol.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2006 9:44 PM  
**To:** [malvord@mail.ci.burbank.ca.us](mailto:malvord@mail.ci.burbank.ca.us)  
**Subject:** From a resident on Rose Street

Dear Mayor Vander Borght,

The possiblity that the new sewer system might run down Rose Street in Burbank is completely unacceptable.

Please oppose Councilman LaBonge's plan to use Clybourn or Rose Street as a route for the sewer.

It is absurd to think that we, as residents of this community, would allow a sewer to be put in on a street with so many small children and families. We will not let it happen, it's that simple.

Our street, Rose, has many many children on it. We are families here.

Thank you for your strenuous opposition to this. You can let them know that we on Rose Street will not stand by and allow this to happen. The plan to run the sewer down Rose Street is not an option. It's as simple as that.

Thank you for your time,

Karen Gainer  
133 N. Rose Street  
Burbank, CA 91505

3/1/2006

## Letter I518. Signatory – Karen Gainer

### Response to Comment I518-1

Comment noted. As described beginning in Section 2.2.1.9 of the Draft EIR, a majority of construction associated with the proposed sewers would be belowground. A majority of aboveground construction impacts would be associated with shaft sites with limited aboveground construction at other sites along the alignment (i.e., drop and diversion structures and maintenance holes). Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank.

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**From:** "Jeff Gardner" <arbsq@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-eir@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 30, 2006 3:16 PM  
**Subject:** NEIS II

IRP-eir@SAN.LACITY.ORG

Dear Mr. Shah,

I object to the northern alignment of the NEIS II project through Atwater Village because of the dust, traffic congestion, and loss of access that shaft location will cause. I also object to the disturbing of the asphalt cap placed over the hazardous waste located on that site. I also object to the site because of the danger a shaft hole will pose to trains and vehicles in the future. I object to the site because the City will have to pay money to a private firm for that land where other route will be located on existing City land, at no charge.

I raise these objections now, during the comment period, because future legal challenges can only be filed on the basis of objections raised now, during the comment period.

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf,

Jeff Gardner

I520-1

## Letter I520. Signatory – Jeff Gardner

### Response to Comment I520-1

As described in detail in Section 1.5.2.1 of this Final EIR, the NEIS II West Alignment is the staff recommended alignment. Comment noted.

## Letter I521. Signatory – Sam Green

### Response to Comment I521-1

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March 31, 2006

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

VIA FAX: 323-342-6210

RE: Interceptor Sewer Project - The Sewer Air Treatment Vent Building "they" want to put in behind the houses near Disney Animation in Burbank – PLEASE DON'T

Dear Mr. Shah,

All of our life savings – and more – is invested in our home. I could go on and on about the many ways this Sewage Air Treatment project would harm our neighborhood – environmentally and financially – but let me save you time by just saying this: would you want this thing built 25 feet from your house?

There's talk about "north plan" and "south plan." But the fact is something like this shouldn't be in anyone's back yard (and it would be just FEET away from people's homes). There has to be a way to get this put somewhere on the other side (the Southern, non residential, side) of the river, in a service area lot or somewhere, and NOT feet away from where families are living.

I'm a Burbank resident. This project may technically be *on* LA land, but as you may know, in every practical sense it is *in* a Burbank residential neighborhood – surrounded on three sides by homes. Please, please, consider the golden rule.

I have an eight year old boy who will be breathing the consequences of your decision.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
  
 Sam Green  
 2003 W. Riverside Dr.  
 Burbank CA 91506  
 818-846-5563

I521-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comments AJ1-4 and AJ1-6 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. 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 (see Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR), which does not include construction or operation of GBIS at Valley Heart/Pollywog.

**From:** Mary Griffith <mariavonpage@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <jawahar.shah@lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Mar 20, 2006 6:03 PM

Dear Sir -

Thank you for your call yesterday. My husband and I are very concerned about the proposed plan to run the sewer line through our Toluca Lake neighborhood. We have lived in this home for over ten years, and we are raising our two boys here.

There is an extraordinary sense of community in this little pocket of Los Angeles that we have come to cherish. Almost every home has children. People frequently enjoy our neighborhood for walks, bike rides, etc. The excavation of our quiet streets would be devastating and extremely treacherous to say the very least.

Almost every holiday is enjoyed on a neighborhood-wide scale. The fourth of July is celebrated with a red, white and blue parade - we come together and decorate everything from bicycles to strollers to roller blades, and we follow a drum corp of local dads through the neighborhood ending with a rousing rendition of "God Bless America". Halloween is an event not to be believed. Virtually every house participates in making the neighborhood a ghoulish visual feast for the kids (and adults!) and the rule of thumb on homeowners purchasing candy for the night is "when your shopping cart is filled to the brim you might not run out before 9:00 pm!" During the Christmas holiday season people stroll and drive through to enjoy the lovingly decorated homes - we often get carollers!

The beautiful spirit of our neighborhood is dependent on the fact that we feel confident to freely move about from home to home without worrying about the physical safety of our families in a major construction zone. We are gravely concerned that, particularly in earthquake country, this massive undertaking would severely compromise our homes, our lifelong investments and the quality of the lives we have all worked so hard to develop. We are vehemently opposed to allowing anything that would disrupt this neighborhood, and in speaking with our neighbors we are not alone.

There are very few places like Toluca Lake left. Friends from other neighborhoods often liken it to Mayberry. We would be horrified to see it become just another casualty in the name of "progress".

Thank you for your consideration -

Thomas and Mary Griffith  
10153 Valley Spring Lane  
Toluca Lake, CA 91602

## Letter I522. Signatory – Thomas and Mary Griffith

### Response to Comment I522-1

Comment noted. As described 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), have selected this alignment as preferred, and is recommending it for approval. Response to comment AJ1-1 also discusses the process and rationale for the staff recommended GBIS Alignment discussed in this Final EIR.

I522-1

## Letter I523. Signatory – Jim Lane

### Response to Comment I523-1

**From:** Jim Lane <jlane@ecla.edu>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 24, 2006 12:00 PM  
**Subject:** GBIS South Alignment

March 24, 2006

Dear Mr. Jawahar Shah,

The GBIS proposal has created an exceptional level of community organizing and communication from various neighborhoods and constituencies across the City of Burbank. To everyone's credit, a sincere and vital grass roots initiative has taken place to help keep our city the livable community that attracts so many.

The Rancho Homeowner's Association deserves special credit for galvanizing a quick and negative response to the North Alignment Proposal. The later proposed "Hybrid" alignment, has thankfully met with an equally negative response from Council.

