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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
7.		Favor	Adam Vourvoulis	
			Adry Furchtgott	
			Alana Dixon	<p>Please go visit the Chaney trail or Eaton Canyon Nature Center/trail. The peace of nature out there is incredible. We need to repurpose and use more efficiently the areas we've already destroyed in the name of "development". This natural area is already serving a very unique purpose for a vast number of species, including our own. It doesn't need "development" to be valuable, just to be cared for, to be visited as a respite from the stress of life and noise of the city, and to gain knowledge about the local ecosystem we all depend on for clean (or at least breathable) air and water.</p> <p>Thank you all very much and I hope you have a good afternoon.</p> <p>In favor of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project.</p>
			Alejandro Vasquez	
			Alicia Vogl	This is your chance to preserve the hills and mountains. This is saying YES to nature and wellbeing for people who live here. Do the right thing- vote in favor.
			Alison Beck	
			Alvaro Cota	I am in favor of item # 7 to protect our environment.
			Amanda Nevarez	<p>I'm writing to strongly support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Agenda Item 7). This plan is essential for protecting our wildlands and open spaces, particularly areas like the Chaney Trail Corridor, Altadena Wild, and the Arroyo Foothills, which are vital for our community and local wildlife.</p> <p>As an Altadena resident, I deeply value these spaces and the role they play in preserving the natural beauty and ecological balance of our area. Overcrowding and unchecked development not only threaten these spaces but also lead to increased traffic, strain on infrastructure, and financial burdens on both the county and its residents. The environmental impact alone—loss of habitats, increased pollution, and resource depletion—would be devastating.</p> <p>This plan provides a path to sustainable growth while protecting what makes Altadena and surrounding areas so special. I urge you to approve the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and ensure we preserve the open spaces and natural resources that define our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and support.</p>



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7.		Favor	Anais Ruiz	We need to protect these lands for the future generations. We can't afford to lose these precious lands, it is a huge part of what makes San Gabriel Valley so beautiful.
			Anastasia N Zheludkova	
			Andrea C Jimenez	In favor!!
			Andres Vasquez	
			Andrew Brown	It is vital for wildlife have a presence in this state, we have taken so much vital land and in turn we must protect this land for our future, our children and our wildlife.
			Angela Maiorca	
			Angela N Woodside	This plan is what's best to protect the wilderness, wildlife, and people living nearby.
			Anna Schlobohm de Cruder	I believe this plan to be the sensitive to wildlife and habitat and wild place conservation. It is by no means perfect, but it's a start. I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.
			Annie Rizzo	Please vote yes on this very important plan!
			Barbara Hensleigh	
			Becky Rogers	
			Billie J Olson	I'm in favor of this plan.
			Brianna Lopez	We need to focus on protecting and preserving our remaining wildlands instead of developing and destroying them.
			Caitlin Holland	
			Camille Frazier	
			Carol Trepashko	
			Charlene Yu Vaughn	
Charles D Edwards				



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7.		Favor	Cheri Messerli	Now more than ever we need to do the responsible thing to protect wild areas from development, especially when they are so close to the (arbitrarily drawn) boundaries of the protected wildlife zones such as the San Gabriel Valley National Monument. We have plenty of other spaces that are not fragile essential wildlife spaces to develop or repurpose, that better serve both people and wildlife. The Earth is at a critical moment in time where every decision like this that is made is either life threatening or life affirming. We all know California has a housing crisis for humans, and it is important to do something about it, however there is also a habitat crisis for all the creatures that make up the beautiful biodiversity that has been rapidly shrinking due to harmful human activities, and poor decision making. Humans can be creative and find ways to use the non wild spaces we have to create more housing, nature cannot, and is sadly rapidly declining as a result. I urge you to please take this matter seriously and see that the WSGVAP is a well balanced proposal.
			Chiemi Shelton	This is a very important area plan for not only people in the San Gabriel Valley but also LA county and beyond. We need to protect the environments, there are several native plants endemic to the area, wild animals, and also the area most likely used by indigenous people in the past. As a LA resident, I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.
			Christina Sheldon	
			Christine D Blackman	The WSGV Area Plan looks like a sensible and practical solution to increasing housing units and safeguarding the valuable and vulnerable hillside properties. I appreciate the efforts of our civic workforce.
			Christopher Smee	
			Chuck E Williams	Humanity is Nature, Nature is Humanity
			Connie Wang	
			Cornelia Seiffert	This natural area needs to be protected and preserved for future generations.
			Cristian Robles	I strongly support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) and urge the Board to vote in its favor. This plan is critical for protecting the natural and biological resources of our foothills, discouraging development in hazard-prone areas, and preserving the unique character of our community Thank you for your consideration and commitment to sustainable development and environmental preservation. Sincerely, Cristian Robles Pasadena, CA



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7.		Favor	Daisy Rosas Vargas	I am a scientist and this sacred area must be protected.
			Dan Silver	Please see attached letter.
			Daniel Mejia	
			David DiMichele	I am a long time resident of Atadena and very much support the idea of making the land in question part of the National Forest Recreation area, and not being used to build more housing. People from all over So Cal come here to hike and enjoy nature, it must be preserved.
			DAVID MADDEN	Keep the Chaney Trail open to hikers
			DAVID A MOSHER	I wish to retract my previously submitted position of "Oppose". INSTEAD, I WISH TO SUBMIT THE MORE "INFORMED" POSTION OF "IN FAVOR".
			Deborah C Paul	I support the West San Gabriel Area Plan.
			Desiree Portillo Rabinov	
			Destiny Rojas	
			Devon Waegell	Please keep the open spaces free. Besides being good for our environment, it is also such a fantastic place to hike and trail run. Having easy access to safe, open space is paramount for enduring a happy and healthy population
			Diana B Crane	The best Intelligent decision. The earth & earthlings must have this natural designation.
			Dmitri Bovaird	Keep Altadena wild
			Dominique Dibbell	I am in favor of preserving our wild lands for recreation and the environment.
			Edmund T Tyson	
			Edward Brachfeld	As a large property owner who lives in this jurisdiction, I strongly believe that this is the right thing to protect the wildlife and foothills of the San Gabriel mountains and I would be very happy to forgo my rights to develop my property in favor of this new zoning. Thank you for your leadership in proposing it.
Edward Gonzales	Re: La Crescenta-Montrose Organizations in Support of West SGV Area Plan To Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Commissioners, and Staff: As local organizations advocating for a stronger and better-connected La Crescenta-Montrose, we voice our strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). The			

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WSGVAP provides a bold blueprint for the type of neighborhoods our organizations actively support: vibrant and resilient communities that beckon us to connect regularly—if not daily—with our neighbors in beautiful public spaces we would be proud to call home. We celebrate the ambitious goals to incentivize sustainable, human-scale growth along the backbone of our community, Foothill Blvd. As close neighbors of the Montrose Shopping Park on Honolulu Ave, we appreciate the value of shaded, walkable and inviting spaces to gather with family and friends and encourage the efforts to bring more of this type of development to Foothill Blvd:

- ? Re-assessing parking requirements and replacing largely-latent and heat-island inducing expanses of pavement with more productive and vibrant businesses
- ? Partnering with local businesses and potential business owners to incentivize community establishments and “third places”
- ? Protecting, connecting, and providing access to local wild lands and significantly increasing well-maintained native tree canopy
- Improving connectivity and active transportation of all forms along the corridor creates a foundation upon which these spaces can exist, and we are heartened to see the broad spectrum of approaches in the WSGVAP to achieve this goal:
 - ? Restoring frequent (<20 min interval) transit options along Foothill Blvd and adding new ones to connect to it to the north and south
 - ? Building out a robust and protected bicycle network, especially northbound/southbound
 - ? Improving pedestrian connectivity with a network of cul-de-sac bypasses and wash trails

We look forward to supporting the next steps in the WSGVAP process and moving toward a happier and more sustainable La Crescenta-Montrose.

Sincerely,
Edward Gonzales
Founder
Active CV
John Howell
Chief Executive Officer
Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy
Frank Colcord



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	Co-Chair Friends of Rosemont Preserve Rawan Aj Founder Crescenta Runners
Elaine Brown	I'm in favor of this plan to protect the remaining natural areas in LA County. I deeply value the open space at the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. I love nature! I'm against all further development on natural land but if it must happen or if landowners wish to develop on the land they own I hope for development to be regulated according to this West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan to give the best chance for wildlife to be unharmed. Thank you for caring about our county!
Elise Girouard	
Eliza Haney	I am an Altadena resident and strongly favor the WSGVAP. Preserving the foothills and recreational areas is a top priority, as well as reducing fire risk and ensuring the continued health and vibrancy of the Altadena neighborhoods that abut the foothills.
Eliza Jones	
Elizabeth Biber	I am writing to say that I am in FAVOR of Agenda Item #7. I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. It is important to me that we: Prohibit development without adequate fire protection Limit expansion of the wildland/urban interface Ensure adequate road access Protect natural resources Thank you, Elizabeth Biber
Elizabeth Lambe	Please adopt the West San Gabriel Area Plan update as recommended by staff. I strongly support rezoning to protect Significant Ecological Areas and to reduce fire hazard in the foothills. These changes are combined with increased housing density in more affordable locations near services and infrastructure. Thank you for the sustainable land use planning embodied in this Area Plan
Elizabeth Reid-Wainscoat	Please adopt the West San Gabriel Area Plan update as recommended by staff. I strongly support rezoning to protect Significant Ecological Areas and to reduce fire hazard in the foothills. These changes are combined with increased housing density in more affordable locations near services and infrastructure. Thank you for the sustainable land use planning embodied in this Area Plan.
Elizabeth R Huston	It is such a gift to hike in these beautiful mountains. Not only are these preserved open spaces important for humans, but vital for animals. The ecosystem of these mountains are incredibly diverse and deserve our protection. Please keep these areas wild and minimize human impact wherever possible.



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	Thank you.
Emily Viglietta	
Emily M Arellano	
Eric Clem	I believe the Los Angeles County West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) is the only reasonable way forward.
Erik Hillard	
Franci Levine-Grater	
Frank Colcord	<p>Dear Supervisors</p> <p>As a constituent, a 40-year resident of La Crescenta, and Friend of the Rosemont Preserve, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I believe the plan provides a thoughtful vision for land use and transportation in my community, and does a terrific job of balancing growth and development with the desire for safe, walkable/bikeable neighborhoods, all while protecting our region's precious wildlife and natural habitats.</p> <p>I appreciate the effort LA County staff put into developing this plan. They did an admirable job of meeting with and listening to folks in my community and incorporating our feedback into the plan. I ask that on December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly in the decades to come.</p>
Gabriel Silva	I support AltadenaWild. Gabriel Silva
Gabriela Worrel	Please adopt the West San Gabriel Area Plan update as recommended by staff. I strongly support rezoning to protect Significant Ecological Areas and to reduce fire hazard in the foothills. These changes are combined with increased housing density in more affordable locations near services and infrastructure. Thank you for the sustainable land use planning embodied in this Area Plan.
Gabrielle Griffeth	In the midst of this climate crisis, we need to prioritize the health of our ecosystems and not the profitability of the exploitation of the land. The high severity fire hazard zone that is the Chaney Trail Corridor is a horrible place to develop residential and commercial properties and is also much more valuable as a home to wildlife. Biodiversity is the key to sustaining healthy ecosystems, which provide huge ecological economic services for our communities, and habitat loss is one of the main threats to our ecosystems. Do not allow a few people to profit off of the destruction of these habitats.
Garreth Ruane	
Genette Foster	<p>I strongly support the WSGVAP which was unanimously endorsed by the County's Regional Planning Commission in September 2024.</p> <p>This plan was created with significant community involvement which included</p>



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	<p>important input from local organizations: Altadena WILD, Altadena Heritage, Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy, Beautiful Altadena, and the Chaney Trail Corridor Project.</p> <p>The WSGVAP will discourage destructive new developments in our treasured foothills: 1) by directing growth away from hazard areas; 2) by prohibiting development without adequate fire protection; and 3) by limiting expansion of the wildland/urban interface.</p> <p>The WSGVAP will also protect significant ecological areas, prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation by directing growth away from established hazard areas and by restoring habitat on degraded lands.</p>
Glenn Golder	I support THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN to protect the canyon and open spaces from developers
Gretta Treuscorff	
Hank Streicher	
Holly Freeling	Please protect our wildlife and open spaces. Hope I got it right (meaning I am in favor of protecting the wildlife).
Hunter Pritchett	
Irineo Maramba	There is no reason to build a sports complex here. How about just hiking or cycling through this land instead? Glendale Sports Complex already exists. Hahamonga Watershed Park isn't that far away either. Oh. There is this place called Griffith Park too. The Rose Bowl has plenty of activities for families. The list is endless.
James Griffith	
James W Fletcher	
Jamie Catino	Please vote in favor of West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project. You have a rare opportunity to protect an area filled with biodiversity and cultural heritage. These areas are precious for many reasons and they are a generational legacy we can keep intact for our children. I want to be able to walk my son down these trails and remind him that other cities may throw away their wild spaces to endless development but that in Los Angeles, we're smarter than that.
Jamie McNary	
Jamie K Scott	I'm writing in support of the west SGV plan to protect our shrinking natural areas from development. Please approve this plan!
Jasmine Rodriguez	
Jeffrey Kahane	I am very strongly in favor of this plan, and I believe that failure to enact such a long-term plan and vision will ultimately lead inevitably to a severe degradation of our quality of life and the very things that make living here



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JEFFREY W HAMILTON	The plan strikes a good balance between open space preservation and housing needs.
Jenna Bernard	Please protect our wildlife and nature!
Jennifer Ho	<p>Dear LA County Board of Supervisors:</p> <p>As a mom and resident of unincorporated La Crescenta-Montrose, I am writing to express my strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). While I believe the plan could be strengthened to incorporate responsible renewable energy planning and include stronger language to help establish at least one community center in our neighborhood, I agree with the vast majority of the plan and encourage you to approve the plan.</p> <p>There are many aspects of the WSGVAP that would help to create a more vibrant community that is less car dependent and more interesting/livable in terms of diversity of transportation, housing, and small businesses. In particular, I am excited about the following:</p> <p>1) Development of microtransit service, pedestrian safety/comfort, and bike network: As a family of 3 sharing 1 car and a few e-bikes, it would be beneficial not only for myself but for all to have diversity of mobility options and more frequent bus/microtransit services to be able to complete short errands and trips to neighboring hubs like Pasadena, Montrose, and Glendale without reliance on a personal vehicle.</p> <p>2) Access to Rosemont Preserve: As a docent at Rosemont Preserve, I enjoy the opportunity to share about ecology, watersheds, and native plants with young students. Many of my neighbors have never heard of or been to the Preserve before. It would be a huge asset to this community for Rosemont Preserve to be accessible.</p> <p>3) Vibrant, Diverse Small Businesses: As someone who used to live by Honolulu Shopping Park and who likes to support local business, I see great opportunity for there to be more diverse shops, restaurants, and offerings in our neighborhood, especially along Foothill Blvd. It's important to make it more competitive and attractive to set up small shops in the neighborhood, and to make the area more pleasant, walkable/bikeable, and family-friendly.</p> <p>In addition to the above, I am encouraged to see the emphasis on parking flexibility, climate-friendly designs, and support for multifunctional gathering and recreation spaces.</p> <p>I urge you to approve the WSGVAP, which helps lay out a plan to build a more vibrant, family-friendly La Crescenta-Montrose. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>



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Jess Morton	As an active participant in efforts to enhance regional environmental values for wildlife and of open spaces, I strongly endorse the SEA designation program and this measure to make them more effective.
Jessica Mejia	I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project because I was raised in Altadena and living close to the Mountains has been wonderful to have access to green space. Many Los Angeles residents do not have access to green space as the city has urbanized the landscape. As a high school student and young adult, I participated in Outward Bound Adventures at John Muir High School to complete trail maintenance projects and explore careers in environment conservation. My time with Outward Bound Adventures reduced cost barriers and equipment barriers to access the outdoors. The San Gabriel mountains and its foothills need to be protected as I live in a high risk fire zone. Native plants and animals need the green space for their livelihood. We can coexist in this beautiful city together: people and nature.
Jordan Rettig	This is critical. Please vote in favor of the West San Gabriel Valley plan.
Joshlyn Aguirre	Altadena's biodiversity is counting on the WSGAV project. Invest in our land!!
Joshua Thatcher	
Julie Gigante A Gigante	In favor of this very important plan. Thank you.
Karen Gibson	
Karen Klages	I support this project to plan on taking care of our native wildlife and limiting light pollution. And not creating more fire hazards. There are plenty of other places to construct ugly buildings other than our beautiful Altadena foothills. Keep the wilds wild! The wildlife and Mountain View's are why we live here in Altadena and it boosts our property values too.
Kasie Shahbaz	
Katelyn Liu	
Kathryn Bikle	
Kathy Guenther	I support The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project. Kathy
Kazi Pitelka	Please take the time to look at the area this project concerns. Think about the fire danger, the wildlife, the unique qualities of living on the very edge of the Los Angeles metropolis. Then please look at the people who signed and commented against our proposal. Do ANY of them live here? Who do they represent?
KC Young	Please adopt the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project!! The town of Altadena, like many others are threatened constantly by unsustainable development projects that will disrupt the environmental biodiversity and natural legacy the San Gabriel mountains and surrounding communities offer.
Kimberly Mejia	It is important to preserve natural habitats especially in the foothills such as areas near Chaney Trail in Altadena in the San Gabriel Mountains. The Chaney Trail connects to the Los Angeles National Forest which is a National



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	Monument signed by Obama to help preserve the green space in Los Angeles. I am in support of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project to protect wildlife and continue to have natural habitats for future generations for Angelenos to hike, explore, camp and enjoy time outdoors.
Kishwar Jaffer	Please protect and preserve our open spaces and promote biodiversity.
Kitty McCormick	Support West San Gabriel area's plan
Kristen Ochoa	Grateful for the work of the County Planners for this visionary plan that protects what is left of our open spaces.
Kristin Conrad Thatcher	
Kristina Kite	
Kristy L Brauch	
Kylie North	Please protect these lands
Lara Ratzlaff	Please vote yes on this agenda item
Lauren Hamlett	Save our dwindling open space and healthy habitat. Environmental health is human health is wildlife health is....
Lauren Maher	
Leah M Sullivan	
Lee Johnson	
Lesley Handa	Please adopt the West San Gabriel Area Plan update as recommended by staff. I strongly support rezoning to protect Significant Ecological Areas and to reduce fire hazard in the foothills. These changes are combined with increased housing density in more affordable locations near services and infrastructure. As Los Angeles is located in a Biodiversity Hotspot in the California Floristic Province, I urge you to vote to protect these areas to help plan for the existence of these natural resources in our future. It is crucial to conserve native habitat for sensitive natural resources, such as endemic oaks that support wildlife that inhabit these areas. Thank you for the sustainable land use planning embodied in this Area Plan and for your time and consideration.
Leslie Lowes	
Liam Thatcher	
Liliana Nerenberg	
Linda Zupan	We need open wildlife and nature areas. Being so close to the mountains is a privilege, we must protect this land.
Lindsay Bremner	I care strongly about protecting our precious open spaces and believe that this plan gives us the best chance of doing that.
	Urgently need to approve the WSGVAP. This is the most sensible way



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Lisa Sutton	forward. Please vote in favor!
Luisa M Schulman	In favor of protecting our wildlands from being developed. We need more green space.
Lydia Whitlock	As an Altadena homeowner, I strongly support passing the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project. Wildfires in our nearby mountains are only going to intensify in frequency and strength in the future, and this plan will prevent intensive development in the most fire-prone areas of our foothills. It's critical that the county act to protect existing homes from even more fire risk. I strongly support the passage of the plan.
Margaret W Edmondson	We need to protect our open spaces! It is extremely high on my priority as Altadena resident and a taxpayer. Thank you!
Maribel Vasquez	I support saving open spaces in West San Gabriel Valley Mountains.
Mario de Leon	In favor of this plan because although I don't live in Altadena I often hike there.
Mario Miralles	
Martha Kahane	I am in favor of agenda number seven
Mary Fofonoff	
Mary McGilvray	I am in complete favor of preserving and protecting our foothills and keeping development of residential housing and commercial projects closer to dense areas with good transportation. Our foothills are for our "wildlife" neighbors!
Maryam Hosseinzadeh	The WSGVAP is a reasoned, well researched and community advised plan for fire safety, habitat preservation and open spaces. By directing growth away from hazard areas and the foothills towards areas that have already been developed, and ensuring protects existing undeveloped land in neighborhoods is also protected, the plan is a roadmap for a future that is net positive for the region for people, plants and animals alike. It is a comprehensive, forward-looking plan that balances smart growth with the need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas.
Maya Wali Richardson	Please adopt the WSGVAP; I strongly support the protections it will provide wildlife, natural habitats, and waterways. It balances the growth demands of the area with conservation efforts, and is the plan we need to effectively address consequences to our biodiversity and ecosystems due to climate change. Thank you for your consideration.
Mia Moore-Walker	
Michael Bicay	
Michelle Chaldou	Please keep Altadena Wild
Monica Hubbard	



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Morgan McElwee	
Morgan Sarno	Please adopt the WSGVAP to support local biodiversity and healthier communities for all!
Mya Hernandez	These foothills are what makes this area special! People come from close by and hours away to experience this chaparral landscape that houses not only beauty but immense native biodiversity. I remember field trips to this area were always my favorite in elementary and middle school at PUSD. It always felt like we were entering a different world; the one-road mountain entrances, sounds of traffic diminishing, and the rushing water during wet seasons never fail to bring me back to that childlike wonder. The WSGVAP Project is crucial to keeping LA County citizens healthy and happy.
Natalie Cruz	I am in favor of the protection of our San Gabriel Mountain range. The value of this habitat, the wildlife, and natural resources is so much more than any development. I support promoting development in already urban centers, not these habitats
Nichole Baker	The open wild areas in and around Altadena are the reason I remain in the area. With greater development and density, I would likely prefer to move.
Nina Snow	
Norman Lesperance	
Omar Alui	
Paloma M Muniz-Ochoa	Thank you for this plan which protects wildlife corridors and wildland.
Pascual Vasquez	
Pascual J Vasquez	
Patt Healy	It protects SEAS which is desperately needed.
Paul Harris	The water retention capacity, habitat and bio diversity potential, are among a number of crucial reasons for the rezoning and protection of the spaces put forward. I hope our local councils and politicians will lead the way in fighting climate change and, in so doing, protecting our long term economic prospects. This is something small but significant you could do to preserve this beautiful land in which we are all so lucky to live
Philip Morrison	As residents of Altadena we wish to protect and keep our open spaces. We value the plants and animals that have lived here for generations. We treasure our foothills!
Preethi A Syverson	
Priscilla Myers	
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Regional Planning	
Randa Schmalfeld	I am reaching out to share my full support of the West San Gabriel Valley Plan Project. As a resident of Altadena, I applaud the county in developing a plan that is fair and is far-sighted in addressing the longterm needs of our community. Residents of Altadena live in a fragile interface within the National Forest boundary and I share the county's concern for safety and conservation of this area. I urge my respected supervisors to vote in favor of this plan.
Rebecca Stokes	As a resident of Altadena, I strongly support the proposed plan for West San Gabriel Valley. Thank you for your thoughtful work.
Regina WHITCOMB	Please save Altadena's wild space.
Rene Amy	I am fully in favor of the proposed plan, and am disappointed by the deceptive efforts by wannabe developers to misinform the public
Richard McFarlane	the relentless development of the San Gabriel Valley is destroying the areas charm and livability. Keep this a pleasant area for us all.
Richard A Kidd	
Rick Pruetz	Please adopt the staff recommendation. It makes sense to protect the hills for nature and to reduce the number of people vulnerable to wildfire, floods and landslides. Increasing density potential where it is safer for people and can be accommodated also makes sense. Thank you, Rick Pruetz
Robert Lange	
Rocio Vasquez	Every generation deserves access to green spaces and we need to continue to save green spaces and decrease barriers to access green spaces.
rosalind oliver	please keep Altadena Wild and protect our nature, mountains and wildlife. We need our hiking, open spaces and animal roaming land.
Ross S Heckmann	Please adopt the West San Gabriel Area Plan update as recommended by staff. I strongly support rezoning to protect Significant Ecological Areas and to reduce fire hazard in the foothills. These changes are combined with increased housing density in more affordable locations near services and infrastructure. Thank you for the sustainable land use planning embodied in this Area Plan.
Salvador Vasquez	
Samantha Calvano	our environment, flora and fauna, deserves and requires our investment to ensure that it continues to survive and thrive. keep Altadena Wild! the land is a finite resource and we should be protecting what is left lest we look back in regret that future generations don't have the same privileges as we do to appreciate what came before us and consistently provides for us in so many ways!
Sandy K Pellegrin	
Sarah Krausse	I am writing to express my support of this measure, to protect our precious natural areas, which are even more important in the light of climate change,



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	to protect the natural biodiversity there.
Sarah Wolf	I've already submitted a written comment to Supervisor Barger.
Sean Shelton	Please protect our open spaces!
Sergio Vasquez	
Shana Pallotta	I am writing to voice my strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I believe this plan realistically addresses the threat of climate change and protects our wildlife and natural habitats, while directing necessary growth away from high fire zones and the wildland/urban interface. Now that we have more knowledge about the negative impact of development in our remaining open spaces, we have a responsibility to do our part and protect the remaining native plants and wildlife that are crucial to our ecosystem. Thank you.
Shea Millan	
Sheila H Arat	Would like to see density projects built near commercial corridors and transit. Thank you!
Stanislava Overholt	Keep the wildlife intact! I oppose any and all development in those areas!
Stella Oganessian	
Sterling Raines	
Susan Maunu	<p>I support adoption by the Board of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.</p> <p>I'm Susan Maunu, a long-time Altadena resident. I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan because it supports harmonious and safe co-existence with the natural environment. The Plan promotes wildlands preservation. It incorporates constraints on development in Altadena's protected areas and hazard zones, including fire hazard zones. It includes "down-zoning" certain parcels to accurately reflect the permitted density based on the constraints for protected areas and hazard zones.</p> <p>I support the Plan because it directs future housing and commercial development toward Altadena's urban transit corridors. The Plan supports walkable mixed-use districts with services and amenities for locals, with particular attention to the needs of West Altadena. The Plan acknowledges inequities within Altadena. Though Altadena is a racially and economically diverse community, symptoms of gentrification are on the rise. The Plan reminds us that our community's diversity is integral to Altadena being a special place. Through modest growth over the coming decades, Altadena can stay true to its community-minded nature by providing affordable housing and opportunities for local businesses, including for women and minority owned businesses.</p> <p>The Planners have been exceptional in working with Altadenans from start to finish. But a couple late-comers – owners of large parcels in the foothill</p>



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		<p>protected areas and hazard zones– have aggressively promoted an opposition petition via confusing messaging and obvious misinformation. It's likely many who signed the opposition petition didn't understand what they were signing.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Plan's smart growth strategies have great potential for enhancing a "sense of place" in Altadena's town centers and a "sense of peace" in Altadena's wildland foothills. I urge the Board to adopt the Plan without delay. Thank you.</p> <p>Susan Maunu 3828 Alzada Road, Altadena, CA 91001</p>
	Susanna C Dadd	It's a great plan that will reduce our expansion into wild lands, and preserve our open space. I believe that many who oppose the plan are hoping to develop their properties and don't want to lose potential profit. Perhaps there is something that can assuage their concerns.
	Suzanne Galletly	
	Tanya Ibarra	
	Teri Ortt	Let's prioritize our wild lands and protect the habitats of our local flora and fauna. Development does not take priority over our wonderfully wild community.
	Terry L Hair	Please vote yes for item 7 to protect our precious foothills from destruction and development
	Thomas Stubbs	
	Tom Cheyney	I support the new plan.
	Tom Rizzo	Please vote in favor for this very important plan for Altadena. Thank you.
	Tony Tucci	
	Traci Esslinger	
	Troy Strebe	
	Vanessa R Meier	
	Vicki Ware	
	Victoria Knapp	
	Virginia Yount	I am in Favor of the WSGVAP plan to protect our precious wildlife corridors and Native American ceremonial sites from over active land development. These areas are also in High Fire Zone risk and if overdeveloped would threaten the communities there.
Oppose	Alan Zorthian	The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan an overlay by the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Department of Regional Planning, onto a number of affected foothill communities one of which is Altadena, seeks to radically limit the



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allowable density, thus disenfranchising multi generational land owners that have been an important part of the fabric of the area for many years. Reasons given; provide wildlife corridors and limit construction in areas previously subject to brush fires.

For lower Altadena and the other affected foothill communities, ironically, they are up zoning. The Alzada Road area is going from LD to H5. (5 units per acre) More H5 in the Meadows around Rising hill Road and El Prieto Road. Also H5 south of Loma Alta and around Rubio Canyon and north Allen Ave.. Up zoning to H-18 for areas just west of Lake and just North of Woodbury. That is very high density of 18 units per acre. 30 UNITS on the corner of Lincoln and Altadena Drive. 18 UNITS PER ACRE just west of Lincoln a few blocks above Woodbury. These are just a few examples but here is a link to a map of what the WSGVAP plans to do to Altadena. Might want to take a look and see how this will effect YOUR neighborhood. planning.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/WSGVAP_LargeMap_LUP_240330_Altadena.pdf The plan has not comprehensively addressed the implications, known and unknown, which will be a byproduct of the radical transformation induced by the zone changes. Traffic, parking, pedestrian safety, preservation of the equestrian traditions, sewer availability, air quality, crime, etc.

Government subsidies are involved and developers are currently working with realtors to purchase properties in the affected areas in anticipation of the passage of the WSGVAP. The Los Angeles County Planning Commission unanimously voted to send the plan to the Board of Supervisors who will vote on it on December 10th.

Instructive, to examine the LaVina housing development which unfolded in Altadena in the 1980s and 1990s. Restrictive zoning in terms of density and ecology existed on the wild and semi wild land upon which LaVina is now located. Then, as now, that zoning, made it impossible for those who owned the to realize any financial gain from their land and they were thus forced to sell to powerful international developers who were able, with their vast resources, to implement zone changes, make promises, later broken, threaten, bribe and do whatever necessary to get what they wanted which was LaVina. Nothing in the WSGVAP prevents this from happening again and as such, that is what is likely to happen.

International developers and whoever controls them are behind the WSGVAP. Not any altruistic impulse on the part of the corporation known as the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES or ground up community initiative from the inhabitants of Altadena.

Regional Planning claims extensive outreach and that the WSGVAP is a result of ground up community initiative. Not so. They have been working on this plan for at least 10 years and only recently conducted two moderately attended "visioning workshops" as cover. Also sent misleading letters to affected residents who would need expertise in planning to understand what they were reading. Thus, most inhabitants of Altadena are unaware of the negative implications of the WSGVAP.

