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Dear Neighbor,

As you know, the Planning Commission approved, by a split vote of 3-2 (*), Allied Canon's new proposal to build 340 homes in Deep Canyon, north of Hutton Drive.

We've had many, many calls from residents of the Canyon who are appalled not only by the decision, but by the arrogant manner in which it was made. Our questions --- on access, fire danger, traffic hazards, and density, for example --- were not only ignored; the Commission President made it clear that he was not about to answer any of our questions in reaching a decision.

Why not? Because, we believe, if the Commission had found out the answers to our questions, it could not have approved the tract!

We've had many of you ask, "What can I do?"

The answer is "Plenty."

We've been here before. We won last time. And we will do it again. But you are needed.

FIRST: Write your Councilman
Councilman James B. Potter, Jr.
Room 236
City Hall
Los Angeles, California 90012

He was very much influenced by the more than 200 individually written letters he received last time around.

Ask him:

1) Why was the Fire Department not requested to submit a written report on this tract? The Fire Department had previously stated that no large subdivision should be approved in Deep Canyon until an additional access road from Blantyre Drive to Mulholland Drive was provided. Is the danger any less now?

2) Why has the Traffic Department reversed itself in its contention that Benedict Canyon should be a four-lane highway before any large subdivision is permitted here? Even Planning Commission President John Pollon had previously said: "Until someone develops Benedict Canyon into four lanes of access, it is very difficult to possibly

permit any large-scale development in the entire area." Why is this advice being ignored? And why has the requirement of the Santa Monica Mountains Master Plan that subdivision be approved only when adequate access is available been ignored?

3) We have serious reservations about the legality of the Tract Map, on several counts. We asked for a City Attorney's opinion at the hearing. Yet, despite the presence of two members of the City Attorney's staff, this issue was ignored. Why?

4) At the hearing, two Commissioners, David Moir and Elizabeth Armstrong, asked for more time so that they might find out from the City staff the answers to these questions and more. This was denied, and a decision was made immediately --- though the Commission had seven days in which to take action, if it wanted to. Why the rush? Why was the Commission so afraid of the answers?

SECONDLY: Make an effort to ask your friends to write their Councilman. This development affects every citizen in this City. If the Allied Canon Co. can force this proposal through the governmental machinery of this City, nobody can feel safe from arbitrary government action.

THIRDLY: Support the Benedict Canyon Association Flea Market, November 14 and 15, 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., at the top of Hutton Drive. Contribute clothing, art, bric-a-brac, baked goods, antiques, baby items, furniture, etc.....and come. Call 274-7586, 278-2948, or 272-9384 and your contributions will be picked up.

Or contribute money. We will need funds to fight. Send your checks, made out to the Benedict Canyon Association, to the Office of the President.

FOURTHLY: BE THERE WHEN IT COUNTS!

Convince our City Council that you care enough to take the time to be there. We know this is a hardship --- which is just what the developer is counting on. He thinks he can wear us down by continuing his ruthless tactics. He thinks he will get his plans through eventually --- when you don't bother to show up.

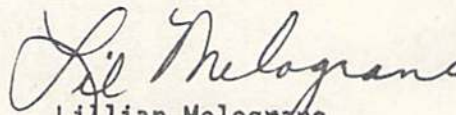
He is wrong. We will continue to fight. But you are needed. Your efforts count more than you know. Mark these dates on your calendar now. Please do your part.

PLANNING COMMITTEE HEARING:

Date: November 17, 1970
Time: 2:30 P. M.
Place: Council Chambers, City Hall

Full Council Hearing November 18, 10:30 A. M., Council Chambers. Please attend. Bus leaves 2564 Hutton Drive at 9:30 A. M. Call Marlene Morris, 272-9384, to reserve a seat.

Sincerely yours,


Lillian Melograno
President

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Crowley | Moir
Diller | Armstrong