As the public discourse on this issue has developed over the last month, it seems that a loose consensus has emerged that would recommend the South Alignment as the best alternative that would affect the <sup>the</sup> fewest amount of people.<sup>the</sup>

As currently drawn on the maps distributed by the Burbank Department of Public Works, the South Alignment cuts into the southwest corner of Burbank, into the southern part of Burbank Toluca Lake and then heads west to its eventual destination. I would ask that you consider the fact that this turn into Burbank at this point still may affect homeowners in this section of Burbank.

It has been widely admitted that these drawings of the proposed tunnel can be interpreted in various ways and are not necessarily accurate. Given that the South Alignment as drawn is coming very close to private property, I would ask that Los Angeles provides an exact location of the S.A. as it is now vaguely drawn in southwest corner of Burbank. I would further encourage all parties to consider a more southern or <sup>the</sup> most southern alignment possible.

Directly south of the last residential street in Burbank Toluca Lake is the Lakeside Country Club Golf Course and further south is the Universal back lot. Neither of these properties have private residential homes on them whereas in the current South Alignment proposal, the tunnel is getting very close to private homes. By moving the tunnel a few hundred yards more south we might alleviate a lot of uncertainty and anxiety that currently exists in my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Jim Lane  
 4220 Franklin Ave  
 Burbank, 91505

Comment noted. The City of Los Angeles makes all reasonable efforts to site infrastructure projects within public rights-of-way (such as under streets), and this objective is noted in the objectives and criteria for selection of the Recommended Alternative, as discussed in Section 1.5 of this Final EIR. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

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Letter I523. Signatory – Jim Lane

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**Integrated Resources Plan  
Final Environmental Impact Report**

**From:** "Preston Lewis" <pjllewis@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sat, Mar 18, 2006 9:56 AM  
**Subject:** IRP Review

Preston F. Lewis & Jackie L. Lewis  
1800 Stanton Ave  
Glendale, CA 91201  
818 553-1515

Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator:

My wife and I are homeowners and tax payers in the Glendale Rancho. Your plans to place GBIS north of the 134 Fwy are not in the best interest of the surrounding neighborhoods. The proximity of this project to homes and equestrian trails is unacceptable.

We strongly recommend you place the project south of the 134 Fwy along Forrest Lawn Drive where it will have minimal impact on the community.

Sincerely,

Preston F. Lewis  
Jackie L. Lewis

I524-1

## Letter I524. Signatory – Preston and Jackie Lewis

### Response to Comment I524-1

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank.

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Councilman Tom Labonge  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 N Spring Street Room 480  
City Hall, L. A. 90012

Dear Mr. Labonge

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Los Angeles Integrated Resources Plan Draft EIR that impacts my neighborhood.

I am concerned regarding the "Modified Hybrid Alignment" which appears to choose a route for the new LA sewer line that will have an enormous negative impact on my residential neighborhood. Worse still, this new alignment seems to be favored over a previously chosen "Southern Alignment" which seems to have much less impact on residents in the Burbank/Toluca Lake Area.

Please do not use the "Modified Hybrid Alignment" plan, which would include new pipe along Rose St., Clybourne Ave, or Olive/Pass Ave.

I525-1

Sincerely



Lesley and Brian Hartt  
4217 West Franklin Avenue  
Burbank, California, 91505

## Letter I525. Signatory – Lesley and Brian Hartt

### Response to Comment I525-1

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5 of this Final EIR for a discussion of the Recommended Alternative.

## Karen Gainer

TO: Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator  
 FROM: Karen Gainer, Resident on Rose Street

March 29, 2006

Dear Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator,

I am furious that this idea of running a sewer down my street, Rose, hasn't been taken off the table! Tom LaBonge obviously wasn't thinking when he proposed this as an "option". Running the sewer down Rose, Clybourn or Pass is in no way, shape or form an option! The hybrid is completely unacceptable! Consider the hybrid option a non-option!

It is absurd to think that we, as residents of this community, would allow a sewer to be put in on a street with so many small children and families. The environmental factors (pollution, noise, tremors), as well as risk to our properties is huge. Our block alone has nine small infants and children. That's just in one block. The same reasons LaBonge doesn't want HIS constituents exposed to this are the same reasons WE WON'T ALLOW THE SEWER TO COME HERE! My child will not be exposed to this. I will make sure of that. We will not let it happen, it's that simple.

I was appalled to read Tom LaBonge's letter to mayor Jef Vander Borght which states, "This revised route (hybrid) will combine the east part of the southern alignment with the west part of the northern alignment avoiding the areas of concern in Burbank and in Toluca Lake". He then goes on to state "In my opinion, I believe that this modified alignment will be a win-win for all". HOW DARE HE! Please have it stated now for the record that our street, Rose, is definitely an "area of concern" that should not even be considered. I will make sure that if the hybrid continues to be on the table, it will be a lose-lose for everyone involved. And all of the neighbors here agree.

So you know where we stand, we have gathered a very large group of people to fight the hybrid plan, and we will do whatever it takes to put a stop to the hybrid.

I do hope you understand that we will not stand by and allow this to happen. The plan to run the sewer down Rose Street is not an option. It's as simple as that.

Thank you for your time,

Karen Gainer  
 Resident  
 133 N. Rose Street  
 Burbank, CA 91505  
 818 558-7006

133 N. Rose Street ~ Burbank ~ CA ~ 91505  
 Phone: 818 558-7006 ~ Fax: 818 558-7332

## Letter I526. Signatory – Karen Gainer

### Response to Comment I526-1

As described beginning in Section 2.2.1.9 of the Draft EIR, the majority of construction associated with the proposed sewers would be belowground. The majority of aboveground construction impacts would be associated with shaft sites with limited aboveground construction at other sites along the alignment (i.e., drop and diversion structures and maintenance holes). Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank. Comment noted.

I526-1

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**From:** "Tim and Jeanie Hatch" <timothy.hatch@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tue, Mar 28, 2006 7:36 AM  
**Subject:** No Sewer Pipe under Valley Spring Lane!!!!

**NO SEWER PIPE UNDER VALLEY SPRING LANE!!!**

Please do not put the proposed sewer pipe under Valley Spring Lane. The soil is sandy and the pipe would be close to the river. We wish it to be under a more commercial area and not residential. We are concerned about the property values of our homes, and the vibration we might feel. We urge the city of Los Angeles to find another alternative route. The suggestion of going to Pass Avenue is more favorable.

Thank you so much for your time,

Jeanie Hatch

10424 Valley Spring Lane  
Toluca Lake, CA  
91602  
(818)752-6490  
Toluca Lake Resident

IS27-1

## Letter I527. Signatory – Jeanie Hatch

### Response to Comment I527-1

Comment noted. Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank.