I concede that Altadena can probably absorb the regional housing needs allocation planned for the commercial districts along Lake Avenue below Altadena drive. I have profound reservations however that Altadena as a whole will retain its unique multi-cultural characteristics and small town charm



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	<p>as a result of the ham handed, haphazard imposition of high density pocket zoning along low quality transit quarters and elsewhere. State ADU mandates have already exacerbated the very problems I referred to earlier. It is blatantly false that the WSGVAP is a response to state laws mandating housing for an increasing population asc ountywide housing quotas and percentages have already been achieved. There is more than adequate housing due to extensive apartment construction across the entire Los Angeles region in the last 15 years.</p> <p>Under common law, which is the highest form of law, a code and a statute, enacted by a legislative body requires that one consent in order for that code and statute to acquire the force of law. By not objecting, in writing, a presumption is made of consent. So weather or not Regional Planning claims to be following laws it is important to object. As such, I object to the WSGVAP and I do not in any way consent to it. For the aforementioned reasons so stated I encourage you to do the same.</p>
Alex h Mahoney	Altadena should be it's own city. Nothing makes this more clear than this plan that will damage every single resident here in exchange for nothing. HOME RULE!
Alexander L Rodrick	The County cared nothing for wildlife when it extincted our local own population through the development of LaVina that violated all of their rules. The County prevented a local developer Mr. White from developing 18 homes on the southern Giddings portion but allowed and encouraged the 300 homes and devastation of the landform for LaVina. only a fool would believe they would not again violate all their rules for a rich international developer. This is just a way to keep locals out of developing our own community to our own ideas. The County has been doing this for decades. Nothing in the hillsides is honestly being protected. look at what they have already done. But they will with these 18 and 30 unit an acre condos destroy the last good place to live in Southern California.
Alice Zorthian	
Alisa Cunningham	This rezoning proposal is just wrong. It does not do what you are hoping for unless that is to assist developers. It will displace working class communities and communities of color in addition to the equestrian community. It is short sites and inappropriate. Go back to the drawing board and involve ALL of the affected stakeholders.
Alyssa Tembrina	I oppose the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project because it could harm the character of our communities and strain local resources. I urge the County to focus on protecting our neighborhoods and the environment through more community input.
Andrea Nunez	urbanization will displace the equestrian community
Andrea Trinkle	Disrupts urban equestrian communities. Also lacks affordable housing options gentrifying neighborhoods.
Andrew George	Save communities of equestrian use



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Angela Tinsley	
Ankur E Shabbaz	I was just informed of this plan today and saw the proposed maps just now. I never received notice from the County or my Altadena Town Council Rep. My first objection is that as always the County has engaged in a deceptive process fraught with those wanting to be involved having to go and hunt for the information. I notice Regional Planning sent every house a deceptive Oak Tree pamphlet that did not inform anyone that encouraging the growth of oaks would alter and in some cases destroy owners property rights. We have had by the County a pattern of deception and dishonest dealing. Even looking at the maps just now, I know this will be bad for my community of Altadena. The Board fo Supervisors should start to actually supervise the regional planning people and make them do an honest fair democratic job instead of being a rubber stamp for their thieving and destruction. Shame on YOU! If you vote for this.
Anna B Holmes	This plan was clearly put together by people who know nothing and care nothing about Altadena. This plan is an insult to our community and to the concept of representative government.
Anne J Millenaar	This plan is bad for everyone!
Anne M LaMont	Today was the first time I had heard of this plan. The alleged exchange is reducing the buildability on large tracts of foothill land and making West Altadena extremely congested to "balance" things. This is unnecessary and will not repair the problem- a corrupt county government. At the LaVina project, with the underlying zoning and the hillside ordinance, with no special plan the developers could have gotten between 45 and 60 homes on that land. With the help of the county they got five times the maximum- 300 homes. The past is ever prologue. These restrictions on the foothills will be waived once enough cash is laid down in fees, studies, campaign contributions and promises to staff of private sector jobs. Like LaVina in the future gigantic development our community will be ignored. Just as our community ultimately was betrayed at Lincoln Crossing, and as it was with the horrid development at Lincoln and Figueroa. This plan increases density period there is no balance because the County has never ever stuck to its rules when big out of town money was involved. These rules are only for we peons. You should be ashamed to pretend to be a legitimate government. Voting for this plan will show us once again you are not.
Barry Zorthian	
Billy Billotti	
brittany a potter	
C M McReynolds	
Candice Camacho	Urbanization will adversely affect the equestrian communities. It impacts a way of life. Open space is needed not concrete jungles. Save the equestrian communities.
Caroline F Mosher	



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Cathy L Hue	
Cecelia C Huber	Urbanization will displace the equestrian community.
Chanel A Swope	This is another effort by the new to Altadena White wealthy people to displace further the Black community of Altadena. NO.
Change Org Petition	The change.org petition makes a clear call to action from 628 verified local signatures to halt the top down approach taken in rezoning our communities. It calls upon the county to instantiate meaningful community engagement and calls for an equitable process that is aligned with the principles of local representative democracy.
Charlotte Lansberg	We need as much undeveloped space as possible in the overcrowded Los Angeles County. The open space is there for wild animals, hikers, and the general health of all the inhabitants of Los Angeles County. Development will bring cars, congestion, bad attitudes, and a myriad of problems associated with encroaching on natural space.
Charros Unidos De Altadena Asociacion de Equestres	Apenas nos acabamos de informar que iba a ver este voto manana. Como se los ocurre ignorar toda nuestra comunidad. ¿Seria por racismo?
Cherri King	I am opposed to this Project.
Chieko Jurkus	We, in the surrounding neighborhoods, are constantly losing our pets and incurring injuries to our children by wild life like bears, mountain lions, coyotes, and bobcats. 'Wildlife' is not ours to do with what we want like what happened with the Grizzly bears and other extinct animals. Wildlife also need space to thrive. We owe it to our pets and children to prevent what little wild land exists for the wild life like bears, bobcats, bunnies, coyotes, mountain lions, and racoons, among many other animals, to thrive without them resorting to hunting in our neighborhoods and digging through our trash. Please say NO to new development in our wildlands.
Chris Agazaryan	
Chris Roumeliotis	The lessons learned from the ESGVAP ring true: token community engagement doesn't yield effective plans for our communities. While some may value the "conservation efforts" prioritized in North Altadena and "driving growth" toward vulnerable low-income areas in the West and South of Altadena, it's evident to the rest of the locals that this plan blatantly discriminates and exploits their constitutional rights and civil liberties. This includes locals who'll face the ill effects of upzoning near their homes, downzoning of private property resulting in property devaluations, low-income communities of color with traditionally low civic engagement who'll be displaced by downzoning, Latino equestrian and urban homesteading communities who'll be encroached upon, and locals who've never been engaged or heard. Regrettably, this plan has failed to benefit the majority of locals. Despite its well-intentioned nature of "conservation," it unfortunately exemplifies the epitome of inequity.
Chris Roumeliotis	The lessons learned from ESGVAP are indeed valid: intentionally neglecting



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	community engagement with those who are negatively impacted results in inequitable plans. While some may value conservation at the expense of other private property owners and directing growth to areas that will not directly affect themselves, the plan blatantly discriminates against everyone else's rights. This includes upzoning and its ill effects, downzoning/rezoning private property, displacing low-income communities of color, encroaching on Latino equestrian and urban homesteading communities. The list goes on. While this plan may sound good in theory, this plan is affecting a majority of us negatively and is the epitome of targeted discrimination. For example, displacement pressure for low income and colored communities will be a reality with this plan and is not being addressed at all. As of 11am today there are 185 in favor, and 196 in opposition of this plan. Prove that this is a genuine democracy and aside from the RHNA send this plan back to the drawing board so we can create an equitable plan that more of us in the community, especially those of us who will be negatively impacted, can be proud of.
Christine Zirbel	
Christine B Torres	
Christopher Mcmillan	
Chrysti Jones	This will ruin our cities and does not have public support.
Cindy Nuccio	
CJ Bailey	Encroachment and displacement of equestrian community and many single home families of color would negatively impact the diversity of and opportunities that support current residents.
Clair S Lister	This plan is more non Altadena people forcing urban density and "Black Out" policies against the West Altadena Community. This is a assault on our community. Stop it!
Clara M Solis	I oppose the East San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. The plan must be re-done with input from the working-class communities of the San Gabriel Valley with outreach in Spanish and other languages. I am concerned this plan will cause displacement of working-class people
COLLEEN BISSNER	
Cynthia Merrill	
Cynthia Schwieters	
Cynthia V Rorty	
Daniel Stein	The community has not had the opportunity to review the plan or comment on how it will affect our community. Plans should be consistent with a clearly developed community plan.
Daniel R Crudier	Do not vote for this. It will destroy our semi-rural community.



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Danita McWhorter	
Dave H Taylor	Please keep these foothill areas from developers.
david apodaca	
David Kearney	I oppose the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project as it appears to prioritize zoning changes and development that may compromise the unique character of our communities and natural resources. Increased density and land use alterations risk overburdening local infrastructure, reducing green spaces, and disrupting the quality of life for residents. I urge the County to reconsider this approach and focus on preserving the area's historical and environmental integrity while ensuring responsible, community-driven planning.
David Rager	
David Swayne	
DAVID A MOSHER	
David J Blum	I am OPPOSED to to the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.
David M Mansio	If I wanted to live with traffic, noise, congestion and density, I would not have moved to Altadena to escape all of that. Vote NO!
David P Smith	This plan transfers development from the foothills where as long as the land remains in local hands it is unlikely to occur and transfers it to already traffic and infrastructure impacted areas where development is certain to occur, having huge and direct negative consequences while deriving no actual benefit for the citizens of Altadena. Its a bad plan. Please use some sense and vote no.
Davina Holguin Ochoa	We need more wild lands for our animals not more buildings to remain empty. We need to leave some space for the deers & bears.
Deborah McGill	There has been little outreach to residents of Altadena in terms of what this means. Currently, the area is ill equipped to deal with a new influx of residents as the transportation network is poor and actually has gotten worse over the last 30 years as resources are taken away from Altadena and increased in other part of the cohnty. The area is forgotten up here and is already getting more difficult to live up here with more residents in authorized adus and unauthorized living quarters. LA County Planning needs to do more outreach to inform us. I work as a Planner in a more proactive community and see the way they are asking and being informed and in some cases successfully blocking increased density in inappropriate places. As a former New Yorker, think that there can be a certain value inherent in density but there has to be an appropriate infrastructure and plan, know nothing about this one so please let us know. However, as noted to a Harvard School of Design professor who had brought his students on a tour of multi family housing development in LA, I moved to LA because people had gotten very ugly about housing in NYC in the 1980s and it is happening here...and this is an example. A young highly skilled California educated family member moved to London in 2022 where everything is done with more consensus and



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	thought...she was so happy to escape the anything goes attitude in the Los Angeles metro area...and this may be another example...
Deborah McGill	Additional comments from previous statement (please do not double count)...disgraceful that I am depending on Nextdoor for info about this. This morning saw post against and one in favor with a fact sheet supplied by County Planning that was rather obtuse. How about notifying property owners with a post card with a proper link. At this point, am opposed due to lack of County outreach about this.
Delia St Pierre	Displaces equestrian communities, among others, of which there are few left.
Delorez A Rameriz	For seventy years the County of Los Angeles has been at war with the multiethnic working class neighborhood of West Altadena. You have imposed on us the dense housing at 665 Altadena drive that has been a den of drug dealing and gang activity, along with the apartments east of there and the notorious 403 Figueroa. Now you propose more density on that corner and more density and impact on Woodbury. Your redevelopment that was supposed to revitalize locally owned businesses forced them out and put in chain stores. You are placing all of the impacts of population density in West Altadena where we already have 70% of the population and leaving no impacts on the white side of town, although there is land zoned the same as Woodbury in East Altadena that you could have impacted instead. You are full of kind words to us, but your words are disproven by your deeds. I urge you to vote know, but being the snakes you are I doubt you will
Dewayne Osborne	This is government over reach .
Don Eckvahl	
Donna J Starr	This plan will destroy Altadena. It won't lead to any real housing for working class people. It won't protect the foothills from overdevelopment because big developers always get whatever they want and every exception they need from the County. This is anti-Democratic and anti-community. Stop this bad plan. You are our elected representatives we look to you to do the right thing.
Douglas Lerner	
edgar maravi	
Edwina M Berg	Bad for property owners
Eilbrah Y Youkhanah	I am confused. How does this plan address any of the issues Altadenans have expressed concern to the County about for three decades now? I am not aware that it addresses any of them. This is not something the community has asked for. Rather it is an imposition by the county on us and is undesirable. Send it back to planning and have them REALLY do community outreach and REALLY take community input, not these hilarious dog and pony misdirection shows they put on to pretend the community asked them for what they planned on doing in any case. This is SOVIET government, not the government described in America's founding documents,
Elizabeth J Sawyer-Cunningham	Truly the idea of ha changing zoning our quiet residential areas to ok the area with unaffordable apartments or condos.



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Ella G Smith	So in a "trade" they are downzoning hillside land that with the hillside ordinances isn't viable to build on anyway, unless the County gives rule exceptions like they did at LaVina, and densifying the industrial zoned areas for housing so we will never have the economic base to become a self-governing city. I thought President Lincoln freed us Negroes?
Elyse G Eiser	Keep the open space open for all future generations and to save the wildlife. NO more building in the foothills. Protect our natural treasures.
Emma Mailey	We need to preserve the few green spaces we have here in the Los Angeles area. This project would be extremely detrimental to the environment and to the quality of life for residents who use this space regularly to enjoy nature in their backyard (especially those of us without actual backyards of our own.) Not to mention the enormous risk of fire danger to any community that would be built in the area. This is a bad plan all around and wouldn't even help the housing crisis as none of these homes would be affordable for the average Angeleno. Please vote no.
Erick Malm	
Ernesto Benavidez	
Evan J Hatfield	I moved to Altadena because it is the last place a working-class person can afford to live the California lifestyle in. This plan with it's high density on Lincoln and on Woodbury will totally and completely destroy my neighborhood and my reason to live in Altadena. No one I know wants the density this plan calls for in West Altadena. Please vote against the developers and the staffa nd vote for the people of West Altadena.
Flavia Yanez	Please keep the horse comunity ??
FRANK ALABART	STOP TOP DOWN DECISION MAKING !! WHAT IS NEXT? APPROPRIATING OUR HOMES? JUST WAITING FOR THE NEXT ELECTIONS - THANK YOU?
Fritz K Langdorff	I just heard about this tonight. This is a horrible plan. Once again the County is at war with West Altadena
George Roumeliotis	
Gwen Yeager	This plan takes local control away from residents. It includes zoning and density changes, and most community members are unaware. Many changes will adversely affect north, west, and central Altadena. There is zero funding attached to infrastructure projects listed within that this community desperately needs. Altadena needs a real plan, with local oversight. Altadena needs local control, which means incorporating. Our Council volunteers are intermediaries btwn Altadena and the County, and not advocates for what is best for this community. The County creates obstacles for incorporation. But it is very possible and would leave our residents able to preserve our charm, history, wildlife, manage growth, and actually create bike and walking paths instead of talking about them for years. We need safety around schools and parks. We deserve orderly and planned infrastructure improvements that are budgeted. WSGVAP is about increasing our density without our control,



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	wrapping it in promises of infrastructure, community spaces , trees and more with zero funding to execute the pretty parts.
Heather Herbert	OPPOSE! Rezoning is a LAND GRAB by corporate intersets (often non-US based) that destroy character of neighborhoods and strip out affordable housing for unaffordable condos. OPPOSE. We will be watching who votes for what.
Hector G Rameriz	The County already does not bother to do law enforcement on the dense apartments we have. Adding more dense apartment zones of criminality will be a disaster for this neighborhood. This plan is clearly not written by people who live in Altadena or care anything about our lives. Vote No!
Isabelle R Quinterro	his plan is bad for all of Altadena
Jacob b Lynes	Increased density is not acceptable anywhere in Altadena. No. just No.
Jacob J Jacobsen	This is a really poorly thought out plan.
Jacqueline Halpin	Please help us keep Altadena the way it is!
Jasmyne C Edwards	As a woman of color in an interracial lesbian marriage my wife and I spent a long time searching for a safe welcoming community to purchase a home in. We chose Altadena because we believed that the ethnic and economic mix of Altadena would make it immune to the kind of ruin by overdevelopment that has destroyed the rest of Southern California. To discover this plan a month after we purchased our home is a gut punch and a heartbreak. This plans density concentration will destroy everything we chose. Please don't force us to move out of state, please vote no.
Jean Schanberger	Development will displace equestrian and historic minority communities.
Jeanette A Lamb	This Planning department project will radically alter life in Altadena by creating extremely dense areas of housing. Block in fact of housing like the generally despised development on the corner of Lincoln and Figueroa. Like all unwanted zoning and development in town this will be forced on West Altadena with no impact East of Lake. All the density is going into the already most dense area of town. The downzoning will not protect us against hillside development. it will only mean that local people will be priced out of using their land and through taxation and harassment forced to sell to international corporations who the planning department will allow to violate all the restrictive codes JUST LIKE THEY HAVE ALREADY DEMONSTRATED they will do, just like they did at LaVina. The County sent no effective notice to Altadenans and it is difficult to find people who have heard of the WSGVAP, but the ones that have who are not part of the not for profit affordable housing industrial complex or the "Im going to control your land" conservation groups are clear they DONT WANT IT. Vote no.
Jeff Garcia	
Jeff Skinner	OPPOSE OPPOSE OPPOSE.
Jeffrey Schindler	
	Reject this plan which will irreparably harm Altadena and destroy our way of



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Jeffrey D Ropp	life and culture.
JENELLE HARDWICK	I don't know what kind of spell city council is under. Altadena needs. No, never any change. It's perfect the way it is.
Jennifer Johnson	Opposed to the west San Gabriel valley area plan
Jennifer Weatherall	I oppose the WSGVAP
Jesus Romo	<p>My critiques of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan are the following:</p> <p>1. Lack of Adequate Public Engagement</p> <p>Limited Community Input: The regional planning effort of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan is insufficient and yet another example of inadequate public engagement. Many residents and community advocates feel that their input has not been fully considered in the planning process especially those communities in the El Monte/South El Monte neighborhoods, South San Gabriel region, and portions of West Altadena. The plan does not adequately capture the diverse needs of local communities, especially those that are marginalized or underserved, including low-income communities and communities of color.</p> <p>Exclusion of Vulnerable Populations: The plan's public engagement process doesn't reach or meaningfully involve vulnerable populations, such as renters, low-income residents, or immigrants. These groups are most affected by the policies outlined in the plan, but have had very little to no voice in its development.</p> <p>2. Focus on Development Over Community Needs</p> <p>Prioritizing Development Over Affordable Housing: The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan focuses too much on large-scale development and economic growth without sufficiently addressing the region's housing crisis. While the plan may include provisions for increasing housing, my concern is that it does not go far enough to prioritize affordable housing and will lead to gentrification and displacement of existing residents.</p> <p>Gentrification and Displacement: The plan's emphasis on development, particularly near transit hubs or commercial corridors, will result in gentrification. This will drive up property values and rents, pushing out long-time residents who can no longer afford to live in those neighborhoods. This plan doesn't do enough to mitigate these risks.</p> <p>3. Environmental Impact and Sustainability</p> <p>Failure to Prioritize Sustainability: While the plan may include some environmental goals, the Plan does not sufficiently address sustainability in the long term. The increased traffic congestion and air pollution, particularly since the plan encourages more a limited transit mobility plan that fails to</p>



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adequately assess and consider alternate mobility uses such as equestrian modes of transportation in the working-class equestrian communities.

Climate Change Resilience: The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan lacks a strong focus on climate change adaptation and resilience. For example, it does not provide clear strategies to combat rising temperatures, water scarcity, or other climate impacts that will disproportionately affect lower-income and marginalized communities. By increasing the density in the upzoned areas, the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan fails to consider how the additional population density will impact a projected water scarcity due to climate change.

4. Transportation and Infrastructure

Insufficient Focus on Public Transit: The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan is flawed because of its failure to offer a viable public transportation plan that also does not displace our working-class communities.

Traffic Congestion: The plan's proposed transportation solutions do not adequately address the region's existing traffic congestion issues. Expanding roads or adding new developments without a comprehensive transportation strategy could worsen traffic problems rather than alleviate them.

5. Equity and Social Justice Issues

Lack of Equity Focus: This plan needs to be addressed because it lacks the ability to promote social equity. The plan does not sufficiently address issues like racial and economic inequality. There are concerns that wealthier areas may benefit more from the plan's provisions, while low-income and communities of color could be left out of the benefits or bear the brunt of negative impacts, such as displacement and environmental degradation.

Housing Affordability and Accessibility: In areas with high housing demand, critics believe that the plan may fail to provide enough affordable housing or equitable access to housing opportunities for people of all income levels. Without strong affordable housing policies, the plan could exacerbate housing unaffordability and displacement.

6. Implementation Challenges

Implementation and Enforcement: While the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan may sound good in theory it lacks clear mechanisms for implementation and enforcement. While the plan may have ambitious goals, without a strong framework for monitoring and holding developers and municipalities accountable, it could fail to deliver meaningful outcomes.

Coordination Between Cities: The area plan spans multiple cities, which can lead to challenges in coordinating policies and goals. If the cities within the West San Gabriel Valley have conflicting interests or priorities, it could hinder



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	<p>the effectiveness of the plan. Critics have argued that the plan lacks clear guidance for collaboration between cities to ensure cohesive and aligned development.</p> <p>7. Overemphasis on Economic Growth</p> <p>Business and Development-Centric: Like many regional plans, the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan has been critiqued for being too focused on stimulating economic growth through development, particularly commercial and industrial development. This can come at the expense of other community needs, such as open space, affordable housing, and social services.</p> <p>Disconnection from Local Needs: Critics argue that the focus on economic development and attracting businesses to the area may not align with the needs of local residents, particularly in lower-income areas. Development plans that prioritize business interests over community interests can lead to discontent among residents.</p> <p>8. Social Infrastructure and Amenities</p> <p>Neglect of Social Services: The plan focuses on physical infrastructure (e.g., transportation, housing, and commercial development), but it neglects the social infrastructure required to support a growing population. This includes access to healthcare, education, parks, and other community amenities that contribute to quality of life.</p> <p>Access to Resources: In particular, communities in areas where new developments are being proposed may worry that these areas will be developed without corresponding improvements to public services or community resources, such as schools, healthcare facilities, and public spaces.</p>
Joanne Batch	Restricts access to the equestrian community.
JoAnne Q Rodrick	This is going to destroy Altadena. Please stop it.
John Kvammen	I strongly object to the County taking away my property rights by down zoning my property. This infringes on my property rights by taking value from me in limiting development of my property.
John G Uloth	This plan concentrates all of the community development into areas where the infrastructure is already stressed. It was inappropriate for the department to waive CEQA and an EIR for this project. the potential build out allowed under this plan will have catastrophic infrastructure problems in teh area of electrical grid, the grid in West Altadena already being unreliable, sewerage impacts, the sewer system already running at over 100% of capacity, and the water system as Altadenans even in high rain years are on water restriction. This plan clearly needs and should have a EIR and should not be CEQA exempt. Vote no todaya nd go back and do it right.



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John M Wells	Stop this globalist land grab. Blackrock, Vanguard & State Street are buying up to 30% of new homes in some states. Leave Altadena alone.
John W Holmes	Adding dense units to West Altadena will destroy this town's character. They are not even slated to be affordable or to be section 8 and provide actual real affordable housing. This is nothing but the County accommodating greed. California and Los Angeles County have declining population due to our awful governments- Is this really in any way necessary?
Joseph F DiMassa	The Planning Commission and the County are downzoning property without community representation or consent. The PEIR presented by the Planning Commission has serious flaws and should be rejected.
Joseph J Nuccio	
Joyce I Sasaki	This is a bad plan, all of that 18 to 30 units a acre will destroy this town. For what? To "prevent" development of hillside land that can't be economically developed if LA County Planning doesn't give campaign donors exemptions, something based on their actions for decades they will do in this case anyway.
Juan X DelRios	I am a musician. I live in Altadena because it is peaceful and not congested. This will make Altadena congested. Concentrating the population on the already most congested areas will back up the whole town. You should disperse and diffuse the population increase if for some reason we are forced to have it, not concentrate it.
Juanita K Ross	
Judy Osburn	Preserve equestrian use and working class and single family residency.
Julie Ahlberg	
Julius A Rothman	West Altadena is the County orphan. We have almost no law enforcement, our water system is ancient and creaky, the electric system goes down whenever the wind blows. Adding whole groups of 18 and 30 unit per acre apartments seems like a foolish irrational thing to do.
june M cowgill	Altadena is a charming, wonderful town - the key issue is not the West San Gabriel Valley Plan Project - it is lack of leadership within our own community to change our town from unincorporated to incorporated. The key issue is how to prevent this from happening over and over and over. It is a privilege to live here. It is beautiful. Until Altadena incorporates there will be no recourse but to accept the decisions made by others for us. All of the discord in our town works to the advantage of those who really have control: the civil servants of LA County. We pay them to disregard our views and treat us like second class citizens. For the record, I live in LaVina which is mentioned by several respondents to this vote. Until we ""ALL"" conclude that enough is enough, we will be treated to whatever the leadership of the Fifth District decides is fair game.
Junie Salas	



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Kari Digerose	
Karl L Blankinship	West Altadena has crumbling water systems, poorly maintained roads, a electrical system that fails with every wind, traffic now thanks to recent county "improvements" that is always congested and a complete lack of law enforcement when it comes to drug dealing gangs that run all of the existing large apartment buildings. To say nothing of the ghetto street vendors the County is suddenly allowing. Somehow building more dense apartments in West Altadena doesn't seem given our present realities like something anyone who lives here would advocate for. Yet another stick in the eye to Altadena from the County of Los Angeles.
Kat R DeVine	This is a terrible anti community plan. Vote against it , please!
kate adams	Poorly planned, urbanization will displace the equestrian community and encroach on many sensitive ecological areas including the Whittier Narrows and adjacent communities of South San Gabriel and El Monte, but also along the arroyo seco and in places like San Pascual—another attempt by our planning department to eradicate our historic equestrian communities.
Katerina Petropoulos	
Katherine Grech	
Kathleen Herbert	It would take away from the equestrian community. Do not pave over our land!
Katie Howard	I oppose WSGVAP. My family has owned our property in the Altadena foothills for almost 120 years and we never received any opportunity to vote on this. This is government overreach and deprives us residents of our rights and privileges. The proposed plan and the way it's been presented is extremely disheartening and disappointing. Those in opposition haven't been given a fair chance to have our voices heard.
Kayla M Jones	This plan is bad for Altadena, and I bet if I knew the other communities, I would think it is bad for them also.
Kevin Singleton	I oppose the WSGVAP. This is not what Altadena residents want .We were never able to vote on this. The WSGVAP will negatively affect the quiet suburban neighborhoods of Altadena in so many ways. The massive effect this will have on the already overloaded aging infrastructure of all utilities (Water , Sewer and Electrical) to support this plan is not sustainable. Traffic will increase as a result as well as vehicle accidents. The lack of sufficient off street parking will create more competition for on street parking creating another mess. Trash from all of new residents will overflow our landfills quicker and cause the cost of trash collection to increase. Our natural sunlight will be blocked by tall buildings and our backyard privacy destroyed. This rushed plan is governmental over reach and favors the large urban developers. I understand this plan is to satisfy the CA Governor's mandate to build more housing and forcing compliance with the threat of with holding state funds to towns and communities that do not comply. These tactics are not fair and are not respectfully democratic. We tax paying citizens of Altadena should have control of what we want for zoning, not Sacramento.



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Kevin Weatherall	
Kevin R Lynn	This plan pretends to protect wildlife, something that in the end the County will not do, and in exchange densifies Altadena's poorest neighborhoods to the level of 19th Century slums. It is unacceptable and actually outrageous.
Lara Jo Regan	It is insane and abusive to humans and wildlife to build a bunch of homes (or any development increasing the human footprint) abutting a precious national forest that exists to preserve nature and for the public to have a place to enjoy it and escape the stress, noise and crowds of city life. The area in question in West Alradena is exceptionally beautiful and rare. The road winding up to the hiking trails is already on the verge of being overused since the hiking trails are more easily discoverable in the internet age. It is already hard to find parking at the trail heads and graffiti now more often appears on rocks (which my husband tries to clean up on his hikes). populating the area with more residents and cars built right next to the national forest entrance would be a death sentence to what is so special about the area and further threaten the already fragile ecosystem. Altadena is rare and distinctive BECAUSE of its proximity to national forests; it is why many nature lovers and David hikers choose it as their home. Any further development encroaching on its sacred national forest would destroy the character and core identity of what Altadena is known for and devastate the many outdoor enthusiasts from all over Los Angeles it attracts. There are plenty of ugly areas in Altadena and beyond that could actually be IMPROVED with a well designed, well landscaped housing development- like in place of ugly strip malls and those seedy zones along west Woodbury with dilapidated stores and crummy ghetto like dwellings. And we know full well that "affordable " housing is not what is going to be built in the contested area. What will be built are likely some hideous development of mini mansions that look like a cancer growth on paradise. Either one would be a tragedy because it is too close to the sublime public forest. Can you imagine building a development right next to Yellowstone or Yosemite? Furthermore, how are these houses going to get fire insurance since they would literally be built IN a fire zone so close to the dry hills? And the presence of a whole new population of people would in turn increase the risk of a fire being started by humans. Leave this land to the public as an extension of the park or as a green corridor to better help preserve the priceless national forest for reasons that are so obvious it seems like I am trying to explain why an apple is red.
Larry L Beckler	
LaTanya Smith	I strongly oppose this measure. This is not good for Altadena.
Laura Prendergast	
Laurie Bilotta	Environmental Protection of Altadena mountains
Linda J TAIRA	Doesn't adequately consider traffic impacts, as well as, parking issues, especially in areas where we already have problems with inadequate parking for residential and commercial establishments along the Washington Blvd.



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	corridor.
Lindsey Hurst	
Lisa Dyson	Further urbanization will kill equestrian property - yes, we need housing BUT NOT HERE!
Lisa Holloway	Urbanization will displace the equestrian community.
Lisa A Garrison	Do not want our lands to be anymore developed.
Lorie Thomson	Will displace equestrian community.
lu cruz	I oppose the West San Gabriel Valley area plan and share that the upzoning in communities with high concentrations of tenants indicates class communities of color will likely be displaced and the department of regional planning failed to properly engage in meaningful community engagement. If tenants lose their homes, where will they go? We have a high concentration of homeless people who are sleeping in parks and on the streets every night. People of color matter to the community in that they pay taxes to our government. Families have the right to feel secure at night and sleep in their beds. I oppose Project No. 2023-003982- (1 and 5), the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Project which fragment families and disrupt their lives.
Lula Eskander	Please stop
Marek Tuszynski	Strongly oppose this proposal. Do not destroy our neighborhoods any further.
Margarita Herrera	
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Maria Abrego	
Maria T DiMassa	<p>Good morning. My name is Joseph DiMassa, and I'm speaking on behalf of my family in regards to our Enoteca Property (APN: #: 5862-011-001)</p> <p>For us, the Enoteca Property is more than just land; it's 52 plus acres where we imagined building homes for our children, grandchildren and possibly even future generations. The WSGVA downzoning of our property from 52 homes to just two isn't just a number—it destroys the dreams we've built for our family's future.</p> <p>This proposal robs us of the potential we have counted on for decades. We've invested almost 50 years of hard work and financial resources into this land, only to be told that we will lose nearly everything. This plan will effectively make our land a County Park & not pay us a dime. How is that fair?</p> <p>The way the plan changes the land use in our area makes it virtually impossible for us to continue to develop or even maintain the property in the way we envisioned. It's like pulling the rug out from under us, after years of our careful planning and investment. It's as if the County were claiming our property by eminent domain but refusing to pay us a cent. Our property, which has been an essential part of our family's financial stability, is now at risk of being rendered almost useless to us.</p> <p>We and our neighbors who collectively own over 200 acres are being treated</p>



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	<p>like trash.</p> <p>We've reviewed the Environmental Impact Report, and frankly, it's troubling. It doesn't properly address the real impact that such dramatic changes will have on existing land uses or the environment. The deficiencies in the report, particularly around population growth, traffic, and infrastructure, make it clear that the plan wasn't fully thought through. The plan claims that downzoning our property is necessary for fire safety and the protection of resources. But there is no evidence in the plan that actually supports this conclusion. As a matter of fact our property has been used as a staging area by local Fire Fighters & the California Conservation Corps during past fires in the area. Many of our collective area (those of us and our neighbors) have a great deal of land that is less than a 25% slope. Neighboring tract houses built in the same area are not being downzoned - also in the National Forest. Why us and not them.</p> <p>We were never consulted, before the draft was written. The County failed to contact or reach out to us and our neighbors to get our feedback. And the fact that there were only 2 written responses to the preliminary draft indicates how little outreach there was by planning staff to solicit property owners involvement. We deserve a voice in the process that directly affects our future.</p> <p>We hope as representatives of our community, you, the Supervisors, would think about how you would feel if one day out of the blue you received a form letter from the government, telling you that in a few weeks or months, a plan would be approved that would destroy nearly all the value of your home and property. That is what has happened to us and others in the same situation. Please realize that these aren't just bureaucratic issues—they translate to real problems for families like ours.</p> <p>Please do not recommend approval of this plan, at least not without reconsidering and stopping the substantial downzoning on our property and on the property of our neighbors</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
<p>Maria T DiMassa</p>	<p>The PEIR presented by the Planning Commision has serious flaws. The WSGVAP does not represent the will of the people of Altadena.</p>
<p>Martha C Jackson</p>	<p>Please don't do this to our community!</p>
<p>Maru Baum</p>	
<p>Mary Fruta Traylor</p>	<p>The hi density plan is not conducive to a quality of life</p>
<p>Mary S Wong</p>	<p>This plan will turn Altadena into the same kind of profiteers awful imitation of a well-planned city. It will have density, but no amenities, no actual thought and no real planning. There will be no actually viable business space, no professional service spaces and of course no real actual functioning mass transit. The regional Planning Department should change it's name ot the tax per acre maximization department. In Holland, Belgium, Germany, Singapore and even in Taiwan this proposal would get laughed out of a first year planning class, yet here it is to be voted on. It is an insult.</p>
<p>Maryse Aubert</p>	<p>Will change the character of the area. Will move the existing middle to low</p>



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			<p>income families out of their houses and reduce the affordable single family houses on the market.</p>
	Michael Holland		<p>Agree we need open space protection? But at the cost of over developing Altadena? Large big box high density development in low density areas not congruent with Altadena character. Lack of transparency is concerning. Lack of outreach concerning. Changing west of lake from low density to high density will just invite more unscrupulous developers which will take the ability to have home ownership away from a large population. We don't all want to be renters. Altadena has character - let's not wipe it all away. Grow yes but slow. For Open Space protection - work with the landowners - find ways to encourage this rather than legislate it. I oppose.</p>
	Miguel Contreras		<p>The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP), like many regional planning initiatives, will significantly impact equestrian communities, especially in areas with established equestrian traditions such as Altadena Stables, San Pascual, El Monte, and La Crescenta-Montrose. While specific provisions related to equestrian communities may not always be clearly outlined in broad regional plans, there are several key factors that equestrian communities might need to consider, both positively and negatively.</p> <p>1. Zoning and Land Use Changes Potential for Zoning Conflicts: The WSGVAP proposes changes to land use and zoning in ways that could impact areas traditionally used for equestrian purposes, such as stables, riding trails, and large, open lots. If the plan calls for increased residential, commercial, or mixed-use development in these areas, it could lead to conflicts with existing equestrian land uses. Pressure for Redevelopment: In areas with equestrian properties, there are existing pressures to redevelop and to accommodate more dense housing or commercial developments. This will lead to the displacement of equestrian facilities, horse owners, and riding trails, especially in areas where land values are rising due to gentrification or new development.</p> <p>2. Preservation of Open Space Impact on Open Land for Equestrian Use: Many equestrian communities rely on large, open spaces for horseback riding, training, and other equestrian activities. If the WSGVAP includes a focus on preserving open space, it could benefit equestrian communities by designating specific areas for equestrian use, trails, or recreational spaces. Challenges with Development: On the other hand, if the plan prioritizes development over preserving open spaces, equestrian communities might lose access to critical open land, which is essential for riding, training, and maintaining horses. The loss of these spaces will reduce the quality of life for those in equestrian communities.</p> <p>3. Transportation and Trail Access Impacts on Riding Trails: One of the most significant concerns for equestrian communities is the potential disruption of equestrian trails. If the WSGVAP includes new transportation projects (e.g., highways, roads, or transit lines), these could encroach on existing equestrian trail networks, making it harder for riders to access these spaces or causing safety concerns. Opportunities for Trail Expansion: In some cases, the WSGVAP could also</p>



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provide opportunities to expand or connect equestrian trails as part of larger regional transportation or open space initiatives. Integrating equestrian-friendly trails into the broader transportation and recreation planning will benefit the community by improving access and ensuring that equestrian routes are preserved or expanded. These same greenways are also critical animal wildlife corridors, biodiverse habitats, that help sequester rain water to offset the impacts of climate change.

