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The Honorable Antonio R. Villaraigosa
Mayor, City of Los Angeles
200 N. Spring Street, Room 303
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Las Lomas Project

Dear Mayor Villaraigosa:

I am writing to express my strong concerns with the proposed 555-acre Las Lomas development located north of the junction of Interstate 5 and State Route 14 between the San Fernando and Santa Clarita valleys. This project could jeopardize a crucial link in the "Rim of the Valley" corridor that protects priceless natural resources and creates recreational opportunities for residents of the region.

The proposed project calls for the construction of 5,800 homes, 2.7 million square feet of commercial and retail space, and 300 hotel rooms. The developer is in the process of annexing the property into the City of Los Angeles and preparing a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This massive development would significantly alter the area's landscape and bisect a major regional wildlife corridor.

The Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor was created in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone to form an interlinking system of parks, trails, open space, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities within and between the Santa Monica, Santa Susana and San Gabriel Mountains. The Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor is a vital wildlife corridor that extends recreational opportunities throughout a large urban area.

In order to protect our region's diminishing natural resources and to construct the Rim of the Valley Trail, Congressman Adam Schiff and I introduced H.R. 1835 – Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act. This act provides for a study of the area by the U.S. Department of the Interior to evaluate alternatives for protecting Rim of the Valley Corridor resources. The proposed Las Lomas project would jeopardize some of the same areas that we are seeking to protect with federal legislation.

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I urge you to join me and others in the community who are concerned with the impacts resulting from this massive commercial and residential development. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this important matter further. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Sherman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BRAD SHERMAN
Member of Congress

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