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

March 13, 2006

**RE: THE LOS ANGELES SEWER HYBIRD PLAN / BURBANK**

Dear Mr. Shah

It has been suggested in various written documents that I should phone you with questions but as you know you do not answer your phone and you do not return phone calls.

I am writing about the last minute hybrid alignment detailed in your February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 public announcement, the same date that was the original deadline for EIR comment by the public. Clearly you and Mr. LaBonge hoped no one would be paying attention, or that as Burbank residents we would be abandoned by our City Council? Who knows what you thought in doing such a thing?

- 1) Why does LA need to run its sewer under Burbank at all, anywhere? It's a 90% LA sewer.
- 2) Is the City of Burbank being offered any remuneration at all for its cooperation with any of these plans?
- 3) Why does the City of LA want to run a major sewer through the streets of Burbank and then down a major commercial street like Riverside Drive in LA? What is the reasoning behind that thinking?

This hybrid cannot be stuck into the existing EIR without the same type of careful study and comment afforded the north and south plans. This hybrid plan does nothing to ease the social, financial, psychological and environmental impact of this sewer on the public other than shift it from fewer homeowner citizens in Los Angeles (Southern Route) to more homeowner citizens in Burbank.

Time and money are being wasted on this hybrid plan. Abandon it now and move on with the Southern Route while the City of Burbank is still willing to cooperate with that plan. This hybrid is simply not going to happen. The City of Burbank agree with me and many other residents in Burbank and Los Angeles. I urge you, and Mr. LaBonge to drop this last minute political ploy now. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
  
Kevin M. Meagher

4218 National Avenue Burbank 91505 Ca. (818) 842-8939 kmeagher@populararts.com

## Letter I529. Signatory – Kevin M. Meagher

### Response to Comment I529-1

A subsequent information notice was distributed on February 27, 2006 that extended the comment period to March 31, 2006. Refer to Sections 1.2 and 1.3 of this Final EIR for a summary of the public review period and interim activities associated with the Draft EIR.

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 of all individuals within the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies, such as the City of Burbank. 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. Therefore, the residents of the City of Burbank do benefit from the proposed GBIS.

Refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for the rationale, including the environmental considerations and concerns, for selecting the staff recommended GBIS Alignment. The staff recommended GBIS Alignment does not include aboveground construction in the City of Burbank. Comment noted.

I529-1



March 15, 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:

I am a 13 year resident of Toluca Lake. I not only reside on Clybourn (4373) and Moorpark, I work on Clybourn and Riverside. (10,000 Riverside Dr.)

We are writing to you to please ask you to reconsider running the sewer line down our beautiful, residential street.

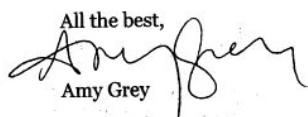
Toluca Lake is the crown jewel of the valley. We chose to live AND work here for the tranquility, beauty and quality of life. This would destroy the very qualities that attracted us to the neighborhood in the first place, not to mention greatly diminish the value of our houses.

I532-1

While we understand the need for a sewer, it does seem a wee bit odd, that when you could run it parallel to Lakeside Golf Course or adjacent Universal, where there are no houses, you are considering running this very big, very deep, very toxic sewer line through a residential neighborhood. Why not in those other locals, why not past the businesses on Barham and Riverside? I would not object to that – even though I would have to tolerate the noise and pollution during the day at me office. I simply cannot fathom, a neighborhood of families (we have a 7 year old son) being exposed to this seemingly reckless decision. There must be a better alternative.

Please reconsider and let us know as citizens, what we can do to help change the perspective location for this magilla. We cannot be complacent about a sewer system that will not only damage our foundations but our health as well.

Thank you sir, for your time.

All the best,  
  
Amy Grey

## Letter I532. Signatory – Amy Grey

### Response to Comment I532-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O1 regarding potential impacts to the Toluca Lake area. 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 (see Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR).

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

February 13, 2006

Dear Mr. Shah,

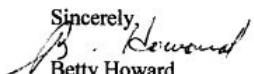
I am a long-time resident of the Burank Rancho. My house is located very close to the proposed North Alignment LAGBIS project. I have just completed breast cancer treatment ( chemo and radiation) and I could not , in any way, stay in this area, if the North Alignment were chosen as the GBIS project site.

Please consider the following reasons for eliminating the GIS North Alignment project from your options:

1. All other ATF's are located in industrial areas, not in residential neighborhoods. The location of an ATF in this area would seriously decrease property values.
2. Sewer gas emissions and odor will exceed the South Coast Air Quality Management District threshold, thus causing potential health problems to all the residents of the neighborhood.
3. Tunneling so deep under residential and business properties will cause ground settling thus seismic activity can cause sewer breaks and get into ground water.
4. The construction and ATF conflicts with the equestrian provision in the Los Angeles master plan and will eliminate equestrian use of Pollywog.
5. The long-time construction noise will be unbearable to residents, horses and pets.
6. Construction would involve 100 truck trips a day, thus causing traffic safety hazards for drivers, riders and horses.

1533-1

Mr. Shah, you have other project sites to choose from. Please do not ruin our beloved neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
  
 Betty Howard  
 1325 West Morningside Drive  
 Burbank, CA 921506  
 Tel: (818) 558-6757  
 Email:btael@sbcglobal.net

*Certified Mail*

## Letter I533. Signatory – Betty Howard

### Response to Comment I533-1

ATFs are proposed along the alignment as necessary to reduce odor from the sewer. If possible the City proposes ATFs in industrial areas. However, based on the potential for odors along a sewer alignment, ATFs are proposed in and adjacent to land uses other than industrial. The commenter is incorrect that “all other ATFs are located in industrial areas.” It should be noted that the proposed ATF at Woodbridge Park/Caltrans Maintenance Yard is adjacent to a residential neighborhood. Refer to response to comments AJ1-4, AJ1-6, and AJ1-19 regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed shaft site and ATF at Valley Heart/Pollywog. Refer to response to comment AJ1-10 for a discussion of potential for settlement along the GBIS alignments. Specific 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. Operation of permanent aboveground structures (i.e., ATFs) within designated open space or public facilities would not be a conforming use and would require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Therefore, the successful issuance of a CUP would reduce land use consistency impacts to less than significant. However, as addressed 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.

February 2, 2006

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## Letter I534. Signatory – Sylvia Goulden

### Response to Comment I534-1

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

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 :

As a resident adjacent to Woodbridge Park, it is alarming and ludicrous to hear that this neighborhood park is being considered as a site for a tunnel shaft and possible air treatment facility for the Department of Public Works sewer project! This lovely little park serves a large area of residents who fill the park daily with children and families with no other nearby open areas. They have just remodeled and added new play equipment for youngsters.