4. Equestrian-Focused Development and Zoning

Support for Equestrian Facilities: If the WSGVAP includes policies aimed at supporting rural or semi-rural land uses, it might provide protections for existing equestrian facilities and promote the development of new ones. This could include provisions for zoning that protects stable operations, equestrian businesses, and other related services.

Limits on Horsekeeping Zoning: In areas undergoing urbanization, equestrian communities may face challenges in maintaining the right to keep horses on their properties due to stricter zoning regulations or reduced parcel sizes.

Changes in zoning laws could restrict the ability to keep horses on residential properties, making it more difficult for equestrians to continue their lifestyle.

5. Affordable Housing and Gentrification

Risk of Displacement: The West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan includes efforts to address the region's housing shortage, this could lead to increased demand for housing in areas traditionally home to equestrian communities. In some cases, this will result in the displacement of equestrian residents who cannot afford rising rents or property values due to gentrification.

Impact on Equestrian Businesses: For those who run equestrian businesses (such as stables, riding schools, or horse training facilities), rising property values and development pressures make it more difficult to maintain operations or afford land. Equestrian businesses may face closure or relocation if their properties are redeveloped for other uses.

6. Environmental and Sustainability Initiatives

Sustainability Policies and Equestrian Practices: The WSGVAP doesn't go far enough to address environmental sustainability measures, where equestrian communities could benefit from initiatives aimed at preserving natural areas, water resources, and ecosystems. Equestrian facilities often rely on access to open space and water, and policies that protect these resources could help maintain the viability of equestrian activities in the region.

Potential Restrictions on Equestrian Activities: On the other hand, environmental regulations aimed at conservation or climate goals could impose restrictions on certain equestrian practices. For example, limitations on water usage, manure management, or land development near environmentally sensitive areas might affect equestrian operations.

7. Community Support and Advocacy

Organized Advocacy: Many equestrian communities are vocal advocates for preserving their way of life, and they may work to influence the WSGVAP to include provisions that protect equestrian uses. Advocacy could result in specific policies or zoning protections that ensure equestrian communities are considered in the plan's future development strategies.

Role of Local Governments: Local governments within the West San Gabriel Valley (such as Pasadena, Arcadia, and others) may also play a key role in



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	<p>determining how equestrian communities are impacted by the area plan. They can help ensure that equestrian concerns are incorporated into local zoning laws, development guidelines, and open space preservation efforts.</p> <p>8. Economic Impact Support for Equestrian Businesses: The economic viability of equestrian businesses—ranging from stables and boarding facilities to riding schools and events—could be supported if the plan provides space for these businesses to thrive. It could also include policies that encourage tourism or local commerce related to equestrian activities.</p> <p>Economic Pressures from Development: Conversely, development projects that attract higher-income residents may lead to increased property values and taxes, making it more difficult for equestrian businesses to remain in the area. This could affect the livelihoods of those who depend on equestrian tourism or related activities.</p>
Naila Aladdin Sanders	
Nancy T Bell	Please vote against
Nicole B Torricelli	I have just bought a home in Altadena because it is still so much like California was when I was growing up in the late 80's and early 90's. It has not been ruined with high rises and congestion like everywhere else that was once wonderful has been ruined in Southern California. This plan will ruin my new community and means that the sacrifices I made to move to this safe place were in vain. Please vote no, so I will not be forced to move out of state.
Nora R Walton	I just discovered this plan. I have lived in Altadena my whole life and no one from Planning ever contacted me. I just found out about the Altadena Town Council. No one from there has ever contacted me. There is no public support for this because the vast majority of us had no idea it is even under consideration. Stop it and get real community buy in.
Norma Elkins	I strongly oppose the WSGV Area Plan Project as a longtime Altadena resident and landowner.
OSCAR LOPEZ	<p>Opposition Letter to the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Project No. 2023-003982-(1 and 5)) To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am writing to express my strong opposition to the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Project No. 2023-003982-(1 and 5)). While the project purports to bring about sustainable development and improvements in infrastructure, its actual impacts are likely to harm the very communities it aims to serve. Below, I outline several reasons why this plan should not move forward in its current form.</p> <p>1. Threat to Affordability and Risk of Displacement Rezoning and density increases near transit hubs will likely lead to higher property values and rents, a phenomenon seen in similar projects across California. This plan risks accelerating gentrification, driving out long-term residents who cannot keep pace with rising costs. Vulnerable populations, including lower-income families and seniors, will be disproportionately affected. Without strong protections such as rent control or affordable housing</p>



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				<p>mandates, this plan fails to safeguard the rights of existing residents.</p> <p>2. Environmental Concerns</p> <p>The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) does not adequately address the potential harm to natural resources in sensitive areas like Altadena and Kinneloa Mesa. Increased development could worsen traffic congestion, strain water resources, and degrade the region's unique ecosystems. While the plan references conservation, it does little to ensure these areas remain protected. The lack of specific mitigation measures raises questions about the project's true environmental commitment.</p> <p>3. Loss of Community Character</p> <p>The plan's focus on accommodating growth and diversity near major corridors threatens to erode the unique identities of the affected communities. Altadena, for instance, is known for its historic character and small-town charm. High-density housing and commercial developments will fundamentally alter these attributes, undermining residents' quality of life.</p> <p>4. Profit-Driven Motives</p> <p>The plan appears to cater more to developers and their financial interests than to the communities involved. Rezoning to support high-density housing aligns with developer profits rather than local needs. The inclusion of vague "economic development" goals raises concerns about whether these projects will actually benefit residents or merely increase corporate influence.</p> <p>5. Inadequate Public Engagement</p> <p>While public hearings have been conducted, the complexity of the plan and limited outreach make it inaccessible to many residents. The lack of transparent and inclusive dialogue about its potential impacts diminishes trust in the process. A plan of this scale requires meaningful engagement with the communities it affects, not just formalities.</p> <p>6. Better Alternatives Are Available</p> <p>Instead of pursuing aggressive rezoning, the County should prioritize: Maintaining and restoring existing housing stock. Implementing policies to promote small businesses and local economic development without overreliance on large-scale projects. Protecting natural spaces from overdevelopment. Introducing robust affordable housing protections, such as caps on rent increases and community land trusts.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>This plan prioritizes rapid growth over thoughtful stewardship of our communities, threatening affordability, environmental sustainability, and local identity. I urge the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission to reject or significantly revise the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan to ensure it reflects the needs and values of its residents, not just the ambitions of developers.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this perspective. I hope the Commission will act in the best interests of the communities it serves.</p>
			Pamela Aubert	
			Patrick Howard	I strongly oppose this West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan due to the lack of



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	outreach and transparency.
Patrick L Lamb	I live in Pasadena, but i recreate in Altadena and work in La Crescenta. The development levels proposed in this plan will radically increase my commute time to work by congestion. Planners have an illusion, a lie they tell themselves and you electeds, that if they put development along a bus line and dont provide parking, people won't use cars. It of course hasn't and won't work out that was as long as public transportation is filthy, dangerous and totally inconvenient. All you are doing is increasing parking congestion and road congestion. This plan will destroy the quality fo life for my relatives in Altadena and my friends in LA Crescenta. Stop this bad plan!
Paul S Thornton	Smells like agenda 2030 to me. Vote no and thereby vote against totalitarian socialism.
Paula J Arvedson	This is NOT for the good of our community, Altadena.
Phil Brown	Denser population along the foothills is a danger to the community. Fire danger is at the top of the list. It will alter the quiet and peaceful nature of the area which is why people move there in the first place.
Phillip Elkins	I have been a large landowner in Altadena for 33 years. I strongly oppose the WSGVAP. I think for me it is an imminent domain action without any compensation. This would be a horrible, unjust action against the Altadena community.
Phillip A De Avila-Molina	
Public Comment Letters Received	Public comment letters in opposition submitted to Department of Regional Planning
Regina A Kline	This is not an appropriate plan for wha the Altadena community desires for its future.
Rianna MacMillan	This project is not beneficial to the people, just another deceptive attempt to make life harder for those already struggling.
Richard Robison	I want Altadena to remain mostly single family homes and not rental units.
Robert Lai	
Roy W Simison	
Sabrina Silver	This will displace the equestrian community and destroy open spaces.
Sandie J Mercer	This could displace several horse communities and establishments. Horses are very important to young and old mentally and physically. We dont need more concrete jungles
Sandra Duran	
Sara P Stubblefield	Change is one of the constants in this world. Some for good and some for bad.



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	<p>The WSGAP is concerning because it is a top down decision. There needs to be more input from local residents. There seems to have been a couple of token meetings about this.</p> <p>I attended the Altadena council meeting 11/19/2024. The presentation was rather vague. There wasn't even a map of the proposed plan or a legend/key to show what the changes mean.</p> <p>In Altadena I see a small town. I moved here because of this. Now I see the mixed use apartments going up on Lake. It's looking like Pasadena and other areas of greater Los Angeles.</p> <p>Time to let us in on this decision.</p>
Saundra R Torrez	<p>Altadena is the last place in Southern California where a Mexican American working-class family can begin to even dream of living a semi-rural California lifestyle. This plan will bring the hellish dense congested hateful existence now found in most of the area to Altadena. you must stop this giveaway of our community to the developers and realtors. Every bit of increasing urbanism becoems the excuse for more the next time. It is destroying everything.</p>
Scott B LaMont	<p>This is a marvelously bad plan that seems to be a character a cartoon if you will of bad anti human dogmatic far left-wing authoritarian anti community, community planning. It is an alder stake delivered to the heart of Altadena to kill our independent spirit and our semi-rural ways. Hopefully our Supervisor, Supervisor Barger will courageously lead the charge to stop this assault.</p>
Seyburn Zorthian	
Shanica Davis-Robertson	
Sheila Brock	
Sonya Barba	<p>This will affect our community greatly in a negative way. We all realize that housing is needed but this is the wrong way to do it. We live here because of our foothills. Please do not take this away by going forward with this plan. Thank you.</p>
Stefanie Zlidenny	<p>Keep our wild areas wild</p>
Steven S Lamb	<p>In spite of lies by the department contrary, this plan was formed decades before the public saw it. When I was ATC LUC chair several LA County Planners attempted over the years to talk me into this plan and attempted to convince me, as if I were as stupid and pathetic as the average realtor, that it was my idea. It is unjust and unfair to downzone peoples property without their consent. It is equally unjust to upzone neighborhoods without at least teh same neighborhood buy in that is required for say speed humps. Here the county had fake public input meetings (ONCE AGAIN) and handed this community the putrid plan they always intended to cram down our throats. This history of dishonest dealing by the county is why most people who have been involved in the past no longer bother- Why go through yet another of these clown shows. The BoS has a obligation to REPRESENT the PEOPLE not theor staff. If you stop and demand rerel engagement you will prove your legitimacy. If you rubber stamp this, you will demonstrate you are unworth of</p>



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Sue Dekany	This plan will adversely change the character of Altadena in a time when demographics are declining and the need for more housing is not apparent. What people need is less government taxes and fees.
Susan M Payne	Please leave the open spaces alone.
Susanne Nelson	
Teresa Stanman	Lived in Altadena and Glendale over 40 years. This plan will strain our streets with traffic. Will lower our quality of life here in the foothills
Theresa Runyon	
Thomas Joyce	Lincoln and Altadena drive are is already too congested.
Tiziana Ventura	
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Toni Osseck	Urbanization of this area will totally displace the equestrian community Not acceptable ??
Ultra Soto-Rojas	KEEP ALTADENA WILD
Vanness Zhen	
Veronica G Christenson	Stop reckless development at the expense of the lower and middle class. Stop the greedy developers from lining their pockets at our expense.
Vikki I Chin	This plan pits wildlife environmentalism against those who care about the built human environment. it does not see that all things are one. It does not understand that there can be no good environment for wildlife if humans are in dense hovels and there is no good life for humans if wild creatures are destroyed. it asks us to make a choice and then demands we choose suffering for humans and ultimately wildlife also. This is an immoral plan.
Vincent J Chin	
William F Dancy	The present owners of the large tracts of foothill land have protected these lands for the People of Altadena and the County for decades. They have each been repeatedly offered large sums of money by out of state developers for their land to be radically developed. They have refused, each having a vision of a small sensitive development that will add high quality housing stock in line with Altadena's vision of a semi rural community. Constricting their land use to the point that there is no possible upside to the land ownership will only eventually guarantee that the land will be sold to major international developers who as we have seen from Etawanda to Malibu, will find their way around all the counties "Protections". This plan is a slap in the face to the Gretch, Zorthian< Elkins and Demasa families who have done the right thing by our community for decades. Its time the Board of Supervisors step up and do the right thing and stop this plan.
willie jackson	I have been a home owner and tax payer for over 40 years and reside in close proximity to the new plan housing development, and I am convinced

			that if allowed the planned new housing project will have a negative impact on the preservation of the historic open land.
		Wyatt J Obrian	
		Yan Wang	urbanization will displace the equestrian community
		Yi Xie	
		Yvonne Castillo	Equestrian communities will be displaced and natural resources will be destroyed
		Zorida L Castro	This is a bad plan that protects nothing, if we look at how Regional Planning and the County have Kow Towed to development in the past, and harms all of West Altadena. Do the right thing and tell your staff no.
		Other	Jessica Yarger As a long time resident of Altadena, I do not support the development of the Chaney Trail corridor. Me and my family frequently access the trails in our adjacent foothills. The open, wild spaces are a treasure and asset that must be preserved. I think the science supports this now more than ever. No more destruction of open, green spaces in the name of "development."
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December 4, 2024

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Yours truly,

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December 5, 2024

Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Sent via email

Dear Supervisor Barger:

On September 25, 2024, the LA County Regional Planning Commission held a public hearing to review the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Plan) and its associated Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Plan is scheduled for its first reading at the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 10, 2024.

Beginning in July 2023, the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) initiated community outreach to highlight the need for an update to the Plan. Over several months, DRP conducted extensive outreach through both in-person and virtual meetings to solicit input and clarify the Plan's key elements and proposed changes. Additionally, postcards and letters were sent to addresses within the Plan's boundaries.

The Altadena Town Council (Council) has actively engaged with DRP, inviting representatives to present at our meetings, promoting the CEQA public meetings and five open houses, and addressing specific questions raised by Altadena residents. On November 20, 2024, the Council collaborated with Altadena Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (ACONA) to host a presentation by DRP staff aimed at clarifying misinformation shared on social media, followed by a robust and extensive Q&A session.

The Council has heard from both supporters and opponents of the Plan. The prevailing sentiment in Altadena is one of endorsement. Proponents believe the Plan was thoughtfully developed by DRP in consultation with Altadena residents and other affected unincorporated communities. The Plan, along with its proposed zoning and land use changes, will direct development away from the Altadena foothills and other high fire hazard zones, while protecting natural resources, preventing habitat fragmentation, and preserving wildlife corridors. The Plan acknowledges environmental and societal changes in recent decades and offers a forward-thinking vision for the future. Additionally, Altadena residents are concerned with improving general mobility including safe routes for walking and biking. Many residents who raised these issues want to make sure the zoning is compliant with state requirements to remain eligible for future state infrastructure funding.

We also acknowledge that there has been a small but vocal opposition to the Plan. The WSGVAP Planning Team addressed these concerns by releasing a detailed factsheet, which was posted to the DRP website and circulated in mid-October to clarify these misunderstandings.

The Altadena Town Council, in alignment with the broader community, wishes to formally express our support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. We believe the Plan aligns with the State's goals for sustainable development and thoughtfully considers the needs of our community. We also appreciate the extensive outreach efforts made by DRP since July 2023, which have been instrumental in fostering transparent and informed dialogue with residents.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

Sincerely,



Victoria Knapp
Chair
Altadena Town Council

CC Amy Bodek (via email)



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Dear Supervisor Barger and Members of the Board,

We are writing to express our strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP), specifically its provisions for conserving biological resources and protecting wildlife corridors.

The Chaney Trail Corridor Project is a not-for-profit association organized under California Corporations Code Section 18035. We are a professional biological and community science response to the sale of the Nuccio's land, initially to Polytechnic School, and now to the next potential buyer. Our goal is to protect and conserve the open space that's left in the Chaney Trail Corridor.

The WSGVAP aligns with critical policies in the Los Angeles County General Plan, including those that protect Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) such as the Altadena Foothills and Arroyo Seco. These areas are vital for maintaining biodiversity, as they contain diverse plant communities like coastal sage scrub, riparian woodlands, and chaparral. They also provide habitat for a range of wildlife species, many of which depend on intact ecosystems for survival.

A key strength of the WSGVAP is its emphasis on maintaining wildlife corridors, which facilitate species movement between the low-lying basin and the high elevations of the San Gabriel Mountains. These corridors are essential for feeding, migration, and breeding, allowing wildlife populations to remain viable despite the pressures of urban development. Protecting these corridors also prevents habitat fragmentation, ensuring that plants and animals can adapt to environmental changes and maintain genetic diversity.

Additionally, policies in the WSGVAP that discourage development in sensitive habitat areas and create natural buffers around SEAs (e.g., Policy COS-1.2 and Policy COS-5.1) are indispensable for reducing human-wildlife conflict and preserving ecological integrity.

By directing growth away from hazard-prone and biologically sensitive areas, the WSGVAP not only mitigates risks from wildfires and preserves remaining open space, it also ensures that future generations can enjoy the benefits of thriving ecosystems.

I urge the Board to adopt the WSGVAP and continue championing policies that balance community development with the preservation of our precious natural spaces.

Sincerely,

Kristen Ochoa Shana Pallotta Terry Hair Dana Stangel Max Yasuda Tina Shaw

The Chaney Trail Corridor Project Advisory Board
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From: [Robert Staehle](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#); [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP reiterated, from 2 more Altadenans
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 11:24:44 PM
Attachments: [WSGVAP General Support letter 20240911.pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisor Barger, and Department of Regional Planning Leadership,

By the attached letter originally signed September 11th by the two of us, we are reiterating our support for the proposed West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). We understand that it is coming up for a vote December 10th at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

We have been surprised by the number of people complaining that the Plan was developed using a process not visible to them. We received multiple notices on multiple occasions by a variety of means (e.g., email, paper mail, reminders from Town Council members) for both in-person and online meetings where discussions were open and suggestions were all written down. We saw the expression our inputs and those of others in various forms in the draft plan documents, which again were widely made known and easily available, with comments solicited. We ourselves forwarded some of these announcements, though we were disappointed by how few of those to whom we forwarded such announcements actually found the time to participate.

We appreciate that the draft Plan has been endorsed unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission. This is a testament to the hard work by the entire team that developed the Plan, and that made their time available to patiently solicit, listen to, ask for clarification when necessary, and respond to our inputs.

Thank you,
Robert Staehle
Lori Paul

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2024 September 11

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
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Re: General support for West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP)

Dear Commissioners,

We wish to express our general support for the subject Plan and associated Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (dPEIR) to be reviewed by your Commission 9/25.

Altadena, where we have lived since 1994, and immediately adjacent to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory where one of us worked for 43+ years starting in 1977 (and the other of us for 15 years), has a character that is important to residents' quality of life, health, and health of the natural environment on which we all depend. Altadena is of course the largest element covered by this plan.

Specifically, we are pleased to see focus in the plan on the following topics:

- Placing high value on the preservation of unbuilt areas, their natural environment, and the biodiversity they host. The Altadena Significant Ecological Area (SEA), as well as the San Gabriel Canyon and Puente Hills SEAs, plus surrounding parcels with a high fraction of natural environment, are crown jewels of the San Gabriel Valley. In the face of climate change, these areas are especially important for their considerable uptake of carbon dioxide, and for the watershed they protect that supplies a significant fraction of water that we all use.
- Frequent mention of trails for natural area access, hikers, equestrians and mountain bicyclists, among other users.
- Recognition of "dark sky" as an important natural resource.
- Focusing attention on Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and the danger they pose in light of climate change, which is causing California's more frequent, more intense, and larger wildland fires.

Though we have not read every page of the Plan, we were disappointed to not see in the plan the following:

- Specifics to prioritize completing the Altadena Crest Trail (ACT) end-to-end. There are viable routes and supportive landowners, along with historical public access which some newer landowners have actively opposed, that could be leveraged into re-connection of this ~13 mile link through natural beauty and scenic value from the Arroyo Seco to Eaton Canyon. Residents who walked and rode the ACT's entire length are passing away, while the community becomes less aware of the value of this resource. Efforts underway to reconnect portions need to be augmented to create full through-connection off public streets.
- A policy to explore, and if feasible, monetize urban forest canopy to encourage its growth and maintenance on County- and privately-owned parcels. The West San Gabriel Valley would be an ideal region to set up a pilot program for this purpose, with potential carbon sequestration market income back to the County and private property owners (e.g., via small property tax credits). An initial estimate based on comparison with private projects over forested areas indicates a possible benefit of ~\$3 M - \$8M per year, or \$60 - \$160 M over the 20-year life of the plan, not counting likely increase in carbon sequestration market prices as the effects of climate change increase in severity. With the exception of protected oaks, the County and private property owners are free to cut down, damage, and severely trim their trees that do so much to keep our urban heat island from being more severe than it already is. While I am not entirely opposed to more restrictive measures, I think it is time to test and perhaps embrace financial measures of encouragement and reward for contributing to a healthy urban forest canopy. Home values are typically higher in such communities (e.g., La Canada Flintridge), while trees are typically reduced or eliminated in lower-income communities, resulting in greater suffering from heat effects by the population with the least health and financial resilience. This in turn increases County and County resident emergency services and medical costs.
- Elements to enable specific prohibition of increasing the occupancy (persons/acre) on all parcels within all Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and provisions to severely limit any increases in occupancy on parcels within High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
- Lack of specifics about eliminating the expansion of light pollution that reduces dark sky that interferes with wildlife, creates unpleasant glare, and reduces driving safety. Today, pretty much any homeowner and business can put up higher-output lighting with little regard for its impact on neighbors or the environment. Driving around, I see more of this every month; limits and incentives are much in order. SCE put up numerous high-color-temperature street lights after a long dispute about about using lower color temperatures. Also, a fraction of their fixtures lack modest-cost features to reduce their glare as perceived by drivers and residents.
- Lack of a policy to specifically limit vehicular access to natural areas within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones during periods of high fire danger (e.g., forecasted heat waves like we just experienced, and high wind events).

- More specific measures to promote preservation of the equestrian elements that make Altadena one of the few places within Los Angeles County where one does not need to be wealthy to own and ride a horse.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters,
Robert Staehle
Lori Paul

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November 27th, 2024

Dear Supervisor Barger,

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (AFC) strongly supports the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) for the critical protections it will provide for our region's wildlife and open spaces. As a land conservancy preserving natural habitat in and around the San Gabriel and Crescenta Valleys, we helped shape the Conservation and Open Space Element of the Plan. We encourage the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to approve the Plan when it comes to a final vote on December 10th, 2024.

We are being confronted with species extinction, biodiversity and habitat loss, more extreme and less predictable weather, and increased wildfires. The need for a forward-thinking vision for our planet is urgent. The WSGVAP effectively addresses the challenges we face locally. We feel that it is critical to adopt this plan for the benefit of all our urban animals, native flora, and natural habitats.

The WSGVAP is a comprehensive planning tool that will shape the long-term growth of unincorporated areas of the West San Gabriel Valley. Those that are within AFC's long term conservation area include Altadena, La Crescenta, Kinneola Mesa, and East Pasadena. During developmental and public review stages, AFC submitted our recommendations for the Conservation and Open Space Element and were very pleased that the Regional Planning Department embraced our comments. It now includes critical measures for wildlife and habitat protection.

The open space areas in our region, like the San Rafael Hills and Verdugo Mountains, function as disconnected islands of habitat, separated by freeways and development. Wildlife become stranded in these islands and are unable to travel to mate with larger populations, to find food and water, and to establish their own territory. The life of P-22, the mountain lion that lived in Griffith Park, most famously illustrated this problem. Isolation of individual wildlife can lead to genetic inbreeding and local species extinction, putting these islands at grave risk of ecological collapse.

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy's Letter of Support for WSGVAP

The biodiversity crisis is exacerbated by climate change which is a problem for wildlife, and for us. We rely on biodiversity for the production of our food and clean water, and for overall environmental stability. The most effective solution is to create wildlife corridors—patches of natural habitat—that reconnect these islands. We must restore habitat with native plants and enable the movement of all species (think mountain lions, but also coyotes, birds, insects, pollinators, and reptiles). The Open Space and Conservation Element emphasizes the necessity to protect existing areas of habitat and wildlife corridors, and importantly, takes an active approach to increase them.

Specifically, The Element addresses the need for wildlife crossings and corridors that wildlife can safely move through in the Verdugo Mountains, San Rafael Hills, and biologically rich San Gabriel Mountains. It encourages native tree canopy coverage for both open spaces and residential areas. It promotes the creation of habitat stepping-stones of native plants in small spaces like parkways, driveways, and parking lots.

The County has included measures to promote habitat-sensitive designs for new developments. This includes wildlife-permeable fencing, enhancing biodiversity, the limited removal of native plants, and favoring limited inclusion of invasive and non-native plants. It also includes regulations limiting artificial light in natural areas to protect wildlife from the negative impacts of light pollution.

These are the measures we need to be taking to address the biodiversity crisis we are in, both locally and globally. We urge you to vote in approval of the WSGVAP. Let's take action together to protect our wildlife and precious open spaces.

John Howell



*Chief Executive Officer & General Counsel
Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy*

From: [Michael Bicy](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Friday, November 29, 2024 10:28:11 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Bicy2Supervisor_Nov29.pdf](#)

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Hon. Kathryn A. Barger, Supervisor
Fifth District, County of Los Angeles
500 West Temple Street, Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

2024

November 29

Dear Madam Supervisor:

I express my full support for the County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) and associated zoning and land use changes proposed for Altadena. The WSGVAP will direct growth away from hazard areas, protect natural and biological resources, and prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The Plan recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and proposes a rational and compelling vision for future developments.

As you know, Altadena is an unincorporated town of 43,000 residents situated in and against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills. It is the largest political jurisdiction covered by the WSGVAP, by both geography and population. Altadena residents have been actively involved in the formulation and refinement of the WSGVAP, starting from the initial Department of Regional Planning (DRP) kick-off workshop at the town's Main Library in October 2023. At that workshop, some 30 residents identified hundreds of visions for imagining Altadena in the next 20-40 years. DRP staff did a splendid job of assimilating these ideas into the WSGVAP and refining the document in a series of subsequent video tag-up meetings with an ad hoc Altadena Advisory Group.

The WSGVAP effectively discusses the major issues affecting land use, economic development, conservation, public services and mobility in the unincorporated areas of the West San Gabriel Valley. The Area Plan succinctly identifies numerous opportunities that can be realized through future implementation plans. The WSGVAP does a superb job of balancing smart growth with sustainability and the preservation of wildlands. It captures the increasing risks associated with growth and living the wildlands-urban interface along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Of relevance to the 2200 Altadena homeowners living in a State-designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, the Area Plan's goals of discouraging new developments in hazard zones and directing them to urbanized areas along mass-transit corridors is laudable.

The parallel efforts to refine the land-use classifications and zoning categories in the Altadena foothills is also to be applauded. These efforts will bring some needed rationalities to the many

discrepancies existing now. Combined with the contents of the WSGVAP, it is hoped they will prevent future developments that increase the intensity of people and/or intensity of activity in hazard zones.

Since the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) unanimously endorsed the WSGVAP on September 25, a small – but loud -- contingent of property owners in northern Altadena have come out to oppose the WSGVAP. Unfortunately, their campaign petition and social media posts have been rife with misinformation – and even disinformation. Their arguments have been wide ranging and disjointed. A couple of their false arguments were addressed by me in an October 22 Op-Ed posted by LocalNewsPasadena.com, “Countering Misinformation About the LA County Rezoning Plan.” Addressing the rest would take a series of Op-Eds.

The opponents seem to be coalescing around arguments against any increase in density within Altadena. Such arguments reveal ignorance of the legislative and executive State actions mandating the construction of more housing, and the pressure from the Attorney General’s office on local municipalities to remove obstacles to doing so. They fail to recognize that many of the proposed changes in zoning and land use classifications are administrative (corrective) in nature and would have been proposed independent of the WSGVAP. These changes create consistency with several *existing and previously enacted* land use constraints that limit potential development in hazard zones and in hillside and significant ecological areas.

Moreover, there is a scent of hypocrisy permeating their actions, given that some of the same landowners have discussed sub-dividing their properties in applications to the County, on websites, or in public hearings at the RPC. They argue against increasing densities in Altadena -- while taking steps to increase densities on their own properties in a very high fire hazard zone.

In summary, the WSGVAP is a comprehensive, forward-looking plan that balances smart growth with the need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas. It will discourage new developments in fire hazard zones, while allowing – but not mandating -- new developments in urban areas near main transit corridors. I Look forward to seeing the Board of Supervisors adopt the “greatest good” and to endorse the WSGVAP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MD Bicay".

Michael D. Bicay, Ph.D.
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mdbicay@gmail.com

Andrea Davis
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Altadena, CA 91001

Re: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

November 15, 2024

Dear Los Angeles County Supervisors,

I am wholly in support of the Land Use Element and Conservation & Open Space Element vision statements for our San Gabriel Valley area.

