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Ms. Cindy Cleghorn
Mr. Victor M. Castro, IV
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council
7747 Foothill Blvd.
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Re: Proposed Sunland Home Depot Store

Dear Ms. Cleghorn and Mr. Castro:

Thank you for your appearance at City Council on December 20 where you read the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council's letter to me regarding revocation of Home Depot's remodeling permits. I am forwarding your letter to the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), and it is my hope that the totality of the issues raised in your letter will be sufficient to support a revocation of the permits. As you know, the authority to revoke building permits resides with LADBS.

In the meantime, I would like to update you on our recent activities related to the Home Depot matter:

- I sent a letter to Planning Director Gail Goldberg asking her to deal specifically with each of the issues raised in the No Home Depot Campaign's appeal from the Home Depot remodeling permits. In that letter, I pointed out that LADBS's brief response to the 30-page appeal did not reveal the basis for its rejection of the appeal.
- At the November 6 community meeting in my Sunland-Tujunga office, I asked LADBS to investigate the possible change of use in the auto-repair area of the K-Mart building and to revoke the remodeling permits if a change of use was found.
- My staff met with Planning, LADBS and the City Attorney to discuss the change of use issue and to reiterate my request to revoke the permits if a change of use was found.

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- I sent a letter to Gail Goldberg asking her to pay particular attention to several specific issues that were raised at the November 6 meeting when she decides the No Home Depot Campaign's appeal.
- I asked the Planning Department to hold a public hearing on the appeal as soon as possible. The hearing will take place on January 19, 2007.
- I asked LADBS to investigate potential irregularities in the remodeling activities such as enlargement of entry doors, temporary shoring of exterior walls and lowering of the exterior wall south of the loading dock.
- I obtained a set of the stamped plans upon which the remodeling permits were based and delivered them to the No Home Depot Campaign.
- I requested a copy of the LADBS comments on the remodeling plans which were the basis for the final set of plan changes.

I am looking forward to the public hearing on the appeal, and I encourage you to bring any new issues to my attention as soon as they occur. Your partnership in this matter has been critical to our efforts thus far.

Very truly yours,



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