I534-1

The Oakwood School is currently building and remodeling, which is adjacent to the park and is already enough disturbance to the neighborhood. This project is scheduled to last several years.

It seems more logical to use the CalTrans North Hollywood Maintenance Yard for the Public Works project. It is located at the eastern end of the block, which would disturb far less residents and not hinder use of our precious park.

Please give careful consideration to this matter.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Goulden  
4317 Klump Avenue  
Studio City, CA 91602  
818 761-9392  
sylvia.h.goulden@att.net

**From:** "David Goguen" <golden-rule@earthlink.net>  
**To:** <hommeje@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** 3/17/2006 2:27:27 PM  
**Subject:** GBIS Alternative Alignments MAP

Hommeje,

I535-1

I am a homeowner in the area being affected by this project. I am being asked to review a printed map labeled "GBIS Alternative Alignments" which is fairly poor quality print (when I try to 'read' that printed map, the quality of the print is not good, plus very small font, and so it is hard for me to make out the street names/locations near the proposed routes). Keep in mind that I have OUTSTANDING vision and can read VERY FINE print with no problem (ie, this is NOT an issue involving my ocular vision!).

Please... is this map available to view online (a url or a PDF that you could email to me).

Thanks,

David Goguen  
1721 Riverside Drive  
Glendale, CA 91201  
Phone Contact- (818) 243-1909

## Letter I535. Signatory – David Goguen

### Response to Comment I535-1

Refer to Section 1.2 of this Final EIR for details of the public notice and meetings associated with the Draft EIR, which included posting of all Draft EIR related items to the City of Los Angeles IRP web site ([www.lacity.org/san/irp](http://www.lacity.org/san/irp))

Mr & Mrs Jeffrey Kurland  
11007 Wrightwood Lane  
Studio City, Ca 91604

2/15/06

Dept of Public Works  
Bureau of Sanitation, WESD  
2714 Media Center Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

## Letter I536. Signatory – Helene and Jeffrey Kurland

### Response to Comment I536-1

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

To Whom It May Concern,

The Los Angeles Dept of Public Works is contemplating using Woodbridge Park in Studio City as the future site of a tunnel shaft and air treatment facility for a sewer project.

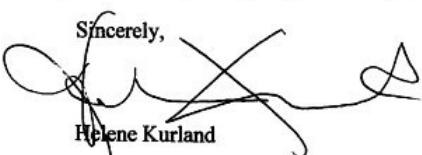
Woodbridge Park is a beloved part of the entire community, and our elementary school is adjacent to it. It would be a serious health hazard to the elementary school students and staff, as well as the surrounding community.

I536-1

We are opposed to this project at this site, and along with Oakwood Elementary School, we are partnering with Councilmember Wendy Gruel, the Studio City Residents Association, the Studio City Neighborhood Council, the Park Beautification Board and the Tujunga Merchants Association, in an effort to redirect this project.

We hope that another site will be used for this project; a site that will not have such a health, safety and quality of life impact on the entire community.

Sincerely,

  
Helene Kurland

  
JEFFREY KURLAND

January 25, 2006

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## Letter I537. Signatory – Richard A. Adams

### Response to Comment I537-1

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).

Mr. Rodney Anderson, PE  
City of Burbank  
Public Works Department  
333 East Olive Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91502

RE: LA City Sewer Improvement Project-Alternative Alignments

Dear Mr. Anderson:

As a Burbank resident and homeowner, I am requesting your support of the south alignment for the LA City Sewer Improvement Project that is currently under consideration in the LA River, Griffith Park area. Please help us to preserve the Rancho neighborhood, our health and safety and property values.

The proposed north alignment will create a significant negative impact on the entire neighborhood from east of Toluca Lake to the center of the Rancho area.

I537-1

- Increased traffic and hazards on Riverside Dr. and adjoining street
- Property devaluation with the potential for lawsuits
- Increased risk to pedestrians, children and joggers due to heavy equipment
- Ongoing health and safety issues long after the project is completed
- Loss of public parks and access to equestrian trails

These are just a small number of the many negative aspects of the building of this project along the northern alignment.

The South Alignment offers a viable option with the reduced impacts to residents, homes and business owners and an entire neighborhood. Please support the South Alignment.

Thank you,



Richard A. Adams  
525 Bob Hope Dr.  
Burbank, CA 91505-4709

March 28, 2006

Frank & Mary Schindler  
604 South Sparks Street  
Burbank, CA 91506

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

Dear Mr. Shah,  
Regarding the GBIS in the IRP-Draft EIR:  
**The hybrid alignment unacceptable.**

Attempting to transfer the sewer impacts to Burbank's residential and business streets from Los Angeles City streets is hardly a good neighbor action. Sewer pipes best serve a community if they run as straight as possible following the lay of the land and not in the zig zag fashion that the hybrid alignment presented.

IS38-1

**The South Alignment** is the way to go.

The hybrid alignment does not accomplish Mr. LaBonge's stated goal "to keep it out of residential neighborhoods".

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

Thank you for your kind attention to these serious issues.

Sincerely,



Frank & Mary Schindler

cc: Rita Robinson  
Rodney Anderson P.E.  
Michael D. Antonovich  
Antonio Villaraigosa, Major  
Councilman Tom LaBonge  
Councilman Greig Smith  
Councilwoman Jan Perry  
Councilman Eric Garcetti  
Councilman Ed P. Reyes  
Councilwoman Wendy Greuel

## Letter I538. Signatory – Frank and Mary Schindler

### Response to Comment I538-1

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 of all individuals within the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies, such as the City of Burbank. Specifically, either of the proposed GBIS sewer alignments (North and South) would relieve flows in the NOS because these alignments are located in the vicinity of the existing NOS. The existing NOS travels under, and adjacent to, residential areas, both in the City of Los Angeles and City of Burbank; therefore, the new sewer needs to be within close proximity to the existing NOS and users. By relieving the aged NOS sewer, odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS would be reduced. Therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. As such, the residents of the City of Burbank will benefit from the proposed GBIS. As described 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.

## **Letter I545. Signatory – Shelly Tremain**

### Response to Comment I545-1

**From:** "Shelly Tremain" <shellytremain@hotmail.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 1, 2006 5:33 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

I545-1

[ CC: <rremain@mac.com>

Submittal noted.