The dangers that fire risks pose to our little precious community here in the San Gabriel foothills is a cause of significant worry and stress, although nothing compared to the stress and grief that would be caused by a wildfire in our growing temperatures. For these reasons I support Vision Statement 1 Goal LU-2 to be adopted as policy along with the policies Lu-2.1, LU-2.3, and LU-2.8.

I am especially interested in Goal COS-4 supporting the acquisition of land for open space preservation and protecting biologically sensitive resources. The time is now to think of the future of our Area and to protect what exists that makes it so pleasurable to live her and sustainable for the species which are native.

Please move forward on adopting these initiatives as guidance for our government agencies and education/awareness for our private citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Davis Ph.D." with a stylized, cursive script.

Andrea Davis, Ph.D.

From: [Susan Maunu](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [Adrine Arakelian](#); [Mi Kim](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:26:15 PM
Attachments: [2024.10.22 Local News Pasadena Countering Misinformation.pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). I have lived in Altadena for over 22 years in my home directly adjacent to the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. I am an advocate for protecting our foothills and mountains, and for preserving and enhancing Altadena's unique town character. The WSGVAP does both. The WSGVAP promotes protection of undeveloped wildlands, and promotes preserving Altadena's character while mindfully directing moderate future growth in appropriate urban areas.

Prevention of human-created disturbances in the natural environment, including prevention of wildfires and ecological degradation, is essential to our harmonious and safe co-existence with nature. The WSGVAP's goals and policies and companion zone updates restrict future development and land use intensities in Altadena's foothills and mountains. The WSGVAP proposed zone updates incorporate multiple existing land use and regulatory constraints, which have been codified elsewhere over the last many years, that restrict future development within protected areas and hazard zones. The proposed zone updates reflect such existing constraints on parcels (1) in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Hillside Management Areas (where development is limited according to the steepness of slopes), Significant Ecological Areas (which contain designated sensitive habitats and species), and the Angeles National Forest; (2) that contain Significant Ridgelines (pursuant to the Altadena Communities Standard District), seismic hazards and landslide zones, restricted road access and limited infrastructure, and streams and creeks; and (3) that adjoin the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

At the same time, the WSGVAP's goals and policies promote moderate development in Altadena's more urban areas near main transit corridors to provide opportunities for future housing, commercial, and mixed-use development. The WSGVAP supports vibrant, walkable mixed-use commercial districts with public realm improvements, local services, and amenities for local residents, with particular attention to the needs of West Altadena residents. By focusing moderate growth along primary roads with access to services, amenities, existing infrastructure and transit and ensuring such development fits the community character, Altadena has an opportunity to enhance, through mindful design and development, its unique town character.

The WSGVAP will limit expansion of the wildland/urban interface, protect natural and biological resources, and provide multi-benefit open spaces for the public's health and enjoyment. The WSGVAP sensibly directs growth away from hazard areas and protected zones by providing means for concentrating development in the denser urban areas near transit corridors and commercial hubs. Such smart growth strategies have the potential for enhancing a 'sense of place' in our town centers and a 'sense of peace' in our low-density neighborhoods and undeveloped wildland foothills and mountains. The WSGVAP is an essential mechanism for promoting responsible growth, ensuring the public's health and

safety, and preserving our natural environment.

Attached is an op-ed I co-authored with Michael Bicay of AltadenaWILD responding to recent social media posts prompted by an Altadena resident's petition in opposition to the WSGVAP. In addition to the petition stirring up confusion regarding zone densities for Altadena under the WSGVAP, some on social media expressed dissatisfaction with DRP's outreach (see op-ed). My experience with DRP's outreach was more than satisfactory. The WSGVAP Planners have been exemplary in working with the community from start to finish. I received all public notices regarding the WSGVAP preparation, and I became engaged in the process at the beginning. I attended the live and virtual presentations and meetings. The Planners took into consideration an abundant amount of input from the public over the past year. The Planners were responsive to each of my written and telephone inquiries and comments. I applaud them for their patience, diligence and skill in preparing a plan to guide us through the coming decades.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt the WSGVAP without delay. Thank you for your consideration.


Sincerely,

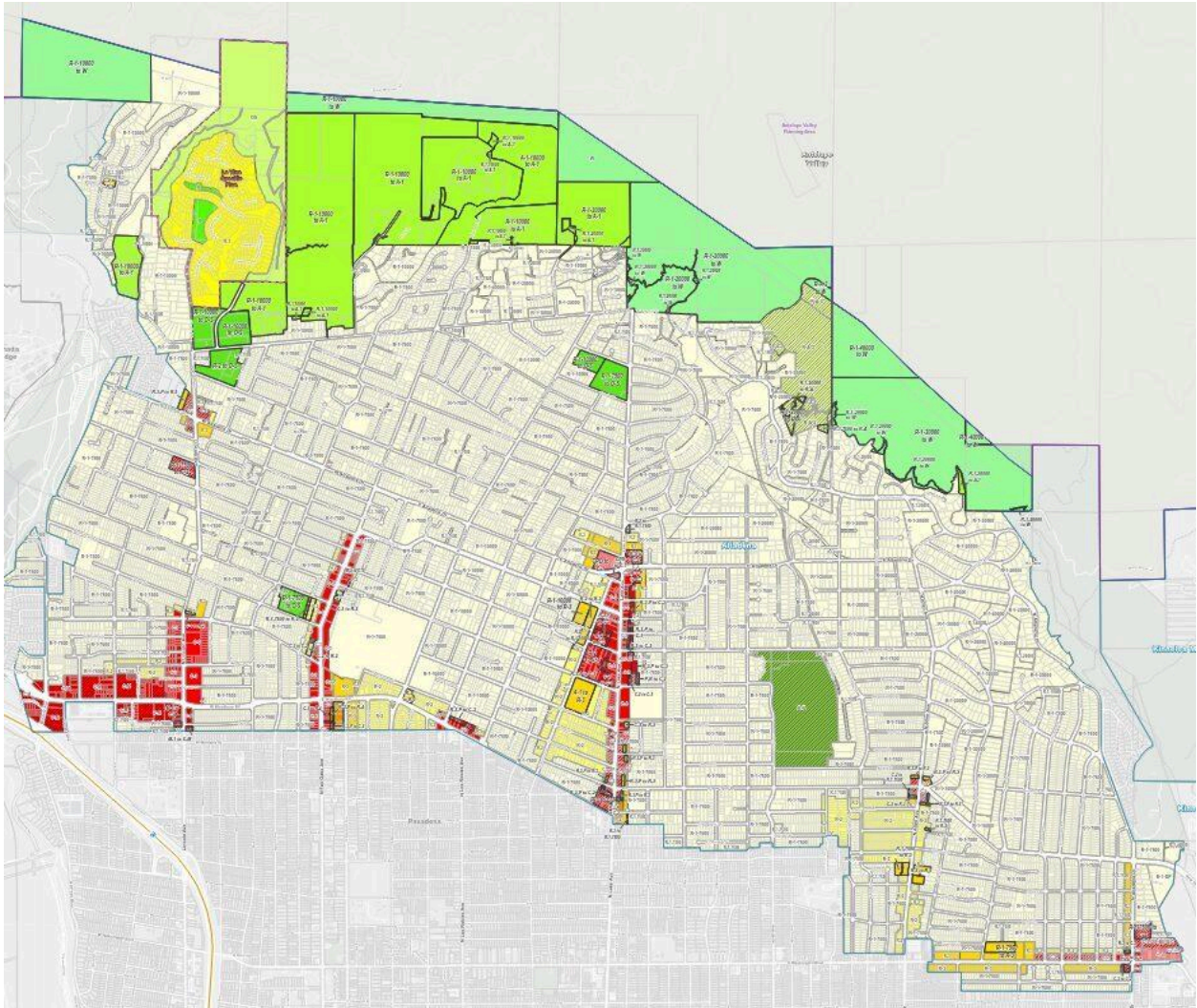
Susan Maunu
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TALKING POINTS

Countering Misinformation about the LA County Rezoning Plan

Citizen viewpoints should at least be factual.

 by Michael D. Bicay, Ph.D. & Susan M. Maunu · October 22, 2024 · 1 min read



The L.A. County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) recently endorsed — unanimously — the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP), which will go to the Board of Supervisors for final approval in December. Since the RPC action, a handful of Altadena residents have circulated an online petition opposing the WSGVAP. Unfortunately, the language in their petition and social media posts disseminates misinformation. While we should respect any citizen's views, we should also demand that their claims be factual.

One claim is that the County's Department of Regional Planning (DRP) failed to conduct adequate community outreach to prepare the WSGVAP. *This claim is false.*

Starting with a visioning workshop at the Altadena library in October 2023, DRP staff synthesized hundreds of recommendations from Altadenans to envision, over the next few decades, a more sustainable town. The DRP outreach included in-person and virtual meetings, a project Web site, community surveys, an email list, fact sheets, flyers, postcards, notices, mailers, and social media posts – widely distributed in multiple languages. These community engagement efforts were recently

cited by one Commissioner as “the most comprehensive and extensive outreach ever presented” to the RPC. To see for yourself, read the [Land Use and Conservation/Open Space](#) chapters of the WSGVAP.

Another social media claim is that the WSGVAP and associated zoning changes will make it “MORE likely that there will be development in wildlife corridors and the fire [hazard] zone.” *This claim is false.*

The WSGVAP updates zone designations for some properties in northern Altadena and its foothills to create consistency with several existing, previously enacted land use constraints that limit potential development in hazard zones and in the hillside and significant ecological areas. The WSGVAP land use policies direct growth away from established protected and hazard areas, preserve natural and biological resources and prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The plan allows new development in urban areas near main transit corridors. To argue against any growth in Altadena is unreasonable at a time when the State is pressuring local municipalities to reduce obstacles to building more housing.

The WSGVAP recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and presents a rational, compelling vision for future development in Altadena. It is a comprehensive, forward-looking plan that

balances smart growth with the undeniable need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas. The WSGVAP embodies common sense. Will the WSGVAP make everyone happy? No. Does it create conditions for the “greatest good” to prevail in our community? Yes.

Michael D. Bicay, Ph.D.

Michael Bicay is a 22-year Altadena resident, and a retired astrophysicist and NASA science director. He is the founding president of AltadenaWILD Inc, a local non-profit organization.

Susan M. Maunu

Susan Maunu has lived in Altadena for the past 22 years in a home adjacent to the Angeles National Forest. She dedicated her paralegal career to specializing in land use and environmental law.

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From: [Pamela Dreyfuss](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Please Vote for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:47:05 AM
Attachments: [LCFGP_Logo_copy.png.96dpi.png](#)

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Dear Supervisor,

As one of your constituents and a business owner in La Cañada Flintridge, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats. We approach our 113-acre golf course and country club as "green space" in a wildlife-urban interface with a significant role to play in providing native habitat for local wild animals, birds, and insects. Along with our carbon drawdown sustainability initiative, we plant hundreds of native tree species and plants, educate our members about the local natural world, place owl boxes to provide rodent control (instead of rodenticides), and see ourselves as land stewards. The world has changed; we are at a critical juncture for biodiversity, and the planet itself, and everyone must play a role in protecting and defending our natural world.

The WSGVAP plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever-increasing risk of extinction, and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents a vision and concrete measures to address them. The time to take action is now

I ask that on December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

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From: [Lilly Machin](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024 12:41:58 AM

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Lillian Machin Altadena, CA 91001

I am in favor of preserving our last remaining precious wild spaces for ourselves and our wildlife who was here long before!!!

We need these wild spaces for our physical and mental health!

Thank you

LM

Thank you

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

From: [Rich Toyon](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#); [Rich Toyon](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 7:37:36 PM

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Dear Supervisor Barger

I am writing you today to voice **my support** for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. As an active constituent in the fifth district and the Crescenta Valley, the WSGVAP is a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

This plan will adopt policy to promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our unique wildlife, open spaces, natural habitats, and aquarian waterways.

Climate change and species extinction are both imminent and we must act. The plan realistically recognizes and assesses these threats and offers a vision and solid measures to address them.

On December 10th, **please vote in favor of the WSGVAP** to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all of our communities, including wildlife.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Rich Toyon
La Crescenta, CA 91214

From: [Calvin Miceli-Nelson](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 3:59:11 PM

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Calvin Miceli-Nelson
Los Angeles
90007

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Heather Parker](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 1:12:58 PM

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents (Glendale, CA 91214) , I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Heather Parker

OPH Board Member & Volunteer

Poetry Playshop Facilitator

Author : **Loving a Lioness**

Wild Woman, Wild Flower & Wild Fire

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"Don't let the sun set without taking a bite out of the road to your goal." - unknown

"Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God, will come to know God because they know you." MARK 11:24

"Your Soul is YOUR truest Oracle" - unknown

From: [Jennifer Ho](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#); FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Support for West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 12:02:59 PM

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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors:

As a mom and resident of unincorporated La Crescenta-Montrose, I am writing to express my **strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP)**. While I believe the plan could be strengthened to incorporate responsible renewable energy planning and include stronger language to help establish at least one community center in our neighborhood, I agree with the vast majority of the plan and encourage you to approve the plan.

There are many aspects of the WSGVAP that would help to create a more vibrant community that is less car dependent and more interesting/livable in terms of diversity of transportation, housing, and small businesses. In particular, I am excited about the following:

- **Development of microtransit service, pedestrian safety/comfort, and bike network:** As a family of 3 sharing 1 car and a few e-bikes, it would be beneficial not only for myself but for all to have diversity of mobility options and more frequent bus/microtransit services to be able to complete short errands and trips to neighboring hubs like Pasadena, Montrose, and Glendale without reliance on a personal vehicle.
- **Access to Rosemont Preserve:** As a docent at Rosemont Preserve, I enjoy the opportunity to share about ecology,

watersheds, and native plants with young students. Many of my neighbors have never heard of or been to the Preserve before. It would be a huge asset to this community for Rosemont Preserve to be accessible.

- **Vibrant, Diverse Small Businesses:** As someone who used to live by Honolulu Shopping Park and who likes to support local business, I see great opportunity for there to be more diverse shops, restaurants, and offerings in our neighborhood, especially along Foothill Blvd. It's important to make it more competitive and attractive to set up small shops in the neighborhood, and to make the area more pleasant, walkable/bikeable, and family-friendly.

In addition to the above, I am encouraged to see the emphasis on parking flexibility, climate-friendly designs, and support for multifunctional gathering and recreation spaces.

I urge you to approve the WSGVAP, which helps lay out a plan to build a more vibrant, family-friendly La Crescenta-Montrose. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Ho
La Crescenta, 91214

From: [Sutton, Lisa](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 11:36:22 PM

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From: Sutton, Lisa
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 11:05 PM
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

Dear Kathryn,

As a longtime resident of Altadena I want to express my strongest support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan, which directs growth away from hazard areas, protects natural and biological resources, and prevents habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The Plan recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and proposes a rational and compelling vision for future developments. It balances smart growth with the need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas. Implementing the WSGVAP is vitally important for the future of our community and surrounding environs.

Thank you for your work on our behalf – it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sutton
1515 Braeburn Road
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [Kelly Kimball](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:49:13 PM

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Kelly Kimball
Altadena, CA
91001

From: [Kassandra Vazquez](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:23:44 PM

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

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Sincerely,
{Kassandra Vazquez}
{Upland CA}
{91786}

From: [Karl Ringman](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:02:23 PM

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Karl Ringman
Pasadena
91105

From: [Janice DaVolio](#)
To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: I Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 8:50:34 PM

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Dear Supervisor Solis,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my **support** for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

On December 10th, please vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Janice DaVolio
Pasadena, CA 91108

From: [Sue Iri](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 7:54:14 PM

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Dear Planning Team:

I sent this email to Supervisors Barger and Solis:

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats. Our wild places and wild creatures are increasingly under threat, and on our watch we must do everything possible to protect them and create sustainable policies to support them. When they are gone, they will be gone forever.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Best,



Sue Iri • 2755 Angus Street • Los Angeles, CA 90039

From: [Audrey Diehl](#)
To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Please support the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:54:44 PM

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Dear Supervisor Solis,

As one of your constituents and a proud contributor and volunteer with the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. We need this important measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats, which are constantly under threat.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The coyotes, mountain lions, lizards, birds, foxes, frogs and other wildlife of the Arroyo need protection, and we should give it to them whenever possible. And the people of this part of Los Angeles deserve open spaces to enjoy and find peace.

The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. Angelenos like us have a responsibility to stand up for native habitats and contribute to the fight against climate change. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

On December 10th, I am asking that you please vote in favor of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan to ensure our neighborhood and region is developed responsibly for ALL our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Audrey Diehl
Los Angeles, CA
90065

From: [kyra saegusa](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:54:36 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Kyra Saegusa
Pomona
91767

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa Laumann](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:20:55 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As an Altadena resident, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I feel the planners have done a good job of consulting with the community and hearing priorities and concerns, proposing zoning and actions that protect wildlife and natural spaces/habitats and limit residential construction in high wildfire risk areas, planning for growth, and trying to preserve and enhance our community's character and "user-friendliness." I think the Plan will serve well as a document to guide our area's evolution and facilitate review and discussion in future years.

I've followed the lively discussion about the proposed Plan on our neighborhood social media and attended a recent community meeting to understand community members' concerns with respect to land use policies and zoning. I've looked quite closely at the Altadena portions of the maps on the County's webpages for the Plan and walked or driven most of the areas highlighted for Land Use Policy and zoning changes in Central Altadena, where I live. These changes seem reasonable to me, reflecting some judicious growth and in many cases simply documenting and clarifying what is already the case.

I urge you vote in favor of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan on December 10.

Sincerely,

Lisa Laumann
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [Sarah H](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 1:25:02 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello, Supervisor Barger,

My name is Sarah Hilbert and I have lived in the Altadena area since 2009 (unincorporated LA County, near Eaton Canyon). I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan because I hope it will bring more vitality to this area. While we all treasure Altadena's "sleepiness," I think many residents agree that we need a little more "oomph" up here in the way of thriving business corridors, restaurants, independent shops, etc. We all make the drive to Pasadena several times a week and we would love to have more business and services here in Altadena. We would like everyone to find an affordable home here.

I am also an avid hiker, outdoor enthusiast, and walker - I am out in the hills, my own neighborhood, and adjacent ones nearly every day. I actively campaigned against the "Poly Fields" development on the former Nuccio's Nursery site as I viewed it as an encroachment on wildland space. I see the WSGVAP as being critical to protect our natural areas and direct appropriate growth away from our undeveloped natural spaces that are vital ecological areas.

Please approve the WSGVAP with a Yes Vote on December 5.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hilbert
2116 Layton St
Pasadena CA 91104

From: [Adam Waring](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 1:16:35 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Adam Waring <dcawadam@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 1:06 PM
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
To: <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

As a resident of the Altadena foothills, I am keenly aware of both the beauty and importance of the San Gabriel Mountains to the entire Los Angeles area community, as well as the high fire risk faced by residents of the foothill communities. As such, I feel it is vitally important to direct growth away from hazard areas, and prioritize the protection of biological resources. The WSGVAP includes provisions for both of these issues, while also protecting habitat for our local fauna and flora, and improving access to wild lands for our entire community.

I urge you to vote for this important plan's passage.

Sincerely,
Adam Waring
Altadena
91001

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Adam Waring
323-823-9852

From: [Aurora Badiu](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 12:42:47 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Aurora Badiu
Pasadena, California
91105

From: [Ester Gonzalez](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 9:42:04 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
{First and Last Name}
{Town/City}
{Zip Code}

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Christine Reiner](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 8:58:31 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats. The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them. I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Thank You,

Christine Reiner
Montrose, CA 91020

From: [Kevork Babayan](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 1:21:51 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

I regularly hike in the mountains in and around Glendale and the Crescenta Valley. It's wonderful to see all the wildlife that's so close to where we live. Allowing them safe passage through our communities seems only fair, for their sake and ours.

Sincerely,
Kevork Babayan
Glendale
91206

From: [Sutton, Lisa](#)
To: kathryn@bos.lacounty.org
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 11:05:27 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Kathryn,

As a longtime resident of Altadena I want to express my strongest support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan, which directs growth away from hazard areas, protects natural and biological resources, and prevents habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The Plan recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and proposes a rational and compelling vision for future developments. It balances smart growth with the need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas. Implementing the WSGVAP is vitally important for the future of our community and surrounding environs.

Thank you for your work on our behalf – it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sutton
1515 Braeburn Road
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [fjohn](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 10:11:03 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Ms Barger,

Altadena has been our family home for 24years. We bought here for its diversity, nature of the area & it's cleaner air. We are invested in this richly diverse, beautiful, tranquil neighborhood also home to a rich ecosystem of wild animals & birds. Many people fill our streets at the weekends also seeking those things.

As a homeowner who has recently had a major hike in home insurance & been denied insurance due to being in a higher risk area, I have not noted any attempt to decrease the amount of visitors to the area. Some of whom are reckless in safety measures & some who have caused wildfires, therefore requiring services from our Mountain Rescue Team & other emergency services.

We have read the proposed WSGVAP plan & these are things which matter to my family. Along with Altadena Wild & The Chaney Trail Corridor Project we support,

- 1) Decreasing risk to our beautiful foothills, by placing more focus on preservation for our future generations.
- 2) Protecting our foothills from any further CRAZY development plans in high hazard areas, such as the recently scrapped Poly Fields Project. Direct growth should be away from those hazard areas.
- 3) Protection of our precious wildlife & preservation of their habitats. Limiting light & noise pollution for residents & wildlife who have been affected over the years by the increase in visitors & wildfires.

Sincerely,
Fiona John
Altadena, 91001

From: [Matt Liewer](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 9:47:26 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Matthew Liewer
La Canada, 91011

From: [Lauren Randolph](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#); [jordan gaskins](#)
Subject: Keep Development out of the Altadena Foothills
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 7:42:21 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi Supervisor Barger,

I am writing to request that you support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and continue to discourage new developments in the Altadena foothills and high-fire areas.

My family is grateful to live just around the corner from Chaney Trail, but the thought of major development, along with the associated noise, trucks, and air pollution that could affect my children's health, makes me both sad and angry. We chose to move to Altadena because of the beauty of its wild hills and natural surroundings. Any large-scale development would fundamentally change what Altadena has been for centuries.

Please protect our foothills.

Thank you,
Lauren Randolph
Glenrose Ave
Altadena CA 91001

From: [Tiffany Petroc](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 7:11:10 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Petroc
La Cañada Flintridge, 91011

From: [Janet Gordon](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 5:51:29 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Janet G. Gordon
Pasadena
91105

Sent from my iPad

From: bellsen@charter.net
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Please Vote to Support the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 5:47:40 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I've had the pleasure of meeting you at various community events in La Crescenta. As a constituent, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever-increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Barbara Nielsen

La Crescenta, CA 91214

From: [Sarah Nichols](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 5:00:57 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am one of your constituents, and I am in full support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. This measure is critical for protecting our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

PLEASE vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
The Rev. Sarah W. Nichols
Pasadena, CA 91105

From: [John Callas](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 4:32:45 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
John Callas
Pasadena, CA 91103

From: [Shana](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:59:31 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I believe this plan realistically addresses the threat of climate change and protects our wildlife and natural habitats, while directing necessary growth away from high fire zones and the wildland/urban interface. Now that we have more knowledge about the negative impact of development in our remaining open spaces, we have a responsibility to do our part and protect the remaining native plants and wildlife that are crucial to our ecosystem.

Additionally, as a cabin owner in Altadena, I am very involved in the Altadena community, both in person and on social media. I am concerned that a vocal minority, spearheaded by two large parcel owners who have personal interest in the WSGVAP not passing, have been spreading misinformation to obtain signatures on their petition and garner opposition to the plan.

I think the majority of our community sees through what I believe are their aggressive and unethical tactics, but even those who signed the petition against the Plan are citing things like I "want to maintain the area and its wildlife", indicating that they likely have a misunderstanding of the Plan. The AltadenaWild / Chaney Trail Corridor Project petition in support of the WSGVAP obtained almost double the number of signatures (as of today) as the petition against the plan, in a fraction of the time (the petition against began 9/30/24, and the petition in support on 11/22/24).

I ask that the County please not give weight to this vocal minority of large parcel owners, who do not represent the voice of the majority of the community, and come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Shana Pallotta
Pasadena, CA 91103

From: [Rich Diephuis](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:58:15 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Richard Diephuis
Pasadena
91105

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jennie Boutchantarath](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:35:25 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Jennie Boutchantarath
Palmdale
93552

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Carolyn Ash](#)
To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: [West_SGV_Area_Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:00:44 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Ash
Altadena 91001

From: [Luke Welsh](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 2:34:45 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

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measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Louis T. "Luke" Welsh
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [Kathleen McDonnell](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 2:28:56 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am one of your constituents and I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

I ask that you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Kathleen McDonnell
Altadena
91001

From: [heidrun mumper-drumm](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 2:13:14 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger and Solis,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

There are so many reasons why the Plan is important, but to put it simply, we must maintain healthy habitats and in turn, a healthy planet. I'd like to see life not just continue, and not just for me and mine, but for all the varieties of species and their bio-geo-chemical lifecycles. Because Ongoingness depends on it.

We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Heidrun Mumper-Drumm
Pasadena CA
91105

From: [Traci](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:58:17 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Traci Balzaret
West Hollywood
90069

From: [thegourd](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:55:07 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

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Sincerely,
{First and Last Name}
{Town/City}
{Zip Code}

From: [Juarros, Brad@CNRA](mailto:Juarros,Brad@CNRA)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:48:05 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

Current land use policies are helping to not only fragment precious remaining open space and wildlife habitat but are also consuming land inefficiently. They are also helping to put people in zones where fire historically wants to burn. There is a tendency to make land use decisions on the assumption that it won't happen here or the probabilities are slight. In addition, development in the open space makes people more dependent on automobiles and fossil fuels, further challenging the air basin and efforts to combat climate change.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region the developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Brad Juarros
Sacramento, 95833

From: [Gwen Babcock](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:36:55 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

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Sincerely,
Gwen Babcock
San Marino
91108-1039

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Monica Hubbard](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:31:09 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Monica Hubbard
1843 Pepper Drive
Altadena CA 91001

From: [Janet Chunn](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:30:54 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Janet S. Chunn
Altadena
91001

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Gabriela](#)
To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:07:40 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Solis,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

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Sincerely,
Gabriela Vazquez
Sierra Madre
91024

From: [Lindy Russell](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:59:27 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Lindy Russell
Pasadena
91104

From: [Barb Knighton](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:58:27 PM
Attachments: [smime.p7s](#)
[ATT00001.txt](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents and a supporter of the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Barbara Knighton
La Crescenta, CA
91214

From: [Amy Richards](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:57:14 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Amy Richards
Pasadena
91104

From: [Susan Hoskins](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:47:07 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Susan Hoskins
Sierra Madre, 91024

From: [THOMAS SEIFERT](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:38:14 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Thomas D. Seifert
Pasadena, CA
91105

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kyle Murphy](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:38:03 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Kyle Murphy
Pasadena
91105

From: [Philibosian, Dianne L](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:36:32 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Dianne Philibosian
Pasadena, Ca 91105

From: [barbara.poland](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:35:40 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger, As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats. The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them. I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife. Sincerely, {First and Last Name} {Town/City} {Zip Code}

From: [linda_ross](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:34:46 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
{First and Last Name}
{Town/City}
{Zip Code}

Linda Ross LCSW, Ph.D

626 616-8343

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From: [Marsha D Fowler](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Urging your support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:28:55 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am a constituent in your district, I am writing in support of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as an essential measure to protect our region's wildlife, native plants, and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that you vote in favor of the plan when it comes up for a vote on Dec 10.

Sincerely,
Marsha Fowler
Altadena
91001

From: [Jennifer Weissmuller](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:23:41 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Weissmuller
535 S. Orange Grove Blvd., #7
Pasadena

Jennifer

From: tkrubsack@bulletvalley.com
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:22:41 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Tim Krubsack
Glendale, CA 91206

From: [Terry Hair](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 10:57:54 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As a Los Angeles resident and nature activist, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Terry Hair
Echo Park
90026

Sent from my iPhone

From: [larry young](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 10:10:19 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Larry Young
La Canada
91011

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Heidi Babcock](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 8:08:56 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Heidi Babcock
Altadena

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Tom Skidmore](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 2, 2024 5:29:16 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Tom Skidmore
Pasadena
91104

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marta Mora](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Sunday, December 1, 2024 6:54:06 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Marta L Mora MD
Altadena
California

From: [Lydia Whitlock](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Sunday, December 1, 2024 4:37:42 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I am a homeowner in Altadena, one of the communities that would most benefit from the plan. Having just experienced over a year of concern and fear about the consequences of the now-defunct Pasadena Polytechnic development plan in the high fire risk zone less than half a mile from my home, I'm thrilled that there's now a chance to direct growth away from these kinds of hazardous areas and prohibit development without adequate fire protection. Traffic and pedestrian safety are also an ongoing concern in Altadena, and I believe that this plan would ensure that denser areas have adequate road access. As someone who moved to Altadena in large part due to its proximity to the beautiful San Gabriel mountains, I'm excited that we have the chance to further protect the borders of these mountains, benefitting not only the people who live nearby but the amazing wildlife and plant life across these lands. This plan is something that we can look back on in a decade or more and say, "We got that one right."

Sincerely,
Lydia Whitlock
Altadena
91001

From: [Leslie Miller](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Saturday, November 30, 2024 7:50:59 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Leslie Miller
Altadena
91001

From: [tyggerzmom](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Saturday, November 30, 2024 8:54:36 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Diana Regan
Tujunga
91042

From: [Sean Heim](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Saturday, November 30, 2024 8:15:07 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Sean Heim
Altadena
91001

From: [Traci Esslinger](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Saturday, November 30, 2024 8:15:01 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Traci Esslinger
Altadena, CA
91001

From: [Laura Fleming](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Friday, November 29, 2024 3:58:26 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger:

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

With climate change accelerating biodiversity loss, we must do everything possible to create and preserve wildlife corridors, protecting invaluable wildlife and natural habitats.

On December 10th, I respectfully request that you vote yes on the plan to ensure that our region is developed responsibly for all those living in our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Laura Fleming
Pasadena 91106

From: [Jannine Jacques](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: I would like to volunteer
Date: Friday, November 29, 2024 8:19:09 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

To whom this may concern
I would like to be a part of volunteering
In areas of Pasadena LACounty

From: [Eros Rice](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Thursday, November 28, 2024 3:52:26 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. This is important to me and my family as we hoped that Altadena would provide the remoteness that we looked for, while not being too far away from essential services such as fire, police, hospitals, schools, and work. Our community has provided that sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is quiet, quaint and becoming increasingly popular (which create certain risks) since 2020. With the heightened awareness of fire danger, we hope that that growth will stay away from fire hazards and that we will not become so dense that our current environment will taken away from our community. Thank you for hearing us.

These are elements that mean the most to me and my family:

- Limit light pollution and disturbance to wildlife species
- Protect Significant Ecological Areas and biological resources
- Prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation
- Require natural habitat buffers
- Strengthen ecosystem preservation for biodiversity
- Direct growth away from hazard areas
- Prohibit development without adequate fire protection

Sincerely,
Eros Rice Jr.
Altadena, CA
91001

From: [Robles, Cristian](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Fwd: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Thursday, November 28, 2024 12:02:47 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Robles, Cristian** <cristian.robles.762@my.csun.edu>
Date: Thu, Nov 28, 2024 at 12:01 AM
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
To: <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). This thoughtful plan is crucial for preserving the natural beauty and ecological health of our foothills while ensuring responsible and sustainable development.

The WSGVAP will play a pivotal role in:

- Discouraging growth in high-risk areas, such as hazard-prone zones, thus ensuring the safety of residents.
- Preserving critical natural and biological resources, preventing habitat fragmentation, and safeguarding biodiversity.
- Protecting our unique landscapes from unchecked development, which could irreparably harm the environment and disrupt the character of our community.

I urge you to vote in favor of the WSGVAP during the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting on December 10, 2024. This decision will demonstrate a strong commitment to environmental stewardship and to the well being of current and future generations.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering the voices of those who deeply care about preserving the integrity of our natural areas. I trust in your commitment to making decisions that prioritize the long-term benefits to our community and environment.