## Letter I550. Signatory – Jessica Roddy

### Response to Comment I550-1

**From:** <Jesroddy@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sun, Feb 19, 2006 5:02 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

Dear People,

This email is to urge you to choose another location for the sewage tunnel project currently proposed for the beautiful, quiet and peaceful Woodbridge Park. It is my favorite park in all of Los Angeles and my two children play in it every day after school. It is a true old-fashioned "neighborhood" meeting spot, both for the local children and for the kids that go to Oakwood School adjacent to the park. Many of my kids' friends' families meet there after school to hang out on blankets and catch up on the local news while the kids play in the playground or on the beautiful fields, and often on Fridays we'll all meet for informal picnics there. These days our kids can't ride bikes around the neighborhood or walk over to a friend's house like I used to do as a kid and Woodbridge Park is a very wonderful (an even almost perfect) substitute. I would hate for these kids to lose this big part of their lives.

I really hope you will consider another site for the sewage project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jessica Roddy (Oakwood Parent)  
6416 W. 5th St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90048  
(323) 938-8301

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

I550-1

## Letter I551. Signatory – Jennifer Redden

### Response to Comment I551-1

**From:** <Jredden2@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Feb 22, 2006 7:43 PM  
**Subject:** woodbridge park

My information is:

Jennifer Redden  
11331 Brill Drive  
Studio City, CA 91604  
818-761-7331

I551-1

I am a member of the Studio City Residents Association and Vice President of the Studio City MOMS club. I am shocked to learn of the proposed plans for Woodbridge Park. Living in the studio hills it is the only park in walking distance and not many parks are close to Woodbridge, thus many children are using this park on a daily basis like my two children! I would be appalled to see this park go away!

Thanks

Jennifer Redden

**CC:** <roberyork@earthlink.net>

## **Letter I552. Signatory – Lee and Arlene Miller**

### **Response to Comment I552-1**

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park. In addition, Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

**From:** "Lee Miller" <bignosebaby@gmail.com>  
**To:** <irp-eir@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 28, 2006 11:05 AM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

To Whom It May Concern,

We live on Elmer Ave., across the street from Woodbridge Park, North Hollywood, where Public Works is trying to implement a sewage project. They have told us this would close the park for four years.

It would also lower property values, create an unsafe living environment through harmful pollution from dust, equipment, noise, and added traffic.

Many of the families in the Tujunga and Woodbridge neighborhoods made their decisions to live in this area based on its proximity to the park.

ISS2-1

Because our neighborhood is a highly populated, residential area filled with small children, the Oakwood Elementary School, which uses the park as its rec field, and fragile infants, the hazards this project will create are monumental, not to mention irreparably financially detrimental to the people who have invested their life savings just to be able to own a home in a safe, pretty community.

We ask that this project seek alternative routing through areas of a less harmful impact to the community, or if it does not absolutely have to happen, then please don't spend our tax money on a needless project that does far more harm than good.

Thank you,

Lee and Arlene Miller

## Letter I553. Signatory – Mike Henry

From: "Mike Henry" <henry.mike@att.net>  
To: <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2006 6:38 PM  
Subject: EIR

Could you please let me know what is meant by:

".in or in the vicinity of Pass Ave."?

I553-1

I live on the south end of Clybourn and want to know the extent to which I will be affected (for example, will Clybourn be the site of the tunnelling?).

Thank you.

Mike Henry  
4234 Clybourn Ave.  
Burbank, CA 91505  
818.843.0756

### Response to Comment I553-1

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).

## Letter I554. Signatory – Kim Mehlman

### Response to Comment I554-1

**From:** Kim Mehlman <kmehlman@mindspring.com>  
**To:** <lankyb@earthlink.net>  
**Date:** Sun, Jan 8, 2006 5:31 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridge Park

Please add me to your list of those opposing the tunneling shaft at Woodbridge Park. I agree that the Caltrans North Hollywood is the reasonable choice.

Kim Mehlman  
4519 Camellia Ave  
Studio City, CA 91602  
818.760.9037  
Studio City resident and frequent visitor to Woodbridge Park. My two-year old plays at the park every day.

I554-1

Please reconsider your sewage project and leave Woodbridge Park as is. The park provides safe recreational space for hundreds of young children in the neighborhood. The park is also used by many children whose parents drive far distances to take advantage of the park's activities.

They should target the Caltrans North Hollywood Maintenance Yard and leave the few public spaces available alone.

Thanks.

# Letter I555. Signatory – Kevin Meagher

## Response to Comment I555-1

**From:** Kevin Meagher <kmeagher@populararts.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Tue, Feb 28, 2006 12:09 AM  
**Subject:** Comments on Alternative Plan

Jawahar P. Shah

Tom LaBonge

Jef Vander Borgh

Gentlemen;

My name is Kevin M. Meagher. I reside at 4218 West National Avenue, in the City of Burbank, California 91505. My telephone number is (818) 842-8939.

I have read the City of Burbank February 15, 2006 comment letter on the draft EIR released by the City of Los Angeles. Clearly, and overwhelmingly, the City of Burbank advocates the proposed GBIS pure South Alignment over the North Alignment for all the reasons stated in their eleven page document.

If there is no stopping this plan altogether I would have to agree with their assessment.

However, now I see that there is a alternative alignment or "hybrid" that would potentially employ either Rose or Clybourn Avenues between Barham and Riverside Drives. Interesting that residents affecting by this hybrid concept are informed today on February 27, that today was the deadline for written comments? How could that be?

Why is any hybrid necessary at all and what would the environmental, health, traffic, noise, property value impacts be on either of pathways through areas of densely populated private property?

I555-1

Curiously in his memo of February 21st Mr. LaBonge called this proposed hybrid a "win-win" for all. I am curious who he considers "all" and where the "win-win" would be. I shall be more than curious now and will be asking my City Council, the Mayor and City Manager of Burbank to insure that this is thoroughly investigated and that their point-of-view about the pure southern route remain intact. Anything short of that I shall seek to halt by virtue of citizen action in court if necessary.

We do not want this sewer on or near our street, through our immediate neighborhood, any more than anyone else. Steer clear.

Kevin M. Meagher

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 of all individuals within the City of Los Angeles and contract agencies, such as the City of Burbank. Specifically, either of the proposed GBIS sewer alignments (North and South) would relieve flows in the NOS because these alignments are located in the vicinity of the existing NOS. The existing NOS transverses under, and adjacent to, residential areas, both in the City of Los Angeles and City of Burbank; therefore, the new sewer needs to be within close proximity to the existing NOS and users. By relieving the aged NOS sewer, odors and potential spills in the area currently serviced by the NOS would be reduced. Therefore, the new sewer would be an improvement to the areas infrastructure. As such, the residents of the City of Burbank will benefit from the proposed GBIS. As described 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.