Sincerely,
Cristian Robles
Pasadena, CA 91104

From: [Susan Walp](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 8:57:34 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that, come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Susan P. Walp
Pasadena
91103-2722

From: [Dana Roth](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Fwd: "Support for the WSGVAP"
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 6:30:28 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Dana Roth** <dzrlib@library.caltech.edu>
Date: Wed, Nov 27, 2024 at 6:28 PM
Subject: "Support for the WSGVAP"
To: <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>

Dear Supervisor Barger: Thanks again for the work you must have done on the excellent redesign of Rosemead Blvd. and New York Drive. I hope there might be additional work on Washington Blvd. East of Altadena Drive and Del Mar Ave. near Rosemead Blvd.

Another concern is the WSGVAP planning tool for critical protections as it will provide for our region's wildlife and open spaces. Fortunately, the seemingly insane proposal by Polytechnic School for development of a large area in North Altadena was withdrawn. I hope that you might lend some support for a special district that would preclude any similar development in that area.

All the best,
Dana Roth
Pasadena

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From: [Jack Levy](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: support for the WSGVAP
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 6:21:39 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

To: Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov or FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I have lived in Pasadena on and off since 1948; I have lived in Pasadena continuously since 2001. I am trained as a biologist, and have consulted with the U.S. Forest Service and California State Parks Department on issues related to our vanishing wildlife. I have personally witnessed the gradual disappearance of native wildlife species in the Pasadena and surrounding areas. Therefore, I think I can claim more than an average understanding of the importance of the work that the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy is doing in an effort to stem the degradation of wildlife habitats and disappearance of native flora and fauna in our area. As the AFC has eloquently stated, these are crucial times for forward thinking in our policy decisions. It is very difficult and costly to reverse species and habitat loss, and it makes good sense to be proactive in protecting these precious resources.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Jack N. Levy, Ph.D.

Pasadena, California 91104

From: [Smrithi Krishnan](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:32:06 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

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Sincerely,
Smrithi Krishnan
San Marino
91108

From: [Petrea Burchard](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:04:19 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I strongly support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). We need its critical protections for wildlife, biodiversity and open spaces, to protect against wildfires and secure our health and our future.

Please vote to approve the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

Sincerely,
Petrea Burchard Sandel
Pasadena 91104

From: [Brenda Cullen](#)
To: kathrun@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#); [Brenda Cullen](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:00:16 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

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Sincerely,
Brenda Cullen
Altadena
91001

Brenda C. Cullen
Sent with [Spark](#)

From: [Matt DeVoll](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 3:13:49 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello Supervisor Barger,

I am writing to urge support for the WSGVAP.

Thank you,

Matt DeVoll

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Matthew DeVoll
Pasadena, CA 91105
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matt.devoll@gmail.com

From: [Leslie Lowes](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, November 25, 2024 2:32:29 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. There are many good reasons to support it. First and foremost, it makes sense AND it was developed with our community's reasoned input. It is clear that those in charge of developing the plan wanted to hear from the community and took the time and effort to listen and incorporate the community's thoughts into their plan. It is a wonderful example of government working for and WITH the community. Thank you to all involved.

To me, the most critical thing is to limit development and decrease intensity of activity within high hazard fire zones. The increase in wildfire danger, especially in the wildland-urban interface areas such as the Altadena foothills, is becoming apparent to all. Especially those of us who live in single road access areas in the high fire zones, it is critical that we are knowledgeable and prepared for the real possibility of fire within 1/4" of our home, such as it was in the 2009 Station Fire. Adding more usage of space in these areas, beyond what it is currently, just adds to that hazard. The WSGVAP clearly addresses this concern, and I applaud it.

While there is a well-known housing shortage, developing in high hazard fire zone areas only increases the likelihood that those homes would be lost and more personal tragedy occur with those losses. There are more urban lots with access to transportation corridors that could satisfy the need for more homes.

Last but not least is the protection of wildlife and wildlife corridors in the LA area. Access to wild, undeveloped spaces is important for human health as well as the health of the lands and the plants and animals that live or pass through them. I'm gratified to see that the state of California officially recognizes the freedom and necessity for animals to roam and have connected territories (AB 1889). The WGSVAP can directly support this by allowing the open spaces that animals need, and initiating conservation and open space volunteer programs to protect them.

I strongly urge you and your fellow Supervisors to approve this important and well-done plan.

Sincerely,
Leslie Lowes
Altadena
91001

From: [Trish Pengra](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Sunday, November 24, 2024 5:27:44 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I attended the ACONA meeting on November 20 where two staff members from LA County Planning presented the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and explained why changes were made to bring local zoning and permit language into coherence. I left the meeting confused because several of the individuals attending seemed to believe the plan would rob them of their property, despite being told the plan has no provisions for the government exercising eminent domain and reassuring attendees that the plan is intended to limit not increase development in the high fire hazard zones at the topmost part of Altadena.

Reviewing the plan after hearing claims made at the meeting, I now know that those objecting to the plan are basing their objections on information and assumptions that are not true (alternate facts, if you will).

I fully support the plan's stated goals. While I am hopeful that the Nuccio Nursery owners will be able to sell their land, I was relieved when the Polytechnic school withdrew their application to permit the construction of a sports complex on the nursery land, but I remain concerned that another La Vina type development will be approved that raises fire hazard risks in our community bordering the Angeles National Forest, will strain already strained infrastructure, and rupture hiking and horse trails that have never been restored despite decades of promises.

We need the plan to guide future development. Stay the course. Approve the plan and let it guide county policy and decision making.

Trish Pengra
Altadena resident

Trish Pengra
1215 East Woodbury Road
Pasadena, CA 91104
301-412-2844

From: [Lionel Mares](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [Oganesyan, Diana](#); [Vartanian, Natalie](#); [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Saturday, November 23, 2024 6:34:44 PM
Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

My name is Lionel. I am urging you to protect the San Gabriel Mountains from further land-development. I am a hiker who enjoys spending time in the mountains and outdoors. I attended and graduated from the Nature For All Leadership Academy. I am an advocate for nature and I support Los Angeles County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

I am concerned about further encroachment into the mountains, especially due to the fact we experience severe wildfires in the mountains and foothill communities. I strongly urge you to support the WSGVAP plan to put a stop on new development that threaten natural habitat and wildlife.

So please, do the right thing, and protect our wildlife habitat and mountains. Protect nature!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

LIONEL MARES, MPA
Sun Valley, CA 91352

From: [Vivian Geiseler](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 1:12:56 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). WSGVAP would ensure that our outdoor spaces, specifically in the San Gabriel Mountains, would continue to be protected for future generations.

I feel strongly about WSGVAP's objectives to protect natural resources, limit light pollution and disturbance to wildlife species, and to prohibit development without adequate fire protection.

I hope that you will make the right choice by supporting WSGVAP.

Warmly,
Vivian Geiseler
Pasadena, CA native
91108

From: [Sarah Wolf](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#); [Adrine Arakelian](#); [Nemer, Sussy](#)
Subject: I Support the WSGVAP
Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024 11:26:34 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger

I'm an Altadena resident and I'm writing in support of the Draft WSGVAP.

I appreciate the time and energy DRP staff have taken to listen to the concerns of Altadena residents. While I recognize that change is difficult and some residents don't want to see any development in Altadena, this does not reflect the reality of living in a county of 10 million people.

There have also been concerns expressed about the environmental impact of building more housing. I would like to see LA County mandate and enforce green building codes and standards in line with CalGreen, and encourage green building certifications such as LEED, to mitigate the GHG emissions of buildings, both in their construction and operations.

That being said, the WSGVAP is our best chance to address the housing crisis, the impacts of climate change, and growing our community economically over the next 10-20 years. The plan is also in line with other LA County efforts such as the Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Plan.

Overall, I'm pleased that the WSGVAP prioritizes development around transit corridors and away from the wildland-urban interface. We need to preserve and protect our open spaces for all to enjoy - access to nature is one of the main reasons for living in Altadena. Our foothills and the ecosystems they support are a precious resource. It makes sense to protect these areas, especially in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, while concentrating development near bus lines where local businesses can thrive.

I'm also pleased to see the WSGVAP prioritize the missing "middle" housing that is so needed in our community. I hope, with passage of the plan, the Board of Supervisors will continue to support infrastructure improvements in Altadena such as bike lanes and sidewalks, and increase our tree canopy, especially in south and western portions of Altadena that have been historically redlined.

While I understand a small group of homeowners is unhappy with the planned rezoning of their parcels, the WSGVAP incorporates the best ideas of the *entire* community and reflects the desire for smart growth, vibrant businesses, and protection for nature. I urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the plan and take up the Community Wildfire Protection Ordinance as its next order of business.

Sincerely yours,
Sarah Wolf
3216 Grandeur Ave
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [Patty Watson-Swan](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:18:04 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Below is a copy of the letter I emailed directly to Kathryn Barger.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I live in West Altadena near the top of Fair Oaks Ave. I believe it is vitally important to protect our natural resources for generations to come. Being in a high fire risk area, I support growth away from this area in terms of ensuring adequate fire protection for this area. I also support conservation and open space volunteer programs proposed for this area. We are so blessed in Altadena to have such a beautiful area close to the city of Pasadena for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Patty Watson-Swan
West Altadena
91001

From: [Matt Lashbrook](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support of a more sustainable and dense Altadena.
Date: Sunday, November 17, 2024 11:13:38 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Greetings,

I am a concerned resident writing in defense of much needed housing density and rezoning in Altadena. We need to think about future generations and how we can solve the housing crisis with building dense walkable and bike-able human scale communities. I am in support of whatever we can do to help re zone areas and get rid of single family zoning in communities that are inside the 2nd largest metro area in the USA. There are a lot of NIMBY's who will try and get in the way but please do what's right and think about a sustainable future for generations to come.

Thank you

From: [tom rizzo](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 6:39:02 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

I am a resident of Altadena writing to urge you to vote in favor of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) and its associated changes to zoning and land use classifications in the Altadena Foothills.

As you know, this plan updates zone designations for proper uses in northern Altadena and its foothills to create consistency with several existing land use constraints that limit potential development in hazard zones and in hillside and significant ecological areas. The accompanying WSGVAP land use policies direct growth away from existing protected/hazard areas, protect natural and biological resources, and prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation and fire hazard.

I feel passionately about protecting our wild spaces from developers and sincerely hope you will vote to support this important plan.

Sincerely,

Tom Rizzo
Altadena, CA 91001
Plectrum Advisers LLC
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From: [Julie Gigante](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Friday, November 15, 2024 4:06:31 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

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Sincerely,
Julie Gigante
Altadena CA 91001

From: [Nancy Collins](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 1:12:07 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

I have lived in Pasadena and South Pasadena for the last 40 years and chose this area as my home in large part because of the proximity of open space. After a careful reading the Los Angeles County West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan I decided that it was imperative that I contact you to lend my voice to those in support of this plan.

This plan will limit expansion into the current wild and undeveloped area of the SG Valley while encouraging infill in open areas of currently designated urban areas. It will limit development to areas that already have wildfire prevention in place rather than tax our limited resources with expanded coverage.

While I also support this plan because it would mean saving open space that I came here to enjoy and that is essential for wildlife and native plants to continue to be able to thrive many people can't understand that view. Perhaps they and you, as our representative, will be convinced that safety from wildfires is important enough for you to support this plan.

Sincerely,

Nancy Collins
Pasadena, CA
91107

From: [Sarah King](#)
To: [Barger, Kathryn](#)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 11:31:03 AM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am writing this letter to show my support for the LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

As an Altadena resident living at the base of the foothills for over 35 years, this plan is important to me. I believe we need to preserve the natural habitats in our foothills and not blindly develop them. The reasons are numerous, including the need to limit expansion of the wildlife-urban interface, the need to insure adequate fire protection for any development that is deemed a responsible project, the need to limit light and noise pollution, which is disturbing to the many wildlife species roaming the area (not to mention the humans who have lived here in homes developed long ago), and the need to protect and strengthen the natural ecosystem.

With the recent withdrawal of Pasadena Poly School's plan to build a sports complex in this area, Altadena residents all breathed a sigh of relief. Now we need to consider what is appropriate and responsible development of any property sold next to the adjacent foothills, all while protecting the open areas to ensure the natural habitat will not be compromised any more than it already has. I believe the LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan comprehensively addresses the needs of the area to ensure responsible and slow growth as well as adequate preservation of the area.

Sincerely,
Sarah King
Altadena, California
91001

From: [Pollito Gnoche](#)
To: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024 9:33:40 PM

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello,

My name is Paulina McConnell, and I am a future constituent. As an Altadena resident and natural scientist, I would like to emphasize my **unyielding support** for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

This plan is **integral** to the preservation of the ecological corridors that make up our corner of the foothills; moreover, it is instrumental in creating a safer landscape for families such as my own living in Altadena for years to come.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the betterment of both residential communities and the environment. I look forward to the protection that WSGVAP will bring to Altadena foothills.

Sincerely,
Paulina McConnell
91001



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December 6, 2024

Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: SUPPORT for West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan Update

Honorable Supervisors:

Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) is a non-profit environmental organization concerned with the wellbeing of wildlife and wildlife habitat for the City of Los Angeles and beyond. A citizenry of more than 5,000 individuals support our organization's multiple calls for practices and policy to benefit biodiversity in LA City, County, California and the globe. CLAW applauds the acknowledgement of Significant Ecological Areas (SEA) in the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan, and urges the adoption of this plan with its current SEA protections, including decreasing density within these areas.

LA County's SEA Program was established to conserve biodiversity and protect "irreplaceable biological resources." Three SEAs have been established within the Area Plan (Altadena Foothills and Arroyos, San Gabriel Canyon, and Puente Hills).

Urbanization is one of the leading causes of habitat loss and ecological degradation, and conserving wildlife habitat must go hand in hand with urban planning. The broader geography of this Area Plan includes ecologically sensitive areas such as the Angeles National Forest, San Gabriel Mountains, Whittier Narrows Natural Area, and Puente Hills. These areas serve as habitat for endangered species such as the Least Bell's Vireo and endemic plants such as the San Antonio milk-vetch. Ecologically sensitive areas such as these require consideration when considering future development.

Now is the perfect time to include protections for these areas, and limit development density in order to conserve critical habitat. We urge you to adopt the proposed Area Plan.

Sincerely,

Tony Tucci, Chair

CLAW is a public benefit non-profit 501(c)(3) environmental organization that works to protect and restore the environments of wildlife of Los Angeles and California from dwindling open spaces. Our mission is to promote, educate and protect the fundamental importance of wildlife, wildlife habitats and wildlife corridors everywhere.



December 4, 2024

Re: La Crescenta-Montrose Organizations in Support of West SGV Area Plan

To Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Commissioners, and Staff:

As local organizations advocating for a stronger and better-connected La Crescenta-Montrose, we voice our **strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP)**. The WSGVAP provides a bold blueprint for the type of neighborhoods our organizations actively support: vibrant and resilient communities that beckon us to connect regularly—if not daily—with our neighbors in beautiful public spaces we would be proud to call home.

We celebrate the ambitious goals to incentivize **sustainable, human-scale growth along the backbone of our community, Foothill Blvd**. As close neighbors of the Montrose Shopping Park on Honolulu Ave, we appreciate the value of shaded, walkable and inviting spaces to gather with family and friends and encourage the efforts to bring more of this type of development to Foothill Blvd:

- **Re-assessing parking requirements** and replacing largely-latent and heat-island inducing expanses of pavement with more productive and vibrant businesses
- Partnering with local businesses and potential business owners to **incentivize community establishments and “third places”**
- **Protecting, connecting, and providing access to local wild lands** and significantly increasing well-maintained **native tree canopy**

Improving connectivity and active transportation of all forms along the corridor creates a foundation upon which these spaces can exist, and we are heartened to see the broad spectrum of approaches in the WSGVAP to achieve this goal:

- **Restoring frequent (<20 min interval) transit options** along Foothill Blvd and **adding new ones** to connect to it to the north and south
- **Building out a robust and protected bicycle network**, especially northbound/southbound
- **Improving pedestrian connectivity** with a network of cul-de-sac bypasses and wash trails

We look forward to supporting the next steps in the WSGVAP process and moving toward a happier and more sustainable La Crescenta-Montrose.

Sincerely,

Edward Gonzales
Founder
Active CV

John Howell
Chief Executive Officer
Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

Frank Colcord
Co-Chair
Friends of Rosemont Preserve

Rawan Aj
Founder
Crescenta Runners

Support statement to the WSGVAP Agenda Item #7 12.10.24 Board Meeting

Good morning, Board of Supervisors. I'm Desiree Portillo Rabinov, a resident of La Crescenta for 35 years. This is where my children were born and raised, and I continue volunteering to enhance the quality of life in our area. One of my goals when we moved here was to request a specific plan for our community, and it's finally happening. I'm thrilled to support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a former Sr. Transportation Manager at MTA with over 3 decades of practice. I appreciate the opportunity to share my experience and knowledge during the planning process with county staff, who were exceptional to work with in this effort.

I want to emphasize several topics of the plan that highlight the absolute need to be approved because it creates a more vibrant, less car-dependent community by enhancing transportation diversity by increasing multi-use and affordable housing options, a community center, and small businesses. Three areas of interest are:

- Micro transit Service, Pedestrian Safety, and Bike Network: The plan promotes diverse mobility options, such as frequent bus and micro transit services, to reduce reliance on personal vehicles. This would benefit families and residents who work, attend college, attend schools, or shop within a 5-mile radius with added convenience. Also, more frequent public transit services connecting to the metro light rail station in Pasadena and BRT will be linked with more multi-use housing development on Foothill Blvd. for those longer destinations and traffic-calming infrastructure to improve pedestrian mobility.

- Access to parks and creating more park space and the Rosemont Preserve Improving accessibility to the Rosemont Preserve would be a significant asset to the community. Many of our residents, like my husband, volunteer as docents and stewards and are very knowledgeable about ecology, watersheds, and native plants that they share with students. Many neighbors are unaware of the Preserve, and better access and availability would enhance community engagement and understanding of outdoor conservation. Also, improving connections to existing parks by repurposing the flood control channels will create a network of hiking and biking trails to boost our green footprint.
- Vibrant, Diverse Small Businesses: Incentivizing diverse shops, restaurants, and offerings, especially along Foothill Blvd, would make the neighborhood more competitive and attractive for small businesses like La Canada. This would create a more pleasant, walkable, and family-friendly area, supporting local businesses and a sense of belonging to the community's vibrancy.

Other planning actions include parking flexibility, pedestrian-scale street improvements, climate-friendly designs, and multifunctional gathering and recreation spaces, which contribute to the livability of families in La Crescenta-Montrose.

I urge the Board to support this vision by approving the WSGVAPs to start building it into reality. I hope to be alive to experience it.

Desiree Portillo Rabinov

A resident of La Crescenta-Montrose

*Board of Trustee President Glendale Community College

*(identification purposes only)

Melanie Calvert (SBN 115470)
P.O. Box 6096
Altadena, Ca. 91001

November 20, 2024

To: The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Attention: Honorable Kathryn Barger
Attention: Board Services Division

Re: PROJECT NAME: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
PROJECT/PERMIT NUMBERS: PRJ2023-003982-(SD 1,5)
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. RPPL2023005880
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPPL2023005884
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT: RPPL2023005882
ZONE CHANGE NO. RPPL2023005883
ORDINANCE NO. RPPL2024002630
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2023110351

To the Honorable Kathryn Barger:

Attached you will find my comments and objections to the above project and PEIR. This correspondence (with supporting exhibits) was lodged with the Regional Planning Commission (Evan Sensible) on Monday, August 5, 2024. I also made comments at the Commission meeting.

I am a resident of Altadena and a retired attorney. I have a B.S. *cum laude* in biology from Vanderbilt University where I studied population biology, ecology, developmental biology and cellular biology. I also have a minor in chemistry including a course in organic chemistry. I graduated from George Washington Law School where I studied environmental law, toxic and hazardous waste, water rights and zoning law. I worked at Emory University in the fields of immunology and cancer markers.

Although I previously copied you, I have once again forwarded the source documents referenced in my objections and comments including portions of Dr. Mack's text on Patterns of Malignant Disease in Los Angeles County, as well as the JPL Public Health Assessment that I obtained at the Superfund meeting in Altadena, many years ago.

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FROM:

Melanie Calvert
1089 Marcheta St
Altadena, CA. 91001

TO: The Los Angeles County
Board of Superisors
500 West Temple St
Room 383
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Attn. Board Services Division

Label 228, March 2016

FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL USE

To: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, 13th Floor
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Attention: Evan Sensibile

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2023110351

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



M. Calvert

To: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, Evan Sensibile

From: M. Calvert

Date: August 4, 2024

Re: Objections and Comments to LA County (WSGVP) Draft PEIR, dated June 2024

These comments are written in response to the Draft PEIR, prepared by Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for the West San Gabriel Valley Planning Committee ("WSGVP"). I am a long-term resident of Altadena and I object to any and all plans, projects and/or construction whether proposed in the draft Plan Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR") or not, as well as the proposed amendment of Title 22, for the reasons discussed in this Memorandum.

Volatile Organic Compounds in the Soil, Water and Air Pose Significant Health Risks in the West San Gabriel Valley ("WSGV")

- All of the contemplated activities (excavation, grading, dewatering, removal of soil, creation of fugitive dust, removal of construction debris and other ground-disturbing activities) pose an unacceptable risk to residents' health and safety from exposure to toxic volatile (vaporous) organic compounds in the soil and groundwater of Altadena.
- The consulting firm hired by Los Angeles County (ESA) recognized this issue in a Background Brief, dated December 2023: "Four major superfund sites are found within the WSGV and soil contamination from underground storage tanks is dispersed throughout the area." (Emphasis provided). ESA Task B1 Background Brief at page 68.
- The Jet Propulsion Lab, located at Hahamonga Watershed near Altadena and La Canada Flintridge, is one of these four Superfund sites and has been designated as a National Priorities Site or one that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deems to be most in need of clean-up due to risks to the public health and safety. (CERCLIS CA 9800013030, August 5, 1999).
- For fifteen years, from 1945-1960, toxic liquid and solid wastes were disposed into forty seepage pits and waste pits at the current site of JPL. (Supra at page 3).
- As a result, volatile organic compounds (VOC's) were released into the soil and water. (Supra at page 1).
- These VOC's traveled in an underground plume to drinking water wells in Altadena and Pasadena. (Supra at page 4).
- By 1980, two VOC's (carbon tetrachloride and trichloroethylene) were identified in wells by the City of Pasadena. (Supra at page 4).
- Carbon tetrachloride may cause liver problems and increase the risk of cancer. [EPA list of drinking water contaminants and maximum contaminant levels (MCL's)].
- Trichloroethylene may cause liver problems and increase the risk of cancer. [EPA list of drinking water contaminants and maximum contaminant levels (MCL's)].
- The groundwater plume can change direction and even reverse for short periods of time. (CERCLIS CA 9800013030, August 5, 1999, at page 12).
- Around 1980, VOC's were also detected in the wells of Lincoln Water, located in Altadena. (Supra at page 4)
- When the contaminant concentration exceeded drinking water standards in 1985, Pasadena closed two wells. (Supra at page 4)

- When the contaminant concentration exceeded drinking water standards in 1987, Lincoln Avenue (in Altadena) closed two wells. (Supra at page 4)
- When the contaminant concentration continued to exceed drinking water standards in 1989, Pasadena closed another two wells. (Supra at page 4)
- This was wide-spread contamination by the underground plume.
- In 1992, the EPA identified other VOC contaminants at the JPL/Hahamonga site: 1,1-dichloroethane and tetrachloroethylene. (Supra at page 4)
- 1,1 dichloroethane and 1,2 dichloroethane are associated with an increased risk of cancer and 1,1 dichloroethylene is associated with liver problems). [EPA list of drinking water contaminants and maximum contaminant levels (MCL's)].
- Tetrachloroethylene is associated with increased risk of cancer and liver problems. [EPA list of drinking water contaminants and maximum contaminant levels (MCL's)].
- A total of six Raymond Water Basin purveyors operate wells within four miles of the JPL/Hahamonga site. These include Rubio Canyon, Los Flores and Lincoln Avenue Water. The cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, La Canada-Flintridge, San Marino and Sierra Madre also received water from the Raymond Basin. (CERCLIS CA 9800013030, August 5, 1999, at page 8).
- This Raymond Groundwater Basin extends about 41 square miles. (PEIR at page 4.10-5)
- Groundwater extraction accounts for nearly one-third of the water usage in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. (ESA Task B1 Background Brief at page 68, referencing LACounty Planning 2022a).
- VOC's can be easily vaporized or become gaseous. (CERCLIS CA 9800013030, August 5, 1999, at Appendix A-7).
- Routes for exposure can be inhalation, ingestion or by skin contact. (Supra at page A-7).
- Since the VOC's are in the soil and water of Altadena's area, activities that create disruption cause release into the air.
 - Take, for example, "pre-watering and de-watering" discussed in the PEIR. (At page 4.3-32 to 4.3-33; page 4.7-11; page 4.7-17; and page 4.9-17).
 - VOC-contaminated water can evaporate into the air creating a toxic environment for humans.
- The WSGVP's PEIR recognizes that soils can contain toxic contaminants that are released through particle emissions. (PEIR at page 4.3-53)
- In its background brief, the ESA firm, hired by the County, stated that the cancer rate in Altadena was 6%, or above average. This means that 2,559 of Altadena's current residents (42,658) have had cancer diagnoses.
- In 2004, Dr. Thomas Mack, Norris Cancer Center, analyzed cancer surveillance data from ten million people in Los Angeles County over a twenty-six (26) year period. Elsevier Academic Press published the first edition in 2004, entitled Cancers in the Urban Environment, Patterns of Malignant Disease in Los Angeles County and its Neighborhoods. Dr. Mack identified census tracts at high risk and adjusted for social class. There were at least six instances of nonrandom distribution that did not

conform to the pattern that would have been predicted by available knowledge. (Mack at page 645)

- The identified nonrandom cancers included oropharyngeal carcinoma, small cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma of the lung, papillary carcinoma of the thyroid, squamous carcinoma of the bladder and diffuse mixed B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. (Mack at page 645):
 - For oropharyngeal carcinoma, there was a cancer cluster of female patients in Altadena and another cluster of males in Pasadena. (Mack at page 55).
 - For salivary gland malignancies, there was a cancer cluster of males in Altadena. (Mack at page 62).
 - For carcinoma of the larynx, there were cancer clusters of males in Pasadena and Altadena. (Mack at page 167)
 - For small cell carcinoma of the lung, there was a cancer cluster of males in Altadena. (Mack at page 197)
 - For adenocarcinoma of the lung and bronchi, there was a cancer cluster of females in La Canada Flintridge. (Mack at page 205)
 - For osteosarcoma, there was a cancer cluster of females in Altadena. (Mack at page 261-262)
 - For squamous carcinoma of the bladder, there was a cancer cluster of males near the Glendale and Altadena area. (Mack at page 352).
 - For brain malignancies (gliomas), there was a cancer cluster of females in Altadena. (Mack at page 379)
 - For papillary carcinoma of the thyroid, there was a large cancer cluster of females in La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 412)
 - For nodular sclerosis Hodgkin's lymphoma, there was a large cancer cluster of males between Altadena and La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 460)
 - For diffuse mixed B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, there were two male clusters, one in Pasadena and one in La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 503).
 - For chronic lymphocytic leukemia, there was a large mixed gender cluster near La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at 581)
 - For other leukemias, there were two clusters, one for females in Altadena and another for mixed genders in Pasadena. (Mack at page 609)
 - There was also a large cluster of malignancies in older children extending from Altadena to La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 623)
 - Finally, there was also a large cluster of young adult females with malignancies in La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 630)
- Future development would increase the number of residents (in Altadena) and would potentially increase the number of people exposed to toxic contaminants. (PEIR at page 4.9-25).
- It is reasonably foreseeable that future projects and/or natural disasters would release hazardous materials into the environment. (PEIR at page 4.9-27).
 - Although the ESA (WSGVP) adopts OSHA as its band aid fix, that is a statute designed to protect workers. OSHA remedial measures do not reduce the adverse impact to Altadena's residents.

- Although the PEIR states that the WSGVP was required to consult the EPA National Priorities List and the EPA's CERCLIS site, as well as archived sites, the ESA and the WSGVP "overlooked" the hazards site at JPL/Hahamonga Superfund site. (PEIR at page 4.9-2 to page 4.9-4).
- Although the PEIR acknowledges that VOC's, including tetrachloroethane, may be in the soil and groundwater throughout the Plan area and that soil vapor intrusion may occur, the impact of VOC's on human health and safety is not mentioned. (PEIR at page 4.9-7, page 4.9-12, page 4.9-17)
- Construction or redevelopment on contaminated properties could potentially generate vapors or fugitive dust containing contaminants that pose a health risk. (PEIR at page 4.9-27).
 - As demonstrated in Dr. Mack's book, above, the risk is significant and it is not limited to "sensitive receptors," young children, persons with disabilities and older residents.
- The ESA (WSGVP) asserts that future projected growth would result in 25,954 new residents, 10,874 new jobs and 16,243 new housing units. This would increase the demand for water and pumping from groundwater wells. (PEIR at page 4.10-22).
- It is not clear how many new residents would be added to Altadena's current population of 43,344, as this section was conveniently omitted from the PEIR and Appendices. Altadena is only 8.5 square miles. (PEIR at page 4.11-2)
- It is also not clear how many new housing units would be added to Altadena's current total of 15,334, as this section was omitted from the PEIR and Appendices. The Regional Housing Needs Allocation assigned 4,479 new units to the entire WSGV. (PEIR at page 4.11-8).
- Although the ESA (WSGVP) naively asserts that compliance with applicable environmental laws would protect the public from resulting contaminant exposure, causing serious health risks (PEIR at page 4.9-29), this is an overstatement.
 - Take, for example, the history of the JPL/Hahamonga Superfund site on the National Priorities List. Carcinogenic volatile organic chemicals were allegedly first discovered in 1980. Almost twenty years later, the EPA and JPL published the CERCLIS report and held the required Superfund meeting to inform Altadena residents.
 - Another resounding example of government inaction is the Stringfellow Acid Pits in Jurupa. Toxic waste, including volatile organic compounds, spilled into groundwater in 1972. Toxins had been spilling into the nearby creek between 1969 and 1980. Litigation related to this site lasted three decades and involved the conviction of Rita LaVelle, then Director of Superfund, and the resignation of Anne Gorsuch Burford, then EPA administrator. Clean-up has

not been completed and will take five hundred (500) years. *Wikipedia, Stringfellow Acid Pits, Accessed July 28, 2024.*

- Another questionable assumption in the ESA/WSGVP's PEIR is the use of the VOC maximum contaminant or significance levels established by the SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District). (PEIR at 4.3-34 to 3.4-35). They should have and could have used the VOC criteria significance levels established by the EPA for drinking water.
 - Members of the AQMD are drawn from businesses (both small and large), labor organizations, law firms, the chamber of commerce, community environmental organizations and some government agencies. Other than JPL, discussed above, the member roster does not appear to include persons having scientific-based knowledge. AQMD.gov/home. See AQMD advisory group board, September 2023-September 2027, accessed July 27, 2024.
 - The SCAQMD has arbitrarily determined the cancer burden without supporting empirical evidence, such as Dr. Mack's surveillance data, discussed above. (PEIR at page 4.3-37)
 - Additionally, for criteria pollutants, the SCAQMD has used dated thresholds from 1993. (PEIR at page 4.3-43)
 - The SCAQMD has also utilized an unsupported assumption that construction impacts are temporary. (PEIR 4.3-35). As demonstrated above, the health impacts are far from temporary.
- The WSGVP's PEIR marginalizes significant health risks from VOC's. Despite the known health risks of VOC's, the WSGVP states that it would like to use recycled water for landscape irrigation in County parks. (PEIR at page 4.3-31).
- Although the PEIR states a concern for water quality and aquatic resources, it allows project developers to simply purchase credits, in lieu of remediation, at an approved mitigation bank. (PEIR at page 4.4-34).
- Although there is a process for monitoring pollutant discharges, this process lies squarely in the hands of the developer or contractor under the Construction General Permit. (PEIR at pages 4.17-16 to 4.7-17). This questionable process seems to have little oversight by governmental authorities.

Volatile Organic Compounds Combine with Nitrogen Oxide to Form Ozone, A Greenhouse Gas, That Causes Known and Significant Health Risks in the WSGV

- When VOC's are released into the air, they combine with nitrogen oxides to form ozone. (PEIR at page 4.3-2 to 4.3-3). Ozone is a greenhouse gas and one that causes increased temperatures on Earth. *Wikipedia, Greenhouse Gas, Accessed 7/25/24.*

- Based on ambient air quality monitoring, Los Angeles County regularly exceeded the state's one hour and federal eight hour ozone level within the last five years. (PEIR at page 4.3-9). This is considered extreme "non-attainment" in the PEIR. (Page 4.3-36)
- Ozone is a criteria pollutant and one which can lead to the following medical problems:
 - Breathing problems, such as asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis;
 - Inflammation and damage to airways;
 - Aggravation of lung diseases;
 - Susceptibility to lung infections;
 - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and
 - Permanent lung damage. (PEIR at page 4.3-2 to 4.3-3).
- Ozone (made by the combination of VOC's and nitrogen oxide, as noted in the WSGVP PEIR) creates risk to human health, particularly in older adults, children and outdoor workers ("sensitive receptors"). (PEIR at page 4.3-2 to 4.3-3).
 - Altadena has 19.5% residents aged sixty-five and older. (ESA Background Brief).

The WSGVP's PEIR Contemplates the Release of Both Small and Large Particulate Matters that Cause Known and Significant Health Risks in WSGV.

- Projects developed under the WSGVP would involve ground-disturbing activities during construction. (PEIR at page 4.5-24). Excavating, grading, handling, treating, stock-piling, transferring and removing soil, construction/demolition and travel of construction equipment may cause "fugitive dust emissions." (PEIR at page 4.3-22 to 4.3-24).
 - The topography of the San Gabriel Mountains rising to the north of Altadena is conducive to trapping of pollutants in the foothill communities.

Emissions may be downwind of sensitive receptors. One option is to cease all activities. (PEIR at page 4.3-22 to 4.3-24).
- Particulate matter (PM 10 micrometers and PM 2.5 micrometers) may be inhaled by residents.
- Particulate matter (PM 10 and PM 2.5) is deposited into the lungs and can cause tissue damage and lung inflammation. (PEIR page 4.3-5).
- PM 10 particles include dust from construction sites and landfills.

Despite the known risks from release of particulates, the WSGVP wants to recycle construction and demolition debris from construction sites. (PEIR at page 4.3-31)

- Sources of PM 2.5 particles arise from combustion of gasoline, oil and diesel.
 - Bulldozers, loaders, backhoes, cranes, excavators, forklifts and haul trucks are frequently diesel powered and emit criteria air pollution. (PEIR at page 4.3-15, page 4.3-32).
 - Although idling at construction sites is purportedly limited to five minutes, the equipment fleet has not been fully replaced by new emissions-controlled fleets. (PEIR at page 4.3-15 to page 4.3-16)
- Based on ambient air quality monitoring, Los Angeles County regularly exceeded the state and federal PM10 and PM2.5 standards within the last five years. (PEIR at page 4.3-9). This is considered “non-attainment” status. (PEIR at page 4.3-42 to page 4.3-43)

The Scope of the WSGVP is Very Large, Impacting Many Residents, Many of Whom Did Not Receive Notice From Los Angeles County’s Department of Regional Planning.

- The scope of the proposed Plan is very large, impacting many residents and areas of Los Angeles County, including Altadena.
- Most residents did not receive notice of the NOP or scoping in November-December 2023. This author received no notice until Spring 2024.
- In Spring 2024, a few residents attended the meeting at the Altadena library, and two subsequent Zoom meetings. The initial meeting was cast as proposed “administrative corrections” of zoning to reflect how properties were actually being utilized in Altadena.
- At the Altadena library meeting, residents were asked to complete a forced choice survey to rank their preferences. Question No. 7 asked residents to rank what they would like to see more of in their community. Question No. 9 asked residents to rank the issues they would like to see “managed” in their community. Question 12 asked residents to select the “housing types” that could fit into their community.

Many of these questions were economically divisive, pitting citizens of West Altadena against those in East Altadena. This perpetrated a historical racial and socio-economic division within Altadena.

The survey had few open-ended questions on whether residents were satisfied with their community and whether they wanted additional development.

In the survey, there was no explanation of the broad intended scope of the WSGVP.

At the Altadena library meeting, the development maps were taped to the wall, had glare and could not be seen at eye level. Even the smaller paper maps placed on the tables were not fully legible in terms of streets.

- When the draft PEIR was released in June 2024, most residents were on summer vacations. By including boilerplate recitation of laws and regulations (without much discussion of applicability to the facts), the WSGVP has made the PEIR into eight hundred, ten (810) pages. The sheer length of the PEIR imposes an impediment to transparency.
- Although the WSGVP PEIR references the County General Plan, by incorporation, the author did not receive notice of the EIR for the County General Plan and cannot compare the two documents.
- When the WSGVP ultimately sent post cards, with QR codes, to each resident, the post card did not inform residents of the extent of the plan, or projects, with the dates of hearings and matters to be addressed. It was purposefully designed to look like a throw-away piece of mail. Most residents do not know what the County envisions for their community. Many residents and businesses believed that the development was limited to the former location of Webster's Pharmacy.

Altadena is Unique in Several Important Ways. In the Spirit of Self-Determination, Altadena Should Keep Its Own Community Standards ("CSD's")

- In June 2024, the draft PEIR laid out the vast extent of the development plan and used a process called "tiering." The process of "tiering," or assuming that all unincorporated areas of Los Angeles are the same in enough ways that they should be included within the rubric of one single Plan, the WSGVP, is not well-taken.
- After the WSGVP PEIR was drafted, the San Gabriel Mountains were designated as a federal National Monument. The foothills in Altadena are immediately south of, and directly abut, this National Monument. The WSGVP's PEIR does not consider the designation.
- A stated goal of the WSGVP is to reduce wildfire hazards and to preserve biological resources by decreasing density in areas adjacent to natural resources. (PEIR at page 4.7-19). Altadena is directly adjacent to the natural resources in the San Gabriel Mountains. Density should not be increased by any new development in Altadena.
- The San Gabriel Mountains' designation causes more traffic in Altadena's limited north-south roads and increases the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT's) beyond that contemplated by the WSGVP's PEIR.
- The only freeway that runs near Altadena, but not necessarily through Altadena, is the 210 Freeway. By framing the geographic area more broadly, the WSGVP has misstated the extent of freeway access.

To access Altadena for evacuation purposes, there are no north-south "highways." However, there are several secondary roads, running north-south: Lake, Allen, Hill, Lincoln, Los Robles, Altadena Drive and Fair Oaks. Many of these roads have traffic choke-points due to drive-through establishments and commercial build-out near Pasadena.

The other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County have more freeway access: the 60 Freeway, the 10 Freeway, the 605 Freeway, the 2 Freeway, the 5 Freeway and the 105 Freeway. These are the more reasonable choices for new growth.

- The hilly topography of Altadena is not conducive to walking, riding bicycles or razor scooters unless one plans a one-way trip, downhill. The buses that run from the Lake Avenue Metro Station are infrequent and take a long time.
- In Altadena, there are "areas with underlying materials that include undocumented fills, soft compressible deposits or loose debris that could be inadequate to support development" especially of multi-story buildings. (PEIR at page 4.7-25). This is another reason to keep height and set-back limits in Altadena's own CSD.
- Altadena is an historic area that should be preserved. More than one hundred and ninety (190) homes in Altadena were built in Jane's Village between 1924 and 1926. There are eighty (80) additional Jane's homes outside the Village area and in Altadena.

A Jane's home could be purchased for as little as \$ 7,950-\$11,000 with as little as \$ 500 down payment and monthly payments of only \$100.

The Jane's homes are recognized in the PEIR as "Altadena Heritage" homes but dismissively referred to as having no "legally binding" protection. (PEIR at page 4.5-8)

- The WSGVP would like to take Altadena's Community Standards ("CSD") and fold it into a "one-size fits all" area Plan or PASD, despite the differences between Altadena and the other three unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. (PEIR at page 4.4-31).
- "Local land use plans and policies... are not required to be consistent with either the Regional Transportation Plan or the Sustainable Communities Strategy." (PEIR at page 4.6-9). Altadena should keep its self-determined CSD.

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What is the Extent of Development and Displacement Contemplated by the WSGVP for Altadena's 8.5 Square Miles?

- Superficially, the WSGVP wants to increase “development” intensity along commercial corridors and in “select” areas near commercial corridors and transit with low existing residential density. (PEIR at page 4.3-32)
- The WSGVP wants to concentrate growth within one mile from major transit stops, one-half mile from high quality transit corridors and one quarter mile from commercial corridors and commercial areas where there is access to existing or *proposed* transit. (PEIR at page 4.11-16)

To change the growth pattern, all the planners have to do is propose new transit in an area of Altadena.

- The WSGVP wants to increase population density over and beyond that contemplated by the Regional Housing Element Regional Allocation. (PEIR at page 5-39).
- The WSGVP contemplates infill development and re-development on “underutilized” sites, as well as “adaptive reuse” of “underutilized structures,” “appropriate residential density” along transit corridors, “encouragement of sustainable subdivisions” and “acquisition” of resource-sensitive lands. (PEIR at page 4.3-29 to page 4.3-30; page 4.4-25).

If we look at the context of “appropriate residential density,” the WSGVP disfavors existing single family homes in Altadena (referred to as “aging stock”) and favors mixed use, multi-story residences that concededly block scenic views and full enjoyment of a National Monument, the San Gabriel Mountains.

- The WSGVP PEIR states that they want to utilize anti-displacement measures, so “existing community members can remain in ...their neighborhoods, while accepting new residents through more compact, mixed use development.” (PEIR at page 4.8-36).

The WSGVP has identified no site(s) for new residents and no sites for multi-density complexes. Vulnerable elderly people, people of color and people with limited economic means would be systemically displaced from their homes. See, for example, the historic seizure of Chavez Ravine in Los Angeles or the large scale razing of homes in Capetown, South Africa.

In Altadena, 19.5% of residents are 65 years or older and 74% of all residents are home owners. Many residents are retired, living on fixed income. If these home owners had to transition to rentals in Altadena, they would likely have to pay more than their mortgage. Currently, the average rental in Altadena is \$ 1,626. (ESA Background Brief).

“Relocation assistance” is not adequate to compensate the susceptible elderly for the disruption and health risks near the end of life.

Displacement of elderly people also imposes a burden on inter-generational transfer of wealth in Altadena, a neighborhood that was historically favored by African-Americans.

Vulnerable older individuals in R-1 housing would be disfavored to the advantage of younger residents with families. Younger newlyweds and families resent not being able to buy a home. Older residents just want to live their lives in peace, without the noise and nuisance of nearby construction. The WSGVP creates division.

Although there are needs for affordable housing, builders would not be required to offer affordable housing in Altadena. Mr. Drevno, one of the planners, stated that all units could be offered at market rates in Altadena. The background brief prepared by the ESA consulting firm also stated that Altadena was not eligible for market incentives due to the residents’ higher income.

The WSGVP’s PEIR is Defective Due to Vagueness, Inconsistencies and Omissions of Significant Impacts on Human Health and Safety.

- The WSGVP does not propose any site-specific development because “specific location, timing and type of future projects proposed to be developed are unknown,” detailed analysis would be speculative and beyond the scope of this PEIR. (PEIR at page 4.3-32, page 4.3-46, page 4.4-20, page 4.7-19).
- Although the PEIR acknowledges a potential increase in cancer, acute or chronic risk from exposure to toxic air contaminants based on the nature and extent of future projects under the WSGVP, it states: “Since the exact nature, location and operation of future developments are unknown”...quantification of health risks from toxic air contaminants “would be speculative.” (PEIR at page 4.3-53, page 4.3-34).
- Although the PEIR stated that the quantification of the health risks from toxic air contaminants is considered speculative, it also stated that the health risk is considered significant and unavoidable. (PEIR at page 4.3-53 and page 4.3-50)

The PEIR considered only the health impact on “sensitive receptors.” (PEIR at page 4.3-53)

The draft PEIR states that “construction of future projects developed under the Plan (WSGVP) would be consistent with AQMD.” (PEIR at page 4.3-43).

Only one page later, the draft PEIR states “all future projects would be required to demonstrate compliance with air quality on a project-by-project basis.” (PEIR at page 4.3-45).

“Impacts related to criteria pollutants associated with future projects developed under the Plan (WSGVP) are considered significant and unavoidable. (PEIR at page 4.3-47).

Fortunately, a table explains that mobile emissions, only, under the Plan (WSGVP) would exceed threshold for *all* criteria pollutants by 2045, as opposed to “No Project” by 2045. (PEIR at page 4.3-48).

The WSGVP Does Not Achieve Many of its Ostensible Goals.

- One stated goal of the WSGVP is to reduce VMT’s or vehicle miles traveled. (PEIR at page 4.3-29). The PEIR does not achieve its goal. The total VMT’s are increased by implementation of the WSGVP. (PEIR at page 4.6-21; page 4.8-48 to 4.8-49)

By increasing the population of residents or denominator, the WSGVP plays a numbers game by arguing that the VMT per service population is lower. (PEIR at page 4.6-21) This is disingenuous.

- Although another stated goal of the WSGVP is to reduce greenhouse gases, the planned construction increases ozone, a greenhouse gas.
- Construction of future projects under the WSGVP would have the potential to further increase GHG emissions through the use of heavy duty equipment such as excavators, cranes, forklifts and haul trucks. (PEIR at page 4.8-39)

The WSGVP increases the mobile source of GHG as opposed to the “No Project” alternative. (PEIR at page 4.8-48)

- Fuel consumption, a primary source of greenhouse gas, is greater under the WSGVP than the “No Project” alternative. (PEIR at page 4.6-20)
- The “Cap and Trade” program sets an overall limit on greenhouse gas emissions for covered entities. It does not guarantee reductions in any discrete location or by any source. Reductions are only guaranteed on a state-wide basis. This program allows covered facilities to trade permits to emit GHG. (PEIR at pages 4.8-23 to 4.8-24).
 - This is an easy escape for prolific polluters who use diesel-powered bulldozers, loaders, backhoes and forklifts. (PEIR at page 4.8-25)

The WSGVP believes that Alternative # 3, Housing Element, Regional Housing Needs, Is the Superior Plan. (PEIR at page 5-44).

- The WSGVP wants to cram an additional 25,954 residents into WSGV.

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan wants to add only 17,875 new residents into WSGV. (PEIR at page 5-31)

- The WSGVP wants to crowd an additional 16,243 new housing units into WSGV.

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan wants to add only 7,875 new housing units into WSGV. (PEIR at page 5-31)

- The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan could satisfy its vision for WGSV by building new units in the other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

The WSGVP's concerns for wildfire hazard and wildlife can be mitigated by imposing a moratorium on new building in and near the San Gabriel Mountains, a newly designated federal national monument.

Due to pandemic-related remote work, there are many vacant and unused commercial buildings in downtown Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Increase the number of emissions-free vehicle charging stations in these areas. New zero-emission car sales grew from less than 8% in 2020 to more than 25% in the third quarter of 2023. (PEIR at page 4.6-3)

Increase parking and charging stations near Metro stations.

Make Metro safe again with enhanced police and safety presence.

To further reduce greenhouse gas, mandate electric leaf-blowers throughout the County and give gardeners a tax incentive for buying them.

Another step would be providing education on the benefits of green waste recycling.

- Under the alternatives presented in the WSGVP summary (PEIR at page 5-45), the WSGVP concedes that its own Plan's impacts to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, noise and transportation are significant and unavoidable.
 - Development and construction vibration also pose risks to existing structures in Altadena and risks to residents' health from the increased noise.

The Risks to and Burden on Residents' Health Outweigh Benefits of Earth-disturbing Activities in Altadena

- Minimize the health risks from VOC's, ozone and particulate matter by minimizing earth-disturbing construction in Altadena.
 - Vision a sustainable world where old buildings are re-purposed into wine bars, restaurants and small retail stores. This has happened naturally on Mariposa and Lake without new construction, whole scale demolition and zoning changes.

- The risks of serious adverse health consequences from construction activities outweigh the benefits of the WSGVP's vision of cohesiveness, pedestrian-friendly and green areas, creation of jobs in one sector (construction/infrastructure) and planning consistency in building design and zoning.

To iterate, the health risks to Altadena residents involve cancer, liver damage, breathing problems, inflammation and damage to airways, aggravation of lung diseases, susceptibility to lung infections, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, permanent lung damage and lung inflammation.

To iterate, the environmental burdens from the WSGVP involve an increase in volatile organic compounds, ozone, exposure from toxic water, soil and air quality, increase in particulate matter(s), an increase in total vehicle miles traveled and an increase in greenhouse gas(es).

To iterate, the social burdens from the WSGVP involve aggravation of racial, age and socio-economic divisions in Altadena.

The risk of wildfire and interference with wild land preservation may be minimized by a moratorium on new development in Altadena. Altadena's 8.5 square miles are near and abut the San Gabriel Mountains, a protected National Monument. Los Angeles County's need for additional housing can be directed to areas that have little to no risks of this nature.

Preliminary Objections to Title 22

- The objections to amendment of Title 22 are:
 - There is no zoning protection for the many religious entities or churches in Altadena. (Free Exercise Clause of both federal and California Constitutions);
 - The proposed rezoning to commercial (C-3) or mixed use, with the proposed amendment of Title 22, allows buildings with a height of 50 feet. This may undermine the full enjoyment of scenic views of National Monuments, such as the San Gabriel Mountains;
 - A buffer zone of only 5 feet between a commercial zone and a residence is not enough for harmonious relations;
 - Altadena has chosen its own Community Standards District and should reject the PASD;
 - Yards, exteriors, fences, walls and driveways are regulated under the proposed PASD regulations; These regulations can easily be used to strong-arm or displace current non-compliant residents whose properties stand in the way of developers.

- Under the proposed PASD, there are restrictions on renovations, remodeling, the number of windows, parking, floor area and even restoration after damage. This is a possible deprivation of property rights without due process.
- Although the proposed Title 22 references the Lake Avenue, Mixed Use Center at the end of this Chapter, it is missing. (Pages 136-137). In any event, the proposed amendment previously suggested that a building in this area may be 35-45 feet high. Again, this proposed height restricts enjoyment of the scenic San Gabriel Mountains.

I reserve the right to further comment on the proposed amendments to Title 2 and Title 22 in the "Tune-Up 003 Ordinance" by September 5, 2024. Of particular concern, based on headings, are Numbers 9, 10, 12 and 13 in the e-mail dated July 31, 2024.

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Oropharyngeal Carcinoma

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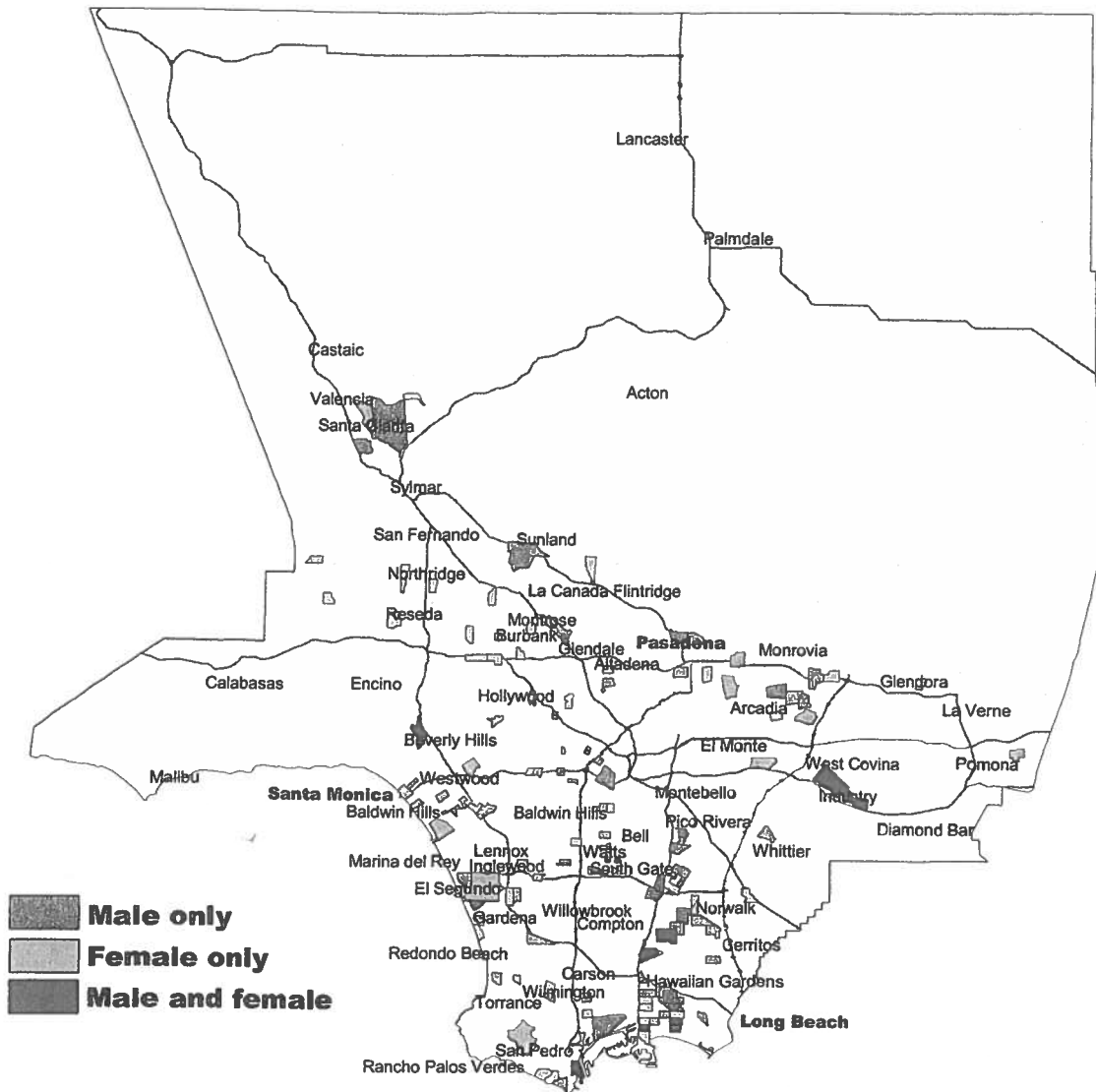
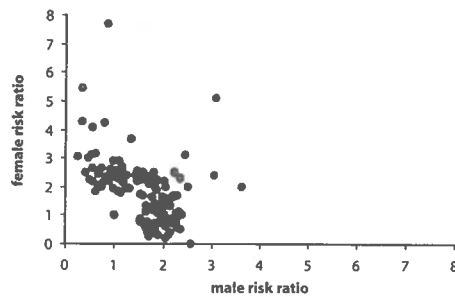


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Salivary Gland Malignancies

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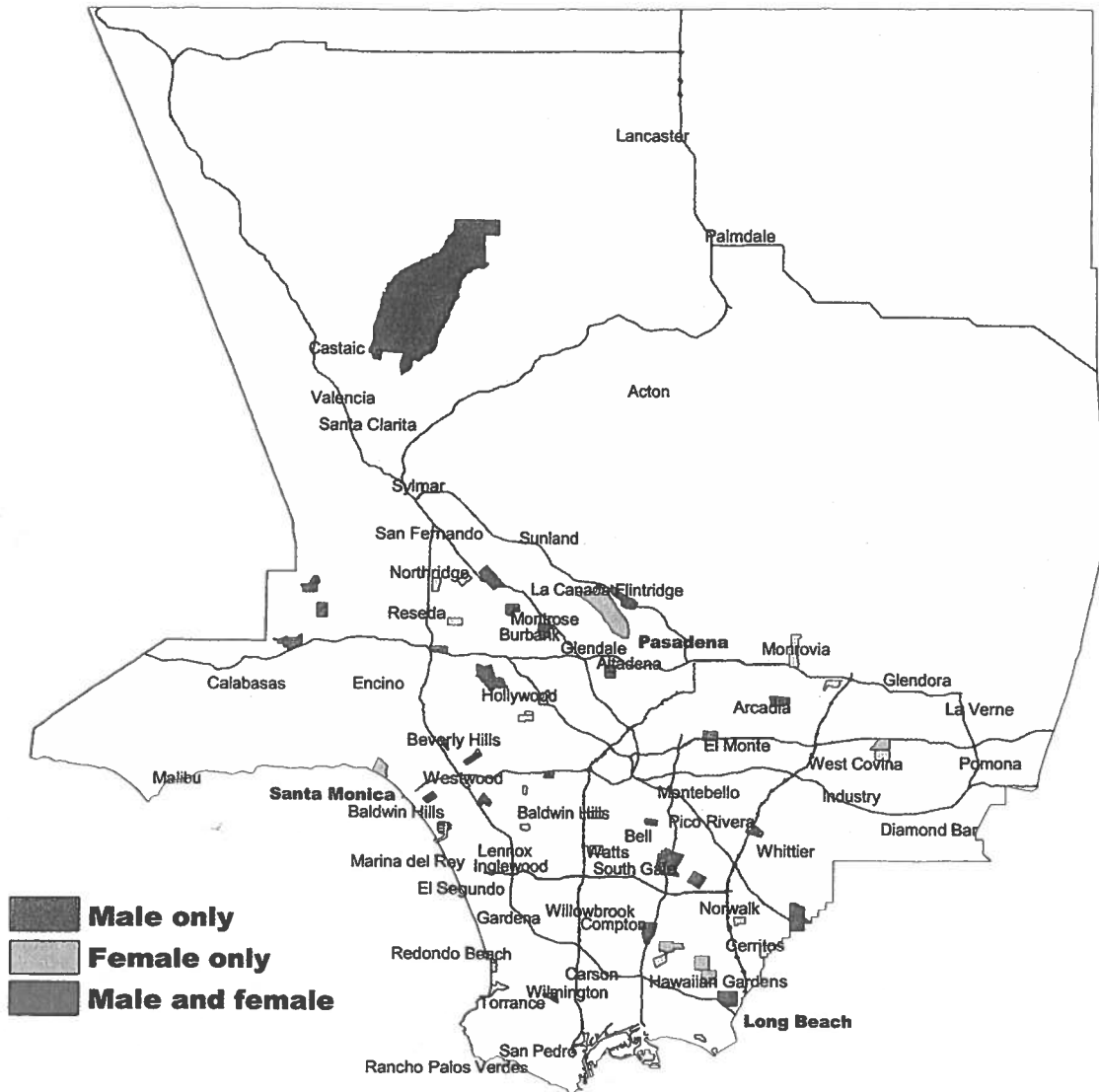
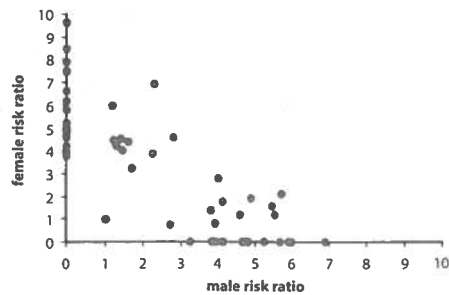


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Carcinoma of the Larynx

Figure 9: Map of census tracts at high risk.

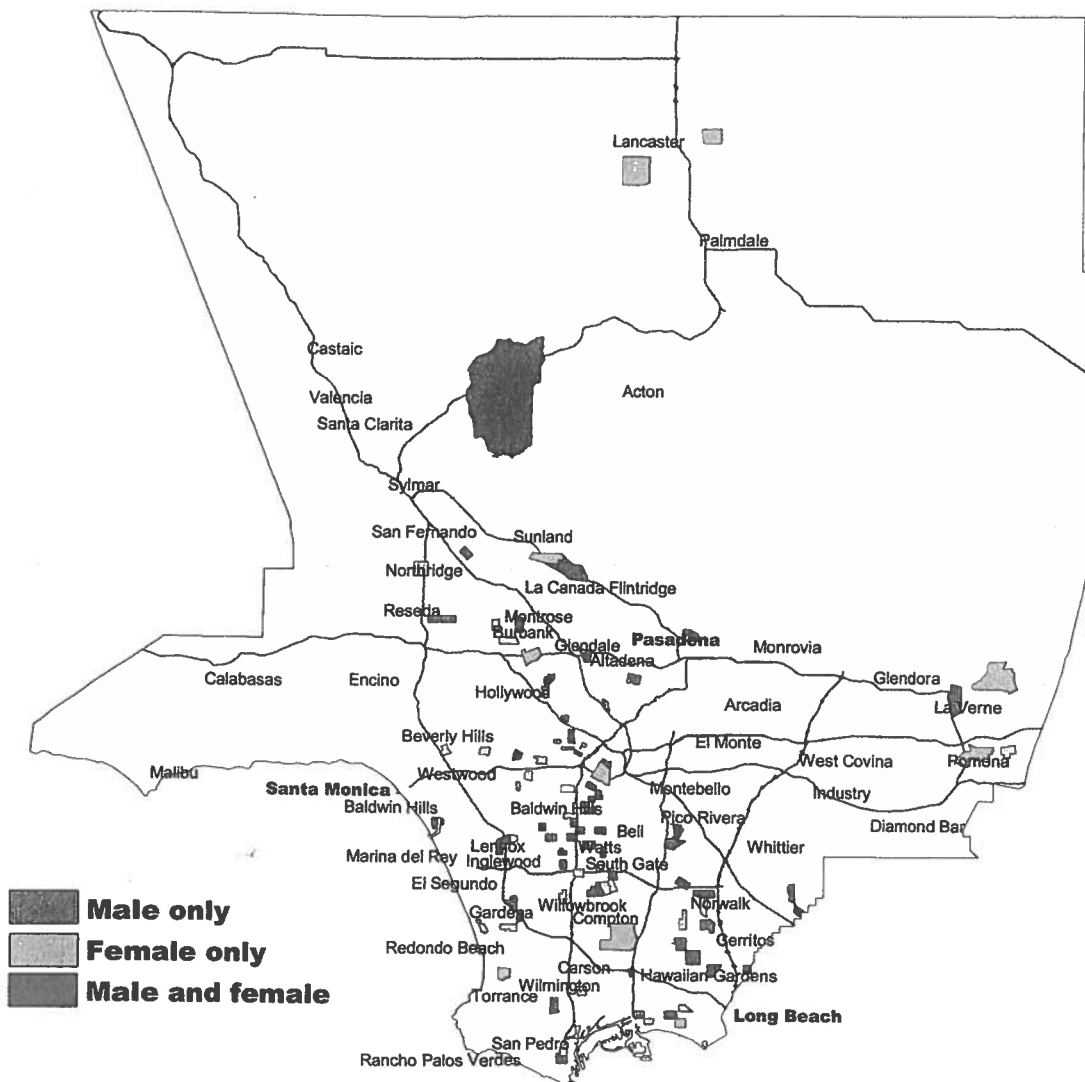
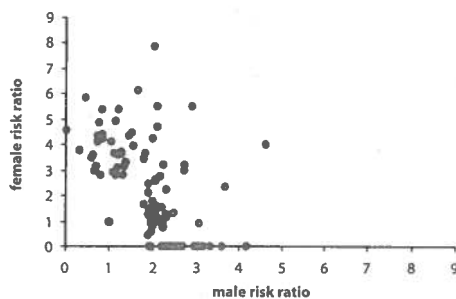


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Small Cell Carcinoma of the Lung and Bronchus