**CC:** <Tom.LaBonge@lacity.org>, <jvanderborgh@mail.ci.burbank.ca.us>

## **Letter I556. Signatory – Julie and Ken Lodgen**

### Response to Comment I556-1

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

I556-1

**From:** <Julielodg@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 27, 2006 4:10 PM  
**Subject:** Woodbridgepark

[ It has just come to our attention that you are planning to put a tunnel and possibly a waste facility at this site. We are appalled. This is right next door to Oakwood Elementary school and is a direct threat to our children and the surrounding community. We vehemently object and hope our objection is counted. Our granddaughter attends Oakwood and plays in the park. We hope she will be able to continue doing so.

Sincerely, Julie and Ken Lodgen

**CC:** <laladeda@earthlink.net>

## Letter I557. Signatory – Josie Kinnear

### Response to Comment I557-1

**From:** "Josie Kinnear" <josie@autumnleaves.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 27, 2006 5:19 PM  
**Subject:** Draft EIR Comments

We received your information on the City of Los Angeles recently proposed modification alignment for its sewer system. We as Burbank residents believe this is a good thing and will comply to any rules the city imposes on us, but we're concerned with one thing:

I557-1

We live at 4126 Warner Blvd. This street is between Rose and Pass Ave. If Rose is inaccessible during construction, we're not sure how to get to our residence because there is no entrance from Pass Ave. It's a "DO NOT ENTER" street. Is it safe to assume that the "DO NOT ENTER" rule of that street may be down temporarily so that we may enter from Pass Ave?

Please advise and thank you in advance for your time...

The residence at 4126 Warner Blvd.  
Burbank, CA 91505

As noted in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment would not place a tunnel beneath Clyborne Avenue or Rose Street, rather, the short section of tunnel would be placed beneath Pass Avenue. In addition, no aboveground construction is proposed for the tunnel segment under Pass Avenue. Comment noted.

## Letter I558. Signatory – Joel Embick

### Response to Comment I558-1

**From:** Joel Embick <jembick@charter.net>  
**To:** "Shah, Jawahar P." <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sun, Feb 19, 2006 12:46 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Los Angeles City Sewage GBIS Alignment Project

Dear Jawahar P. Shah,

Noting the City of Los Angeles sewage project plays a vital role in the City of Los Angeles and the surrounding communities environment, I am concerned about the impact the northern pipeline alignment through Toluca Lake and the City of Burbank.

Construction of the GBIS northerly alignment through the City of Burbank's already congested Media District would be additionally unbearable for small businesses in that area as well as Toluca Lake. Customers for the small businesses will avoid the area because of the traffic congestion.

I558-1

Occasional complaints of sewage odors have come from homeowners in the Rancho area on Riverside Drive around the Beechwood Drive and Mariposa streets. All of Burbank's outfall sewage goes through that area.

The thought of running an additional sewer line and an air treatment facility in that area of Riverside Drive is unthinkable to those residents residing there.

I am recommending the most southerly GBIS alignment for your proposed GBIS sewage project to be fair to the residents residing on Riverside Drive in the City of Burbank.

Sincerely,

Joel Embick (homeowner)  
Retired Landfill Supervisor  
City of Burbank Public Works Dept.  
1454 N Evergreen Street  
Burbank, CA 91505-2003  
(818) 848-8909

Refer to response to comment AJ1-6 regarding odors in the Rancho area. No air treatment facility has been proposed in the area of Riverside Drive. Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment that is a combination of the two GBIS alignments, which would reduce concerns about potential impacts associated with either GBIS alignment (as expressed in comments submitted on the Draft EIR). Comment noted.

## Letter I559. Signatory – Janice Eaton

### Response to Comment I559-1

**From:** "Janice Eaton" <janiceeaton@runflat.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Feb 24, 2006 4:39 PM  
**Subject:** GBIS-IRP

Gentlemen:

It is a known fact that during the earthquake in 1994, structures to the South of Riverside Drive (in Toluca Lake) suffered the greatest amount of damage due to the sandy soil in the area.

If this is the case and the City has found the river not to be a viable alternative because of the same sandy soil condition around the river, Valley Spring Lane (which is half way between the river and Riverside Drive), most likely has the same type of soil and would not be acceptable either. The same issues would still be in play.

Valley Spring Lane also runs between the river and the actual lake in Toluca Lake. It would seem that if the soil near the river is unacceptable for tunneling, that same soil around the lake and Valley Spring Lane would be unacceptable, as well.

Further, Valley Spring Lane is a very narrow street with not many sidewalks, thus many houses are very close to the street. These homes would most likely be severely impacted by vibration, ground settlement and excess noise. The city's choice of a wider street would seem to be a better option that would not have structures so close to the sewer line.

I559-1

Further, the South Alignment plan appears to pass directly under the main club house of Lakeside Golf Club. This is an historic structure built in the early 1920's. It could be extremely affected by ground vibration and ground settlement in the same manner as most of the residential homes along Valley Spring Lane.

As suggested the other evening, the Forest Lawn, Barham, Pass Avenue to Riverside Drive route which would not impact any residential areas (and is removed from the lake and river) would be the best alternative.

It would seem that using main streets that are already subject to noise and traffic would be preferential to using the quiet, residential streets of Toluca Lake, especially when noise and vibration from the muck trains will be clearly evident.

Question: Will Earth Pressure Balancing (EPB) tunnel machines be used on this project to minimize ground settlement?

I urge the City of Los Angeles to reject the South Alignment using Valley Spring Lane and explore further the Forest Lawn alignment using Pass Avenue and Riverside Drive.

Thank you,

Janice Eaton

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment O1 regarding potential impacts to the Toluca Lake area. The specific comment on the impacts to the Lakeside Golf Club are addressed in response to Petition 3. Regarding a potential Los Angeles River alignment, refer to response to comment AJ31-2. Refer to response to comment AJ1-10 for a discussion of potential for settlement along the GBIS alignments. As noted in response to comment O1, construction of NEIS II and GBIS would use an earth pressure balance machine that would control potential for settlement and therefore generally pose less of a potential for settlement. This method of limiting settlement has been applied successfully in the past with the NORS, NOS-ECIS, and NEIS I sewers. As described 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.

**From:** Fran Reichenbach <beachwoodvoice@sbcglobal.net>  
**To:** Colette Schamet <cschamet@DSLExtreme.com>,  
<IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Fri, Mar 3, 2006 5:23 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Response - comments on EIR IRP 2004071091

I560-1 The language in their EIR is so vague that I had to send it to our biologist to question it - they have a staff of psychologist working with them now to diffuse resistance and take the "Yuck Factor" out of the equation. One of Villaraigosa's appointees to the LADWP board was quoted in the LA Times last year saying that he wants to revisit the recycled water program that had been taken off the table as a direct result of this community's outrage. So we don't trust them and must question everything about their eir.