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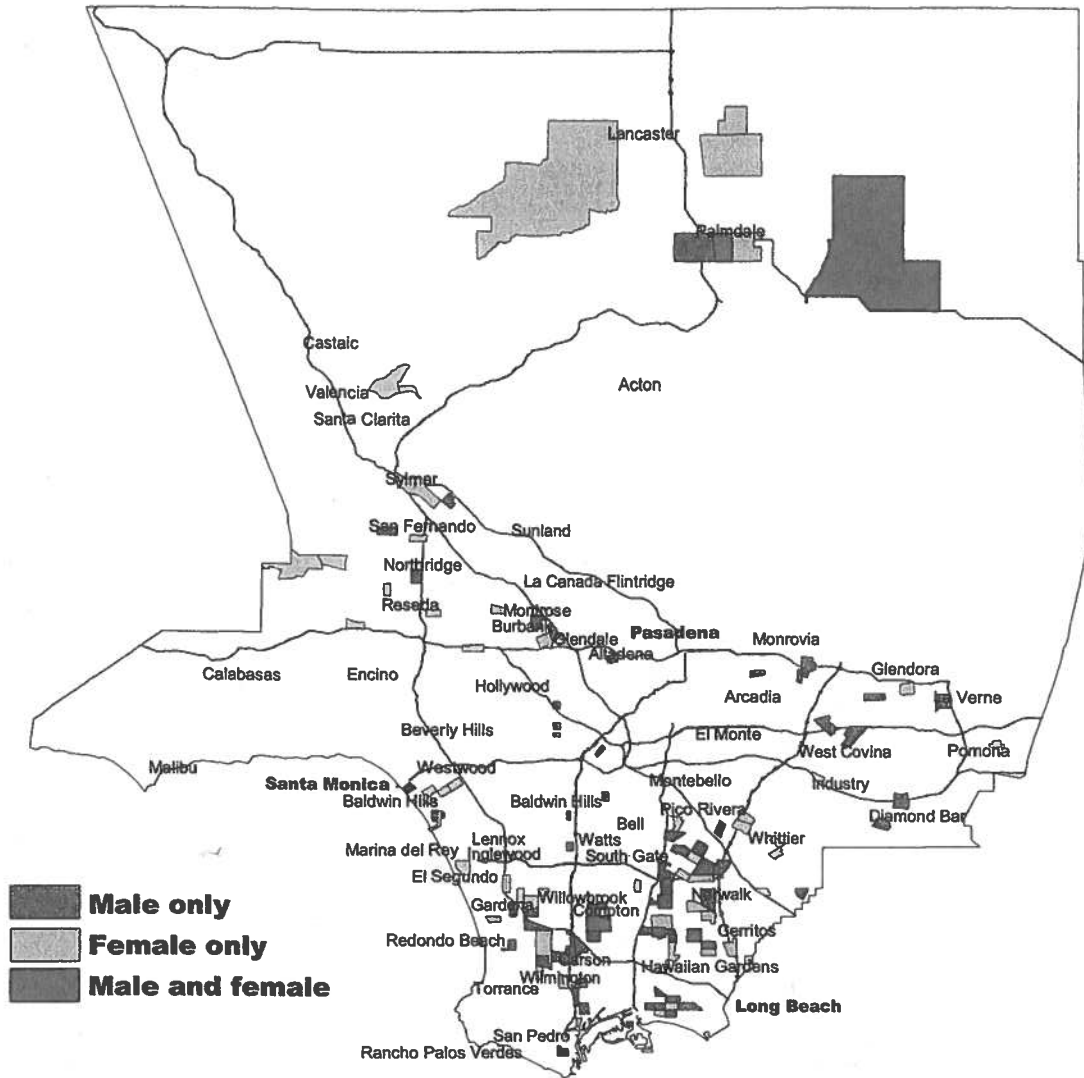
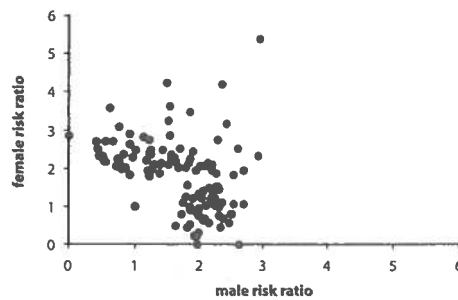


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Adenocarcinoma of the Lung and Bronchus

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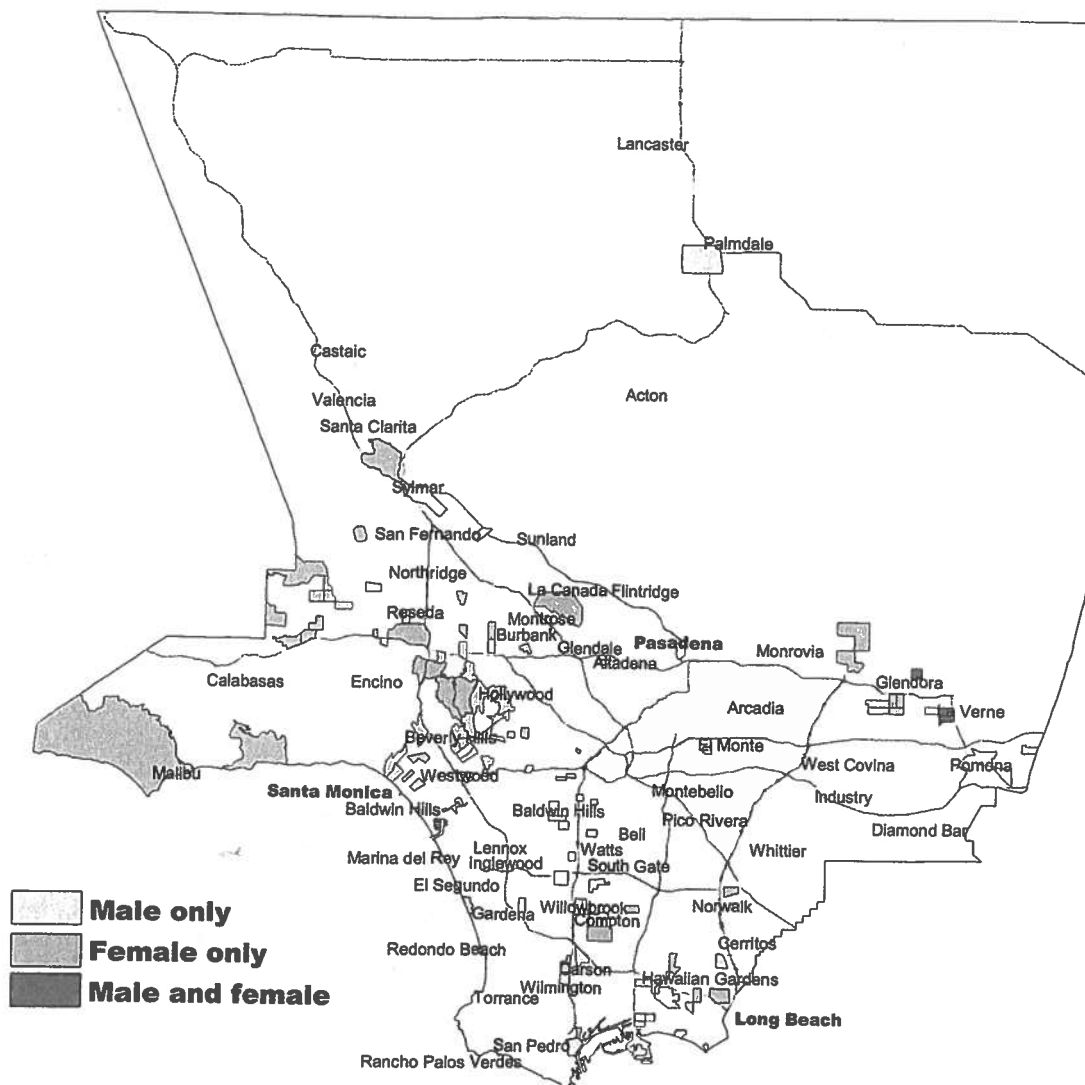
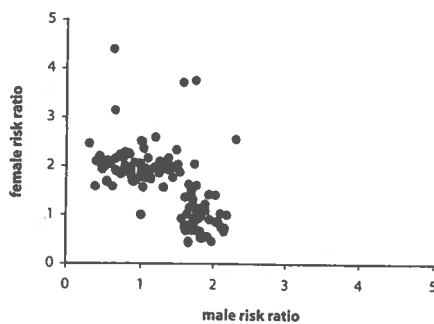


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Osteosarcoma

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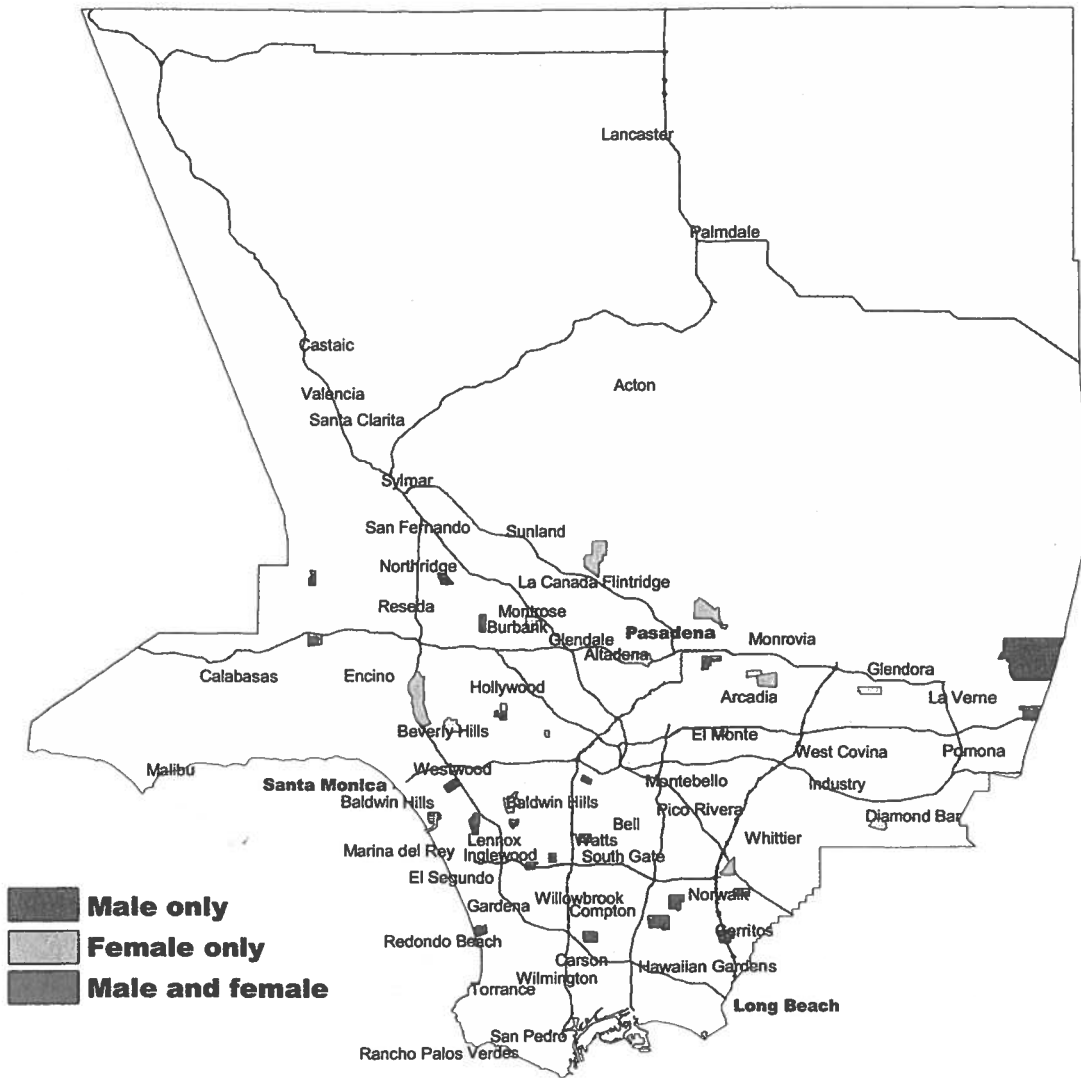
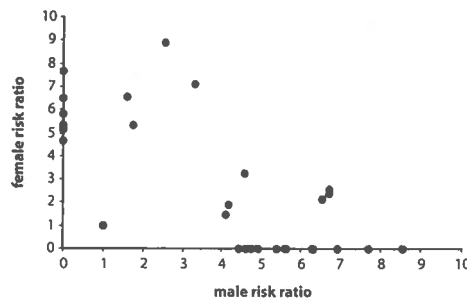


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Osteosarcoma

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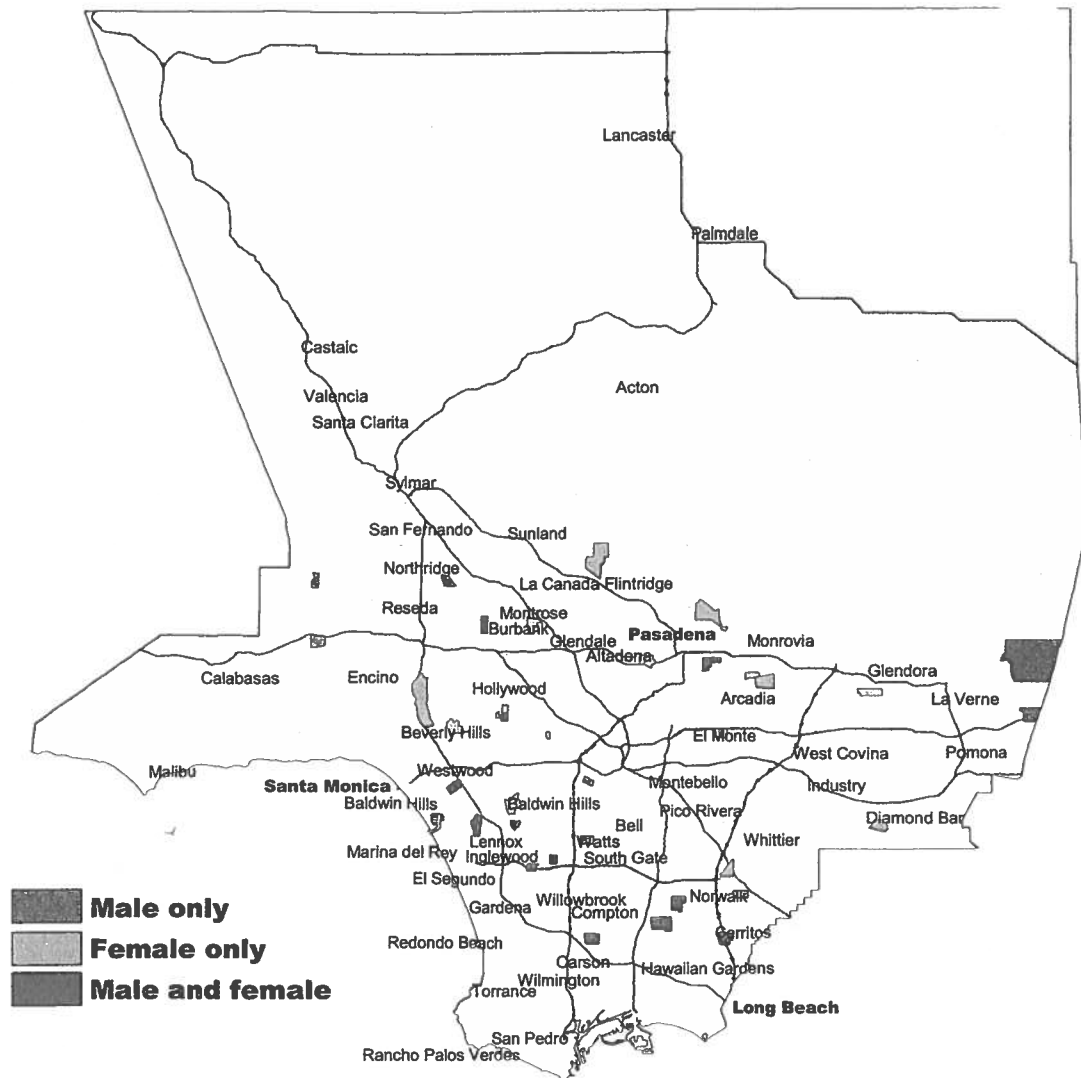
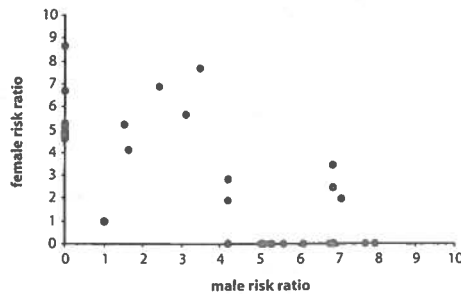


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Squamous Bladder Carcinoma

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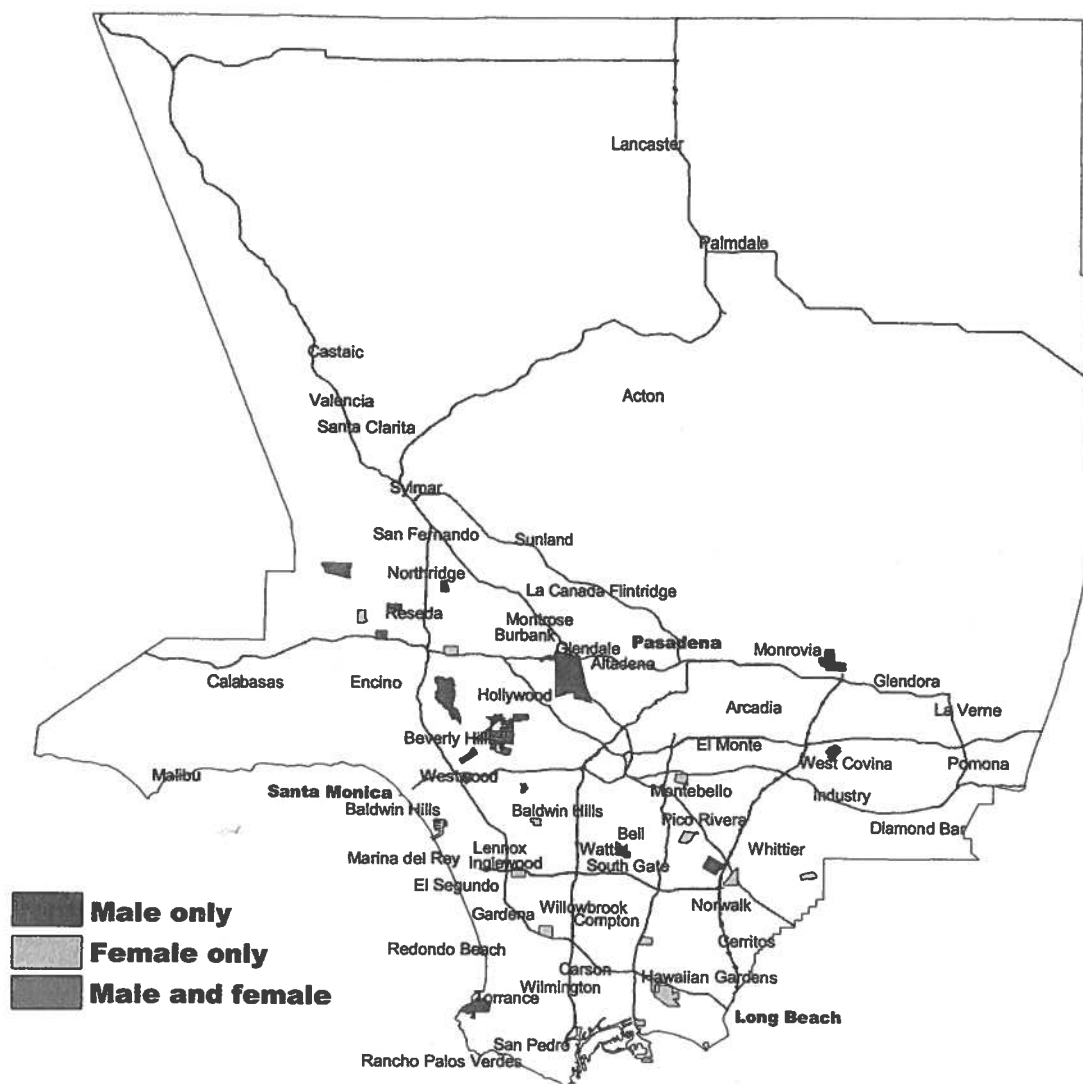
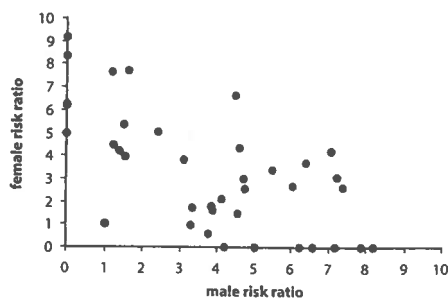


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Brain Malignancies (Gliomas)

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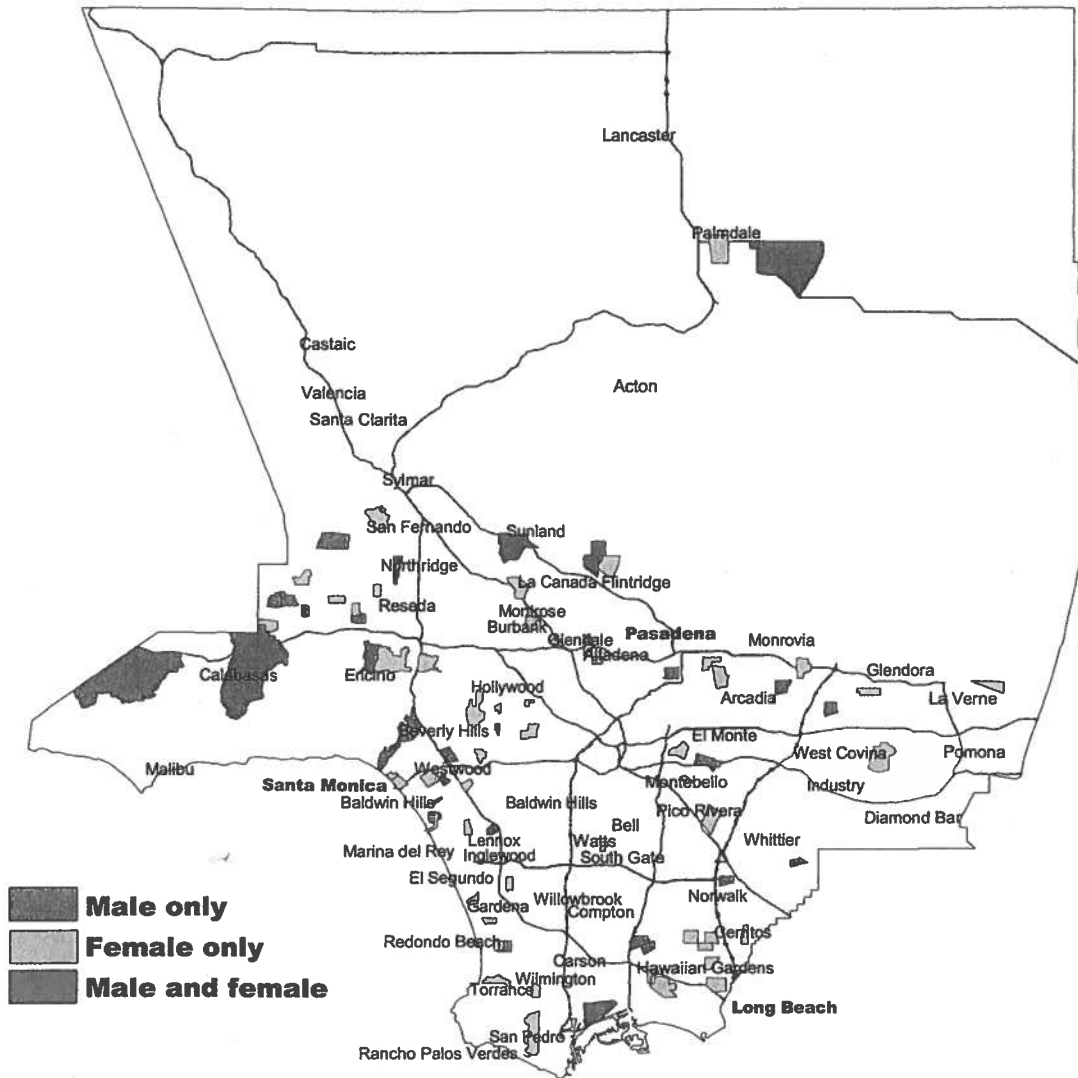
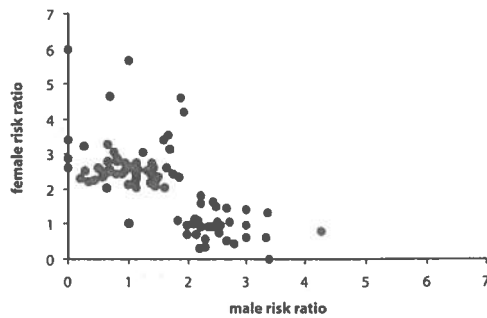


Figure 10: Male-female correlation between the relative risks for high-risk census tracts.



Papillary Carcinoma of the Thyroid

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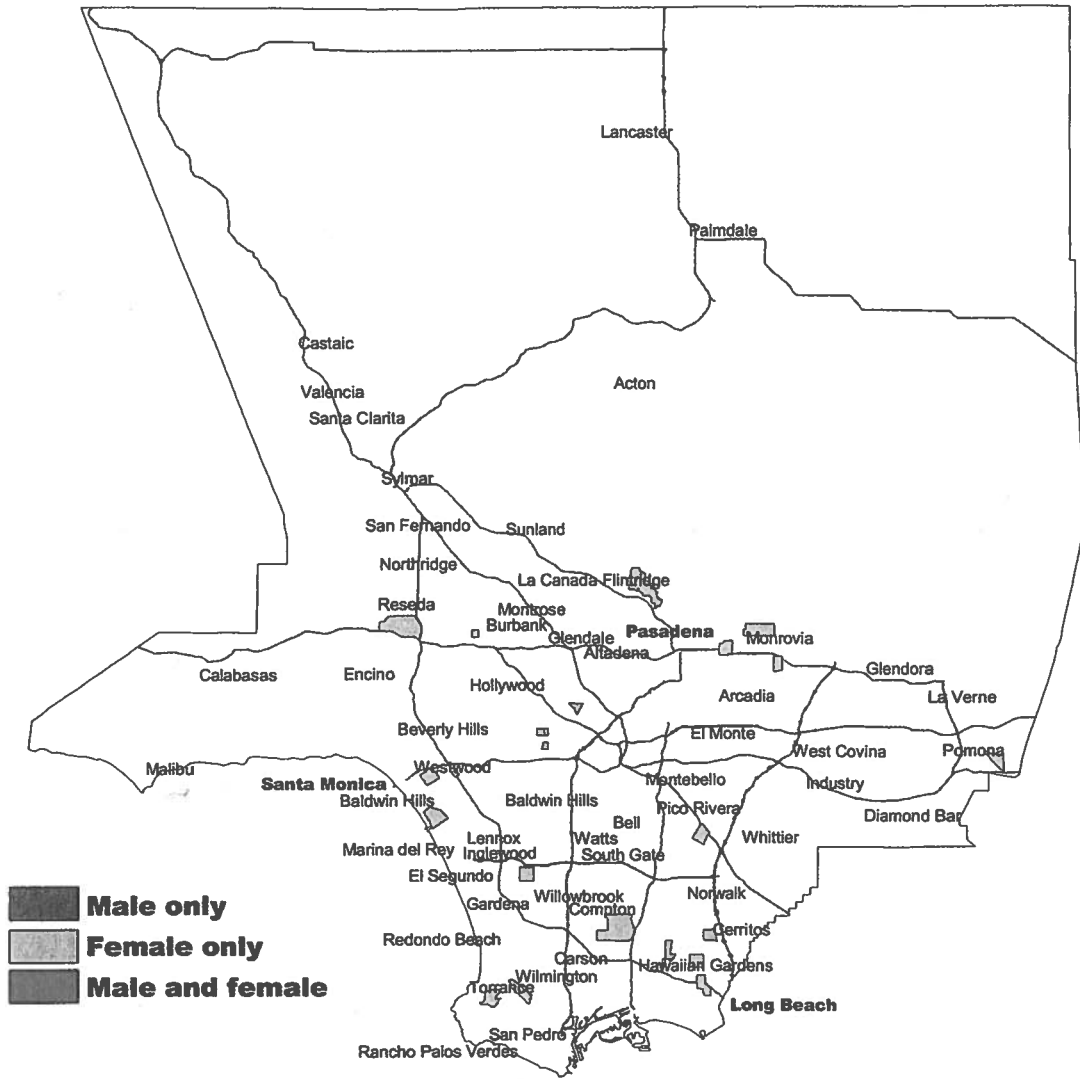
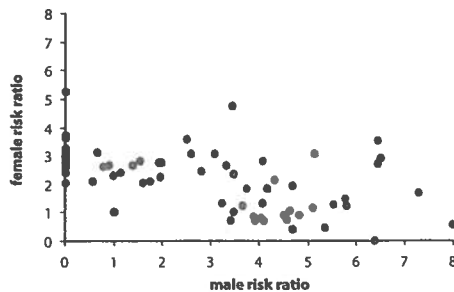


Figure 12: Male-female correlation between the relative risks for high-risk census tracts, adjusted for social class.



Nodular Sclerosis Hodgkin Lymphoma

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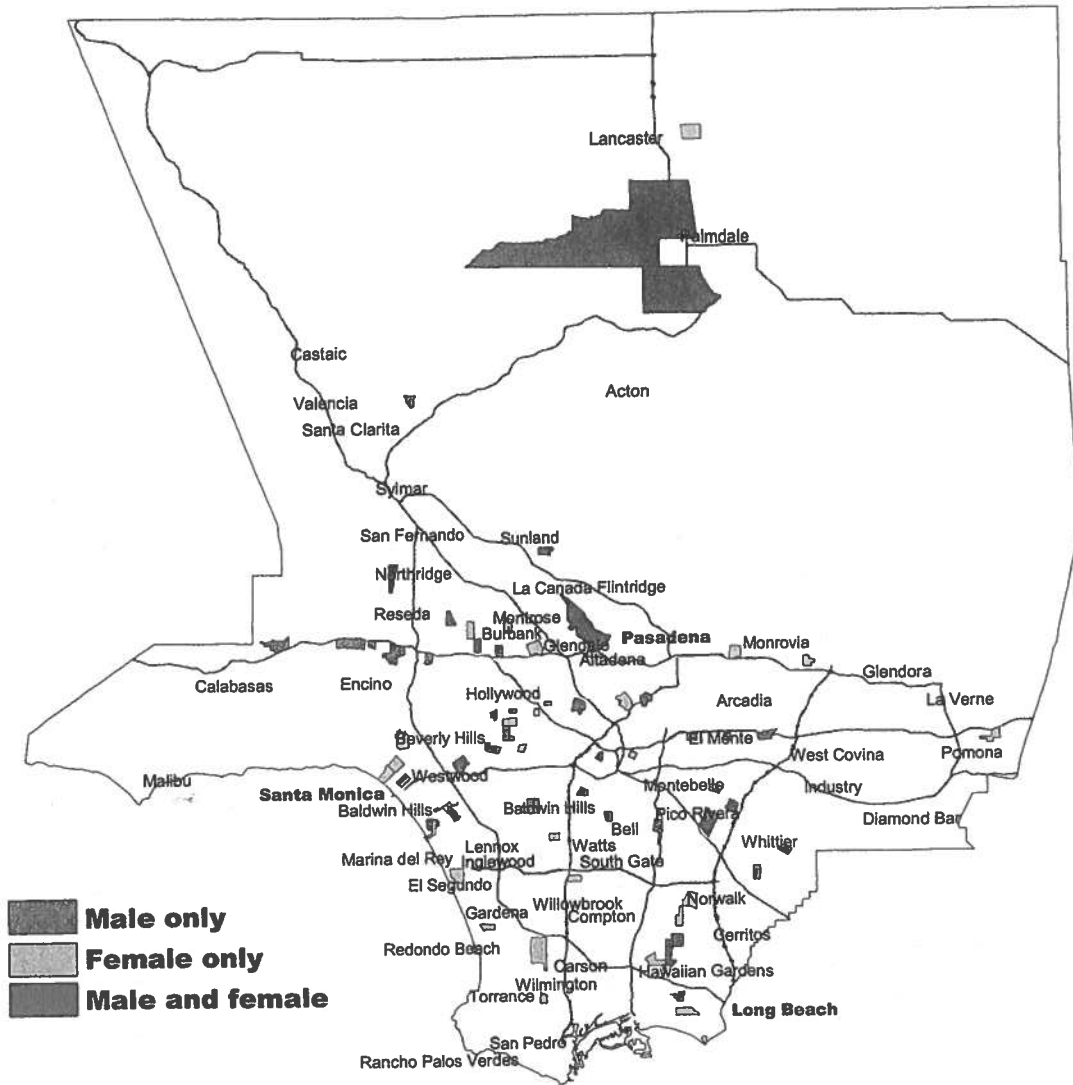
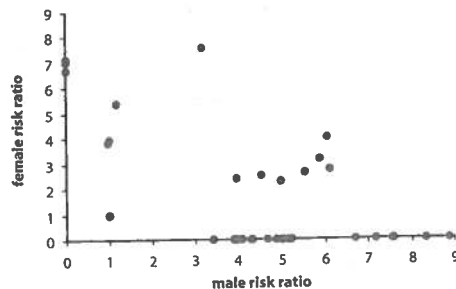


Figure 12: Male-female correlation between the relative risks for high-risk census tracts, adjusted for social class.