Take a look and see what you think - you can get there by going to:

<http://www.laity-irp.org/Draft-EIR-Comments.htm>

Call your comments to Jawahar Shah at 323-342-6253 or Debbie Pham at 323-342-6256 or fax them to 323-342-6210 (which is busy constantly).

Colette Schamet <cschamet@DSLExtreme.com> wrote:  
v\:\* {behavior:url(#default#VML);} o\:\* {behavior:url(#default#VML);} w\:\* {behavior:url(#default#VML);} .shape {behavior:url(#default#VML);} st1\:{behavior:url(#default#ieoui)} I CANNOT BELIEVE THEY'RE BACK IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE RECYCLED WATER FOR HOLLYWOOD. IT IS DEFINITELY A HEALTH HAZARD. IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN, EACH AND EVERY SINGLE HOUSE OR APARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO HAVE 2 SEPARATE WATER MAINS, ONE FOR IRRIGATION AND THE OTHER BEING THE POTABLE WATER. HOW CAN WE DRINK FROM RECYLCED/PURIFIED WATER THAT'S COMING FROM TOILETS AND BATHTUBS???

THIS WILL COST THE CITY TOO MUCH MONEY TO IMPLEMENT.

IS THIS ISSUE BACK ON THE TABLE?

Colette Schamet

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From: Fran Reichenbach [mailto:beachwoodvoice@sbcglobal.net]  
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2006 3:41 PM  
To: IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org  
Cc: Missy Kelly; Colette Schamet; Terri Gerger; Fran BeachwoodVoice; George Abrahams; Jack & Lillian Fitzgerald; jbutterflop@yahoo.com; Larry Markes; moniquwilmes@sbcglobal.net; Tina Roman  
Subject: Response - comments on EIR IRP 2004071091

Below please find 6 points written by our local biologist, Dr. William Emboden concerning the water aspect of your Integrated Resource Plan EIR. Also see my comments on the parking issue that your report reflects.

## Letter I560. Signatory – Fran Reichenbach

### Response to Comment I560-1

Comment noted. Refer to response to comment I52-1 regarding Ms. Schamet's comment and comment letter O17 for response to Dr. Emboden's comments.

Parking:

Your report states that 225 parking spaces serving the L.A. Zoo will be lost if you go ahead with your program. You have not indicated alternative parking such as a multi-level structure or subterranean parking facilities to mitigate this. This parking lot serves what used to be the Gene Autry Museum as well as the L.A. Zoo. This is entirely unacceptable.

Water:

City of Los Angeles

Att: Jawahar P. Shah

Re: Integrated Resource Plan Report 2004071091 Dated November 30, 2005

1. If this report was prepared in accord with CEQA, who were the individuals involved and what are their qualifications?
2. "Recycled water" is not clarified here in. Would you define it and provide a list of sources for "recycled water?"
3. You specify "recommended alternatives." What are these? Please clarify.
4. You use "potential water recycling component" and then list "projects." Are these IRP alternatives prepared to handle water from hospitals, mortuaries, slaughterhouses, and industrial firms producing carcinogens?
5. Biological impact is listed under "Less significant impacts." This includes human beings, animals, plants, ecological impact and atmospheric factors that pollute. Our current water system is hazardous to young people, older people and those with compromised immune systems (i.e., about 40% of the population).
6. We must know a great deal more about these issues before going forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. William A. Emoboden, F.L.S.

I560-1

Pofessor Emeritis, Biology, C.S.U.N.

Author of numerous articles, books, and environmental impact studies.

2933 N. Beachwood Dr.

Los Angeles, CA 90068

323-461-1452

323-464-8463 Fax

Atmosphere:

While you state that a foul oder will result from your project, you fail to clarify that which will generate this foul oder. What chemicals and organisms are involved? We are aware of nitrous oxide producing cancer. To what degree will this foul oder create a hazard to our health.

Overall Concern for L.A.'s Municipal Water:

We want assurance that ultimately the water resulting from this project will not be the water we drink from our faucets.

Our organization would appreciate written clarification addressing the above issues.

Fran Reichenbach, founder and board member of the Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood Association

I560-1

CC: "Missy Kelly" <missykelly@sbcglobal.net>, "Terri Gerger" <tgerger@sbcglobal.net>, "George Abrahams" <ggg@copper.net>, "Jack & Lillian Fitzgerald" <jfnok@aol.com>, <jbutterflop@yahoo.com>, "Larry Markes" <markes@lbbslaw.com>, <moniquwilmes@sbcglobal.net>, "Tina Roman" <tinaroman@sbcglobal.net>

**From:** <LizNaf34@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Sat, Feb 25, 2006 8:30 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

February 23, 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  
Sir:

I am writing to oppose the proposed selection of Woodbridge Park in Studio City as a tunneling site as part of the Northeast Interceptor Sewer for the City of Los Angeles' Integrated Resources Plan, Facilitated Resources Plan. Woodbridge Park serves many functions: it is a recreational resource for many residents - both homeowners and apartment dwellers; it is a consistent destination point for many who live outside the immediate area, but are close enough to enjoy its amenities; it is the very recent recipient of a new play area for toddlers and a newly landscaped southern entrance - paid for with over \$200,000 in public bond funds; its visitors enjoy state-of-the-art play equipment from a renovation less than five years ago; it is one of the few parks

that also has open areas that are not in continuous use by large sports programs; and finally, because so many walk to this park, it has a positive impact

on the environment by reducing gas emissions from motor vehicles.

If this project were to go forward and the park chosen as the tunneling site, all of these functions would cease to exist for over four years. This is

a site surrounded by homes, a school, a day care center, and a church. All would suffer impacts that could not be sufficiently mitigated. These impacts

include: loss of recreation and open space; constant hauling of construction dirt along residential streets and a secondary highway which is already clogged with traffic; air, noise and visual pollution 24 hours per day;

future

loss of the park in its current configuration; loss of physical education space

for Oakwood School which has an existing contract with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks for use of a section of the park during the

school year.

No one questions the need to improve our sewer system. But to destroy a heavily-used and well-loved neighborhood park next to a fifty-five year old neighborhood school is definitely not the right choice for a city that has just released an audit showing the need for public parks. Please eliminate Woodbridge Park from your selection alternatives.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Hirsh Naftali

## Letter I561. Signatory – Elizabeth Naftali

### Response to Comment I561-1

Comment noted. It should be noted that the proposed shaft site and ATF at Woodbridge Park are associated with the proposed Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS), not the Northeast Interceptor Sewer (NEIS) as noted by the commenter. Refer to response to comment O21-1 regarding concerns related to use of Woodbridge Park. In addition, Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR describes the staff recommended GBIS Alignment.

I561-1

**From:** <Wegenwheel@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Mar 1, 2006 8:47 AM  
**Subject:** From a resident on Rose Street, Burbank

Dear Jawahar P. Shah, EIR Coordinator,

I need to let you know that your plan to have the sewer run on Rose Street if Pass Avenue doesn't prove to be a good option is completely unacceptable.

It is absurd to think that we, as residents of this community, would allow a sewer to be put in on a street with so many small children and families. Our block alone has nine small infants and children. That's just in one block. We will not let it happen, it's that simple.

I562-1

I do hope you understand that we will not stand by and allow this to happen. Find another street as a possibility. In Councilman Tom LeBonge's letter to the Mayor of Burbank he says running the system down Rose Street is a way to "avoid the areas of concern in Burbank and in Toluca Lake". Consider us an area of concern. The plan to run the sewer down Rose Street is not an option. It's as simple as that.

Thank you for your time,

Karen Gainer  
Resident  
133 N. Rose Street  
Burbank, CA 91505  
818 558-7006

## Letter I562. Signatory – Karen Gainer

### Response to Comment I562-1

As noted in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment would not place a tunnel beneath Clyborne Avenue or Rose Street, rather, the short section of tunnel would be placed beneath Pass Avenue. Comment noted.



WARNER BROS.  
ENTERTAINMENT INC.

Lisa Rawlins  
Senior Vice President  
Studio & Production Affairs

March 31, 2006

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

Dear Mr. Shah:

I am writing to express Warner Bros.' concern regarding the potential for disruption to our business activities during the construction of the Glendale-Burbank Interceptor Sewer (GBIS) project that the City of Los Angeles is currently considering. Specifically, Warner Bros. is concerned that the proposed underground tunneling work along Forest Lawn Drive, Pass Avenue, or Olive Avenue could produce vibrations or noise that may interrupt production or post production work at our Burbank facilities.

O25-1

The various proposals for the sewer line have the tunnels running both south and west of our Main Lot, or to the north of it. Given our facility is the home to 34 sound stages, plus state-of-the-art scoring, dubbing, Foley, and other post production activities, we would like to ensure that any tunneling work does not adversely affect our operations.

O25-2

Please keep us informed of any developments on the GBIS project so that we may continue to offer comment as it moves through the approval process. We appreciate the assistance that the City of Los Angeles has shown to date, and look forward to working with you throughout the process in an effort to mitigate our concerns. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 818/954-1990.

Sincerely,

Lisa Rawlins

cc: Gary Credle, Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.  
Mike Flad, City of Burbank  
Jon Gilbert, WBSF  
The Honorable Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles City Council

A Time Warner Company

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## Letter I563. Signatory – Lisa Rawlins

### Response to Comment I563-1

As detailed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR, the staff recommended GBIS Alignment would go under Pass Avenue. As described in Section 3.13.3.2 of the Draft EIR, potential sources of groundborne vibration from tunnel construction includes the tunnel boring machine (TBM) and muck trains. Although it is likely that vibration levels during use of the TBM could exceed 80 VdB (rms) at sensitive receptors within 100 feet of the tunnel, this should not be noticeable at any one location for more than a few days. In addition, depending on the depth of the tunnel in the location of Warner Bros, vibration levels at the ground surface could be reduced. As detailed in Section 3.13.3.3 of the Draft EIR, mitigation has been included to minimize potential impacts during construction. These measures include preparation of a vibration control plan (NV-MM-7) that limits vibration levels through use of vibration attenuating devices and vibration monitoring (NV-MM-9) at various structures located within 100 feet from the center of the GBIS alignment (impact zone). The vibration control plan (mitigation measure NV-MM-7 in Section 3.13.3.3 of the Draft EIR) would include the use of rubber pads (or ties) or other vibration-insulating materials beneath rails to absorb or dampen vibrations, using new or like-new rail and muck cars, and ensuring that rails are aligned and have minimal seams. Section 3.13.3.3 of the Draft EIR also includes mitigation measures NV-MM-1 through NV-MM-5 that would reduce construction noise levels to less than significant levels (refer to response to comment O6-11 or Table ES-1 of the Draft EIR or this Final EIR for a summary of the measures). However, should construction noise levels affect production and post production work, mitigation measure NV-MM-5 would allow the studio to complain to the City of Los Angeles and the City would be required to resolve the noise complaint. Additionally, as detailed in Section 3.13.3.3 of the Draft EIR are mitigation measures NV-MM-7 through NV-MM-9, which would ensure that vibration impacts would not significantly impact vibration-sensitive uses. These mitigation measures would ensure that groundborne noise and vibration would not exceed the significance threshold levels.

Furthermore, it appears that a majority of your facility is located outside the 100-foot impact zone; therefore, a less than significant impact would be anticipated. Also addressed in Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR is the experience of the City with the recently constructed Northeast Interceptor Sewer (NEIS). The City found during the NEIS construction, which compares closely in depth and ground type as GBIS, vibrations related to NEIS tunneling operations were not significant. Vibration charts generated by monitoring devices along the NEIS alignment indicated that vibrations due to normal surface vehicular traffic exceeded vibrations generated by tunneling operations. Measures used in the recent NEIS construction would be applied to GBIS, including requiring the contractor to prepare a vibration control plan to ensure that groundborne vibration does not exceed the applicable levels at locations along any Pass Avenue alignment.

Response to Comment I563-2

Your comments and interest in the GBIS project are noted.

## Letter I564. Signatory – S. Michael Rogers

### Response to Comment I564-1

**From:** <MRogersEsq@aol.com>  
**To:** <IRP-EIR@san.lacity.org>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 23, 2006 11:47 AM  
**Subject:** South Alignment Proposal

Dear Jawahar P. Shah,

Please understand that I am a Toluca Lake resident and would like to voice my concern over this above referenced proposed project. I live on Valley Spring Lane and it is a prized residential neighborhood. Living close to the LA River I am extremely concerned that the soil would be far too sandy to allow any successful underground tunneling. Also, there are a host of environmental issues over which I have extreme concern.

Please explore other methods of accomplishing this project, other than Valley Spring Lane. Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Regards,

Law Office of S. Michael Rogers  
S. Michael Rogers  
10551 Valley Spring Lane  
Toluca Lake Ca 91602  
818-766-2903

Comment noted. Regarding your concerns associated with Valley Spring Lane, refer to the responses to the City of Burbank comment letter AJ36. In addition, refer to Section 1.5.2.2 of this Final EIR for a description 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).

I564-1