Diffuse Mixed B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

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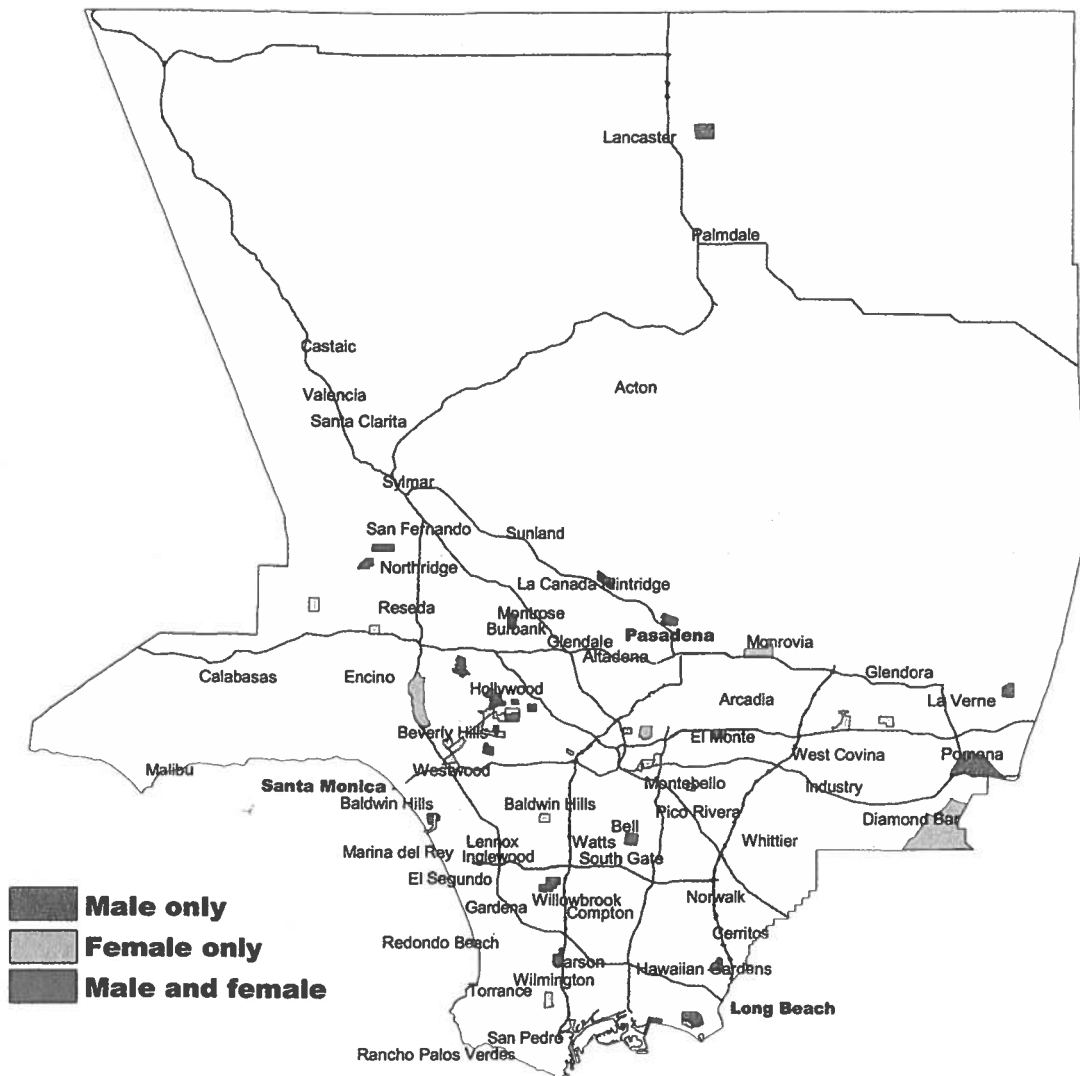
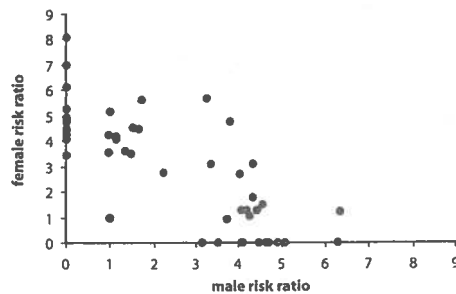


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Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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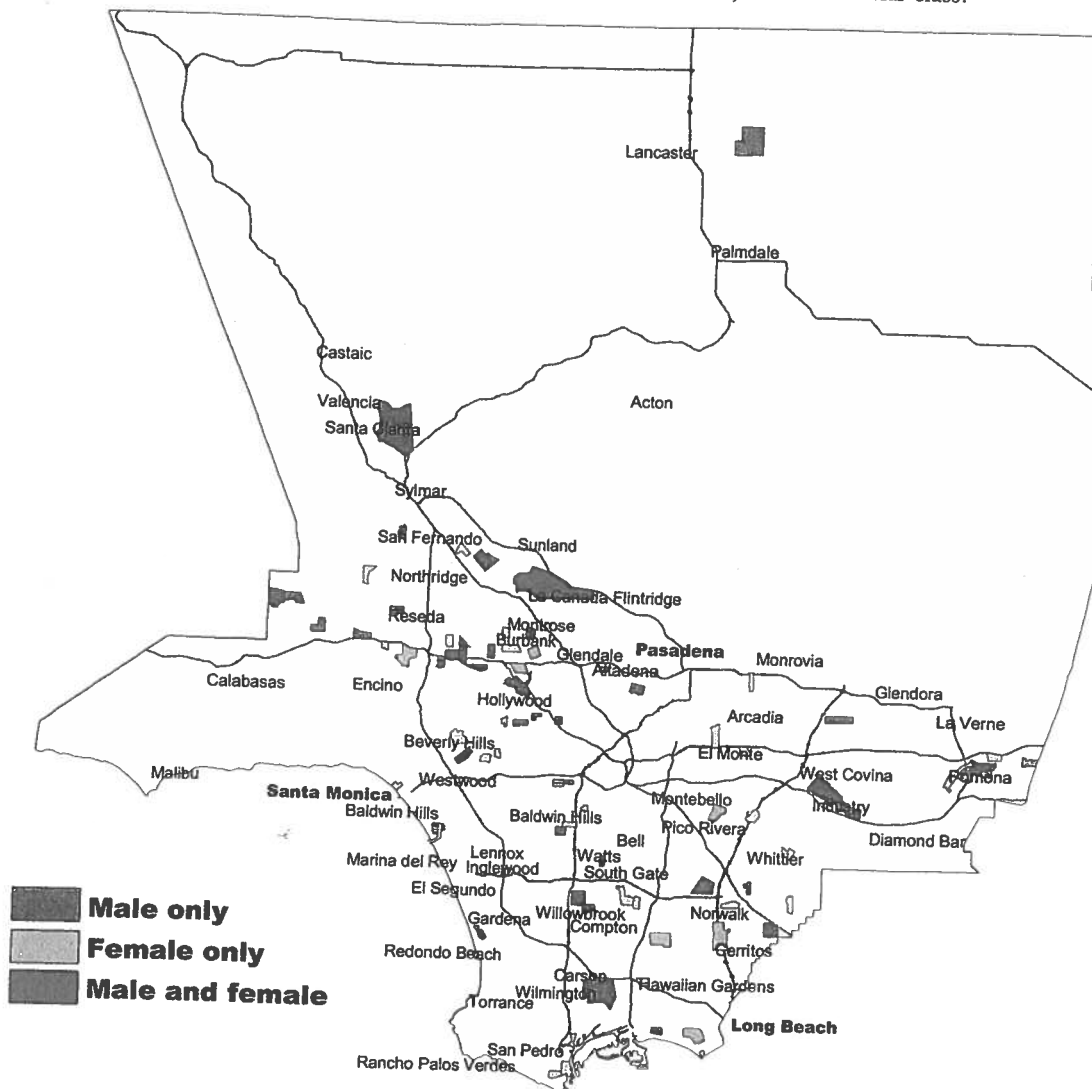
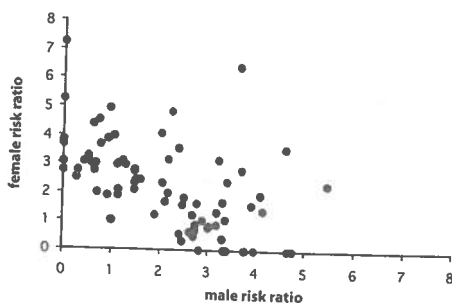


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Other Leukemias

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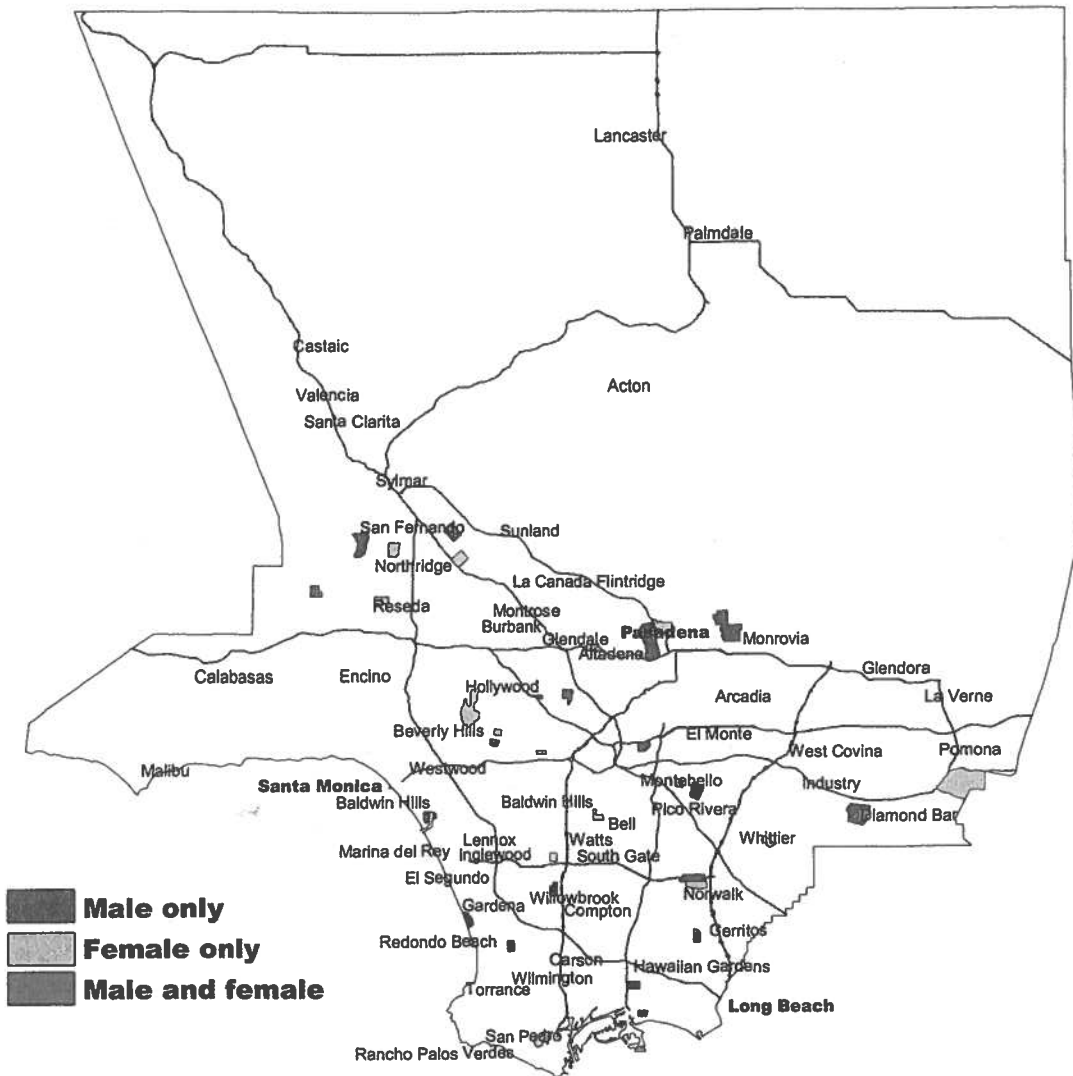
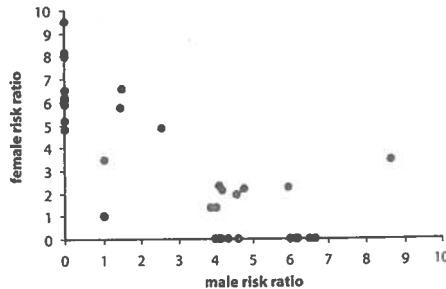


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All Malignancies of Older Children

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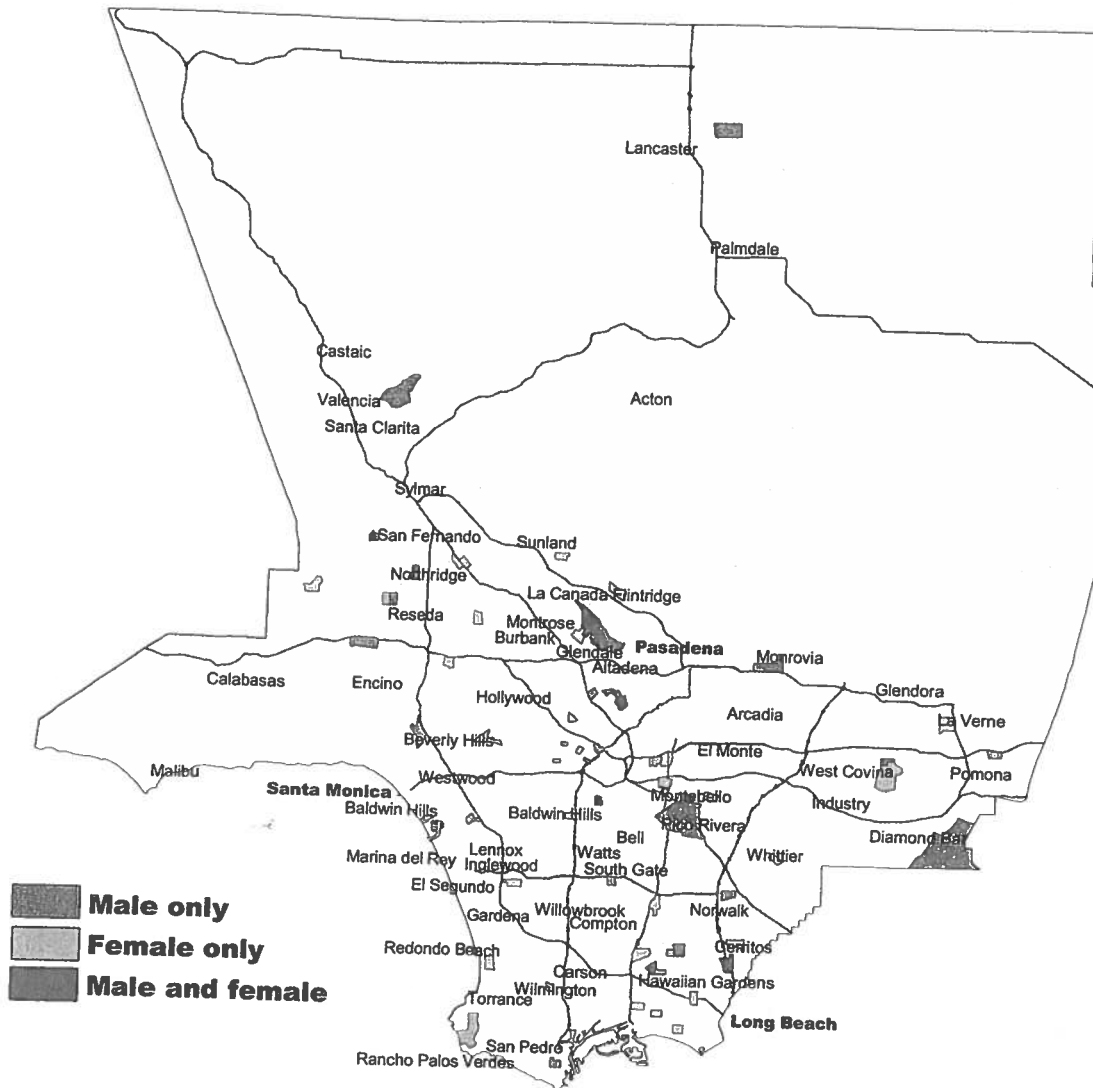
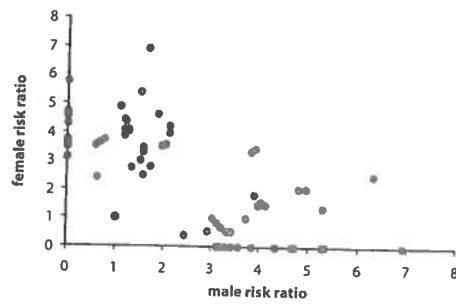


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All Malignancies of Young Adults

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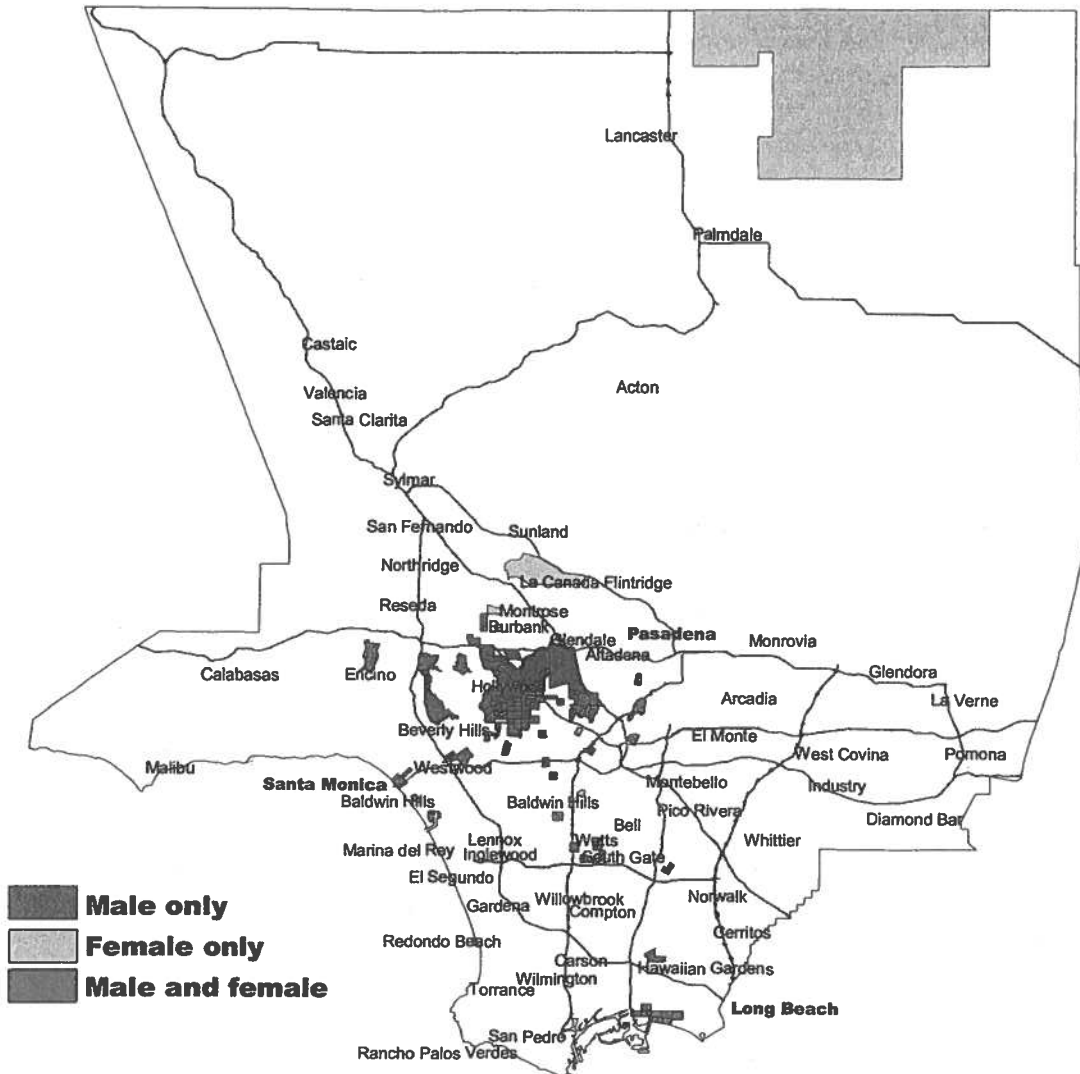
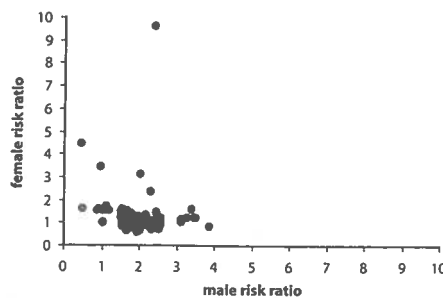


Figure 12: Male-female correlation between the relative risks for high-risk census tracts, adjusted for social class.



Overall Summary

By describing the patterns of occurrence of malignancies in Los Angeles County, we have demonstrated that "cancer" is not a single disease, but a collection of many different diseases, each occurring because a different type of cell has grown out of control. We have tried to acquaint readers with the factors, notably chance and bias, which make it difficult to verify a local increase in incidence. We have explained that dramatic nonrandom patterns of occurrence sometimes are produced by exposures that are very personal and have nothing to do with pollution. Malignancies with different patterns of occurrence can be safely assumed to have different causes, whether or not the latter are all known.

A total of 72 different malignancies plus 12 combinations have been examined in the various ways permitted by available information. Excluding geographical considerations, every malignancy in some way or other gives evidence of occurring in a systematic, that is a nonrandom, pattern, although in the case of a few very rare malignancies the number of cases is too small to be completely certain. In general, the degree of variability in risk goes far beyond age differences. In most cases, there are differences between persons according to sex, race/ethnicity, or social class, all indicating

some form of personal or environmental factor.

In many cases there are characteristic trends over time, and about half the individual malignancies also provide evidence of some degree of systematic, i.e., nonrandom, geographic variation, thus indicating that factors other than chance determine the pattern of community incidence. Among the factors known to be responsible are personal experiences, such as occupational exposures, habits, recreational preferences, past reproductive and medical events, and genetic inheritance.

In at least six instances in this book the geographic distribution of high risk of disease was clearly nonrandom, but did not conform to the pattern that would have been predicted by available knowledge. The malignancies in question include oropharyngeal carcinoma, small cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma of the lung, papillary carcinoma of the thyroid, squamous carcinoma of the bladder, and diffuse mixed B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma. The true explanation for none of these patterns is currently known, although educated guesses provide tentative hypotheses that are currently under evaluation. As of this writing, no evidence of a malignancy caused by a strictly environmental carcinogen has yet been confirmed.



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Rule Summary

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- Inorganic Contaminants (IOCs) (including nitrate and arsenic),
- Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs), and
- Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOCs).

In 2001, EPA adopted a lower standard for arsenic in drinking water that applies to both community water systems and non-transient non-community water systems. The new arsenic standard of 10 parts per billion (ppb) replaces the old standard of 50 ppb. Several useful reference materials are provided below:

- The *Technical Fact Sheet: Final Rule for Arsenic in Drinking Water* contains requirements and compliance dates, the health effects associated with exposure to arsenic, the costs, benefits, and number of systems affected by the rule. Read the Arsenic Rule Technical Fact Sheet (PDF)(6 pp, 347 K, About PDF <<https://epa.gov/home/pdf-files>>) EPA 815-F-00-016, January 2001
- The *Drinking Water Standard for Arsenic Fact Sheet* provides information on the potential health effects from exposure to arsenic, an overview of the Final Rule, and background information on the natural occurrence of arsenic. Read the Drinking Water Standard for Arsenic Fact Sheet (PDF)(2 pp, 140 K, About PDF <<https://epa.gov/home/pdf-files>>) EPA 815-F-00-015, January 2001

Rule History

Background Information on the Chemical Contaminant Rules

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The rules apply to all public water systems (PWS). PWS type, size, and water source type determine which contaminants require monitoring for that system.

Over a five year period, EPA gathered and analyzed occurrence and health effects data. Through the Phase II/V Rules, EPA established:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs),
- Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs),
- Monitoring requirements, and
- Best available technologies for removal for 65 chemical contaminants.

The Chemical Contaminants Rules provide public health protection through the reduction of chronic, or long-term, risks from:

- Cancer,
- Organ damage,
- Circulatory system disorders,
- Nervous system disorders, and
- Reproductive system disorders.

There is an acute health risk from nitrate and nitrite. The regulations reduce the risk of Methemoglobinemia or "blue baby syndrome." Blue Baby Syndrome is caused from ingestion of high levels of nitrate or nitrite.

Regulated Chemical Contaminants

EPA set a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) for each contaminant. The MCLG is the maximum level of a contaminant in drinking water at which no known or anticipated adverse effect on the health of persons would occur, and which allows an adequate margin of safety. MCLGs are not enforceable.

The MCLG is not a legal limit set for PWSs. It is based solely on human health. For known cancer-causing contaminants the MCLG is set at zero. This is because any chemical exposure could present a cancer risk.

The Chemical Contaminants Rules also set Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for each contaminant. EPA sets MCLs as close to the health goal as possible. The MCL weighs the technical and financial barriers with public health protection.

The following link is a table of all regulated drinking water contaminants:

- Contaminants with established MCLs and MCLGs <<https://epa.gov/your-drinking-water/table-regulated-drinking-water-contaminants>>

The following table details the VOCs, SOCs, and IOCs that are regulated in each phase of the Phase II/V Rules.

Phases of the Phase II/V Rules	VOC	SOC	IOC
Phase I, July 7, 1987 (52 FR 25690) Effective: 1989	Benzene Carbon tetrachloride p-dichlorobenzene Trichloroethylene Vinyl chloride 1,1,1-trichloroethane 1,1-dichloroethylene 1,2-dichloroethane		
Phase II, January 1991 (56 FR 3526) Effective: 1992	cis-1,2-dichloroethylene Ethylbenzene Monochlorobenzene (chlorobenzene) o-dichlorobenzene Styrene Tetrachloroethylene Toluene Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene Xylenes 1,2-dichloropropane	Alachlor Atrazine Carbofuran Chlordane EDB (ethylene dibromide) DBCP (1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane) Heptachlor Heptachlor epoxide Lindane Methoxychlor Toxaphene PCBs 2,4-D 2,4,5-TP	Asbestos Cadmium Chromium Fluoride Mercury Nitrate Nitrite Selenium
Phase IIB, July 1991 (56 FR 30266) Effective: 1993		Pentachlorophenol Aldicarb ¹ Aldicarb sulfone ¹ Aldicarb sulfoxide ¹	Barium

Phases of the Phase II/V Rules	VOC	SOC	IOC
Phase V, July 1992 (57 FR 31776) Effective: 1994	Dichloromethane 1,1,2-trichloroethane 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	Benzo(a)pyrene Dalapon Di(ethylhexyl)-adipate Di(ethylhexyl)-phthalate Dinoseb Diquat Endothall Endrin Glyphosate Hexachlorobenzene Hexachlorocyclopentadiene Oxamyl Picloram Simazine 2,3,7,8-TCDD (dioxin)	Antimony Beryllium Cyanide Nickel ² Thallium

¹Aldicarb, aldicarb sulfone, and aldicarb sulfoxide are considered regulated chemicals. However their MCLs are stayed and no monitoring is required (57 FR 22178, May 27, 1992).

² The MCL for nickel was remanded in 1995 but PWSs are still required to monitor.

Background Information on Arsenic

Arsenic is one of the inorganic contaminants regulated under the Phase II/V Rules. In 2001, under the Arsenic Rule, EPA adopted a lower standard for arsenic in drinking water. The lower standard of 10 parts per billion (ppb) replaced the prior standard of 50 ppb.

Arsenic is a semi-metal element in the periodic table. It is odorless and tasteless. It can enter drinking water supplies from natural deposits in the earth or from agricultural and industrial practices.

Non-cancer effects of arsenic can include:

- Thickening and discoloration of the skin,
- Stomach pain,
- Nausea,
- Vomiting,
- Diarrhea,
- Numbness in hands and feet,
- Partial paralysis, and
- Blindness.

Arsenic has been linked to a number of cancers. These include cancer of the bladder, lungs, skin, kidney, nasal passages, liver, and prostate.

EPA set the arsenic standard for drinking water at 10 ppb (or 0.010 parts per million). This protects consumers from the effects of long-term, chronic exposure to arsenic. PWSs had to comply with the lower standard by January 23, 2006.

Background Information on Nitrate and Nitrite

Nitrate and Nitrite are the only acute inorganic contaminants regulated under the Phase II/V Rules. The greatest use of nitrates is as a fertilizer.

Nitrates and nitrites are nitrogen-oxygen chemical units which combines with various organic and inorganic compounds. Once taken into the body, nitrates are converted into nitrites. High levels of nitrate and nitrite are most serious for infants.

The conversion of nitrate to nitrite by the body, can interfere with the oxygen-carrying capacity of the child's blood, sometimes called Blue Baby Syndrome. This acute condition can occur rapidly over a period of days. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin.

The standard for Nitrate is 10 mg/L or ppm and for Nitrite it is 1 mg/L or ppm.

For more information, including federal register notices, use the links below:

- Chemical Contaminant: Phase II/V Rule Regulatory History <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-phase-ii-v-rule-regulatory-history>>
- Phase II/V Rule Regulatory Corrections and Significant Rule Developments <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-phase-ii-v-rule-regulatory-corrections-and-significant-rule>>
- Phase II/V Rules in the Code of Federal Regulations <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-rule-phase-ii-v-rules-code-federal-regulations-0>>
- Arsenic Rule History <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-arsenic-rule-history>>

Compliance

Compliance is key to public health protection. EPA and the state and tribal primacy agencies help to support compliance monitoring in public water systems. The following provide support for compliance assistance to both the co-regulators and the regulated community water systems:

- Chemical Contaminant Rule Compliance for Primacy Agencies <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-rules-compliance-primacy-agencies-state-and-tribal-agencies>>
- Chemical Contaminant Rule Compliance for Community Water System Owners and Operators <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-rules-compliance-community-water-system-owners-and-operators>>
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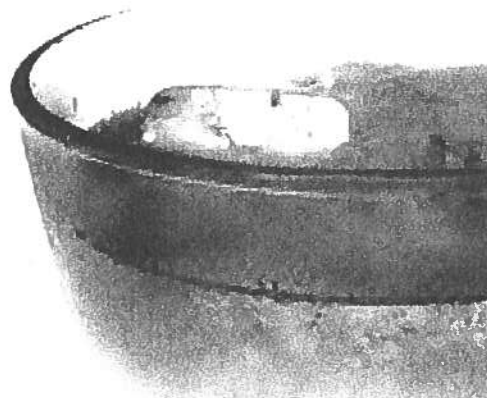
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List of Drinking Water Contaminants & MCLs

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs or primary standards) are legally enforceable standards that apply to public water systems. Primary standards protect public health by limiting the levels of contaminants in drinking water. Visit the list of regulated contaminants with links for more details.



- [List of Contaminants & their Maximum Contaminant Level \(MCLs\)](#)
- [Setting Standards for Safe Drinking Water](#) to learn about EPA's standard-setting process
- [EPA's Regulated Contaminant Timeline](#) (86 K PDF FILE, 1 pg) ([ALL ABOUT PDF FILES](#))
- [National Primary Drinking Water Regulations](#) [EXIT disclaimer](#) - The complete regulations regarding these contaminants available from the Code of Federal Regulations Website

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National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations (NSDWRs or secondary standards) are non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends secondary standards to water systems but does not require systems to comply. However, states may choose to adopt them as enforceable standards.

- [List of National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations](#)
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- [List of Unregulated Contaminants](#)

blood; kidney, intestine,
or liver problems

processing sites;
discharge from
electronics, glass,
drug factories

Organic Chemicals

Contaminant	MCLG ¹ (mg/L) ²	MCL or TT ¹ (mg/L) ²	Potential Health Effects from Ingestion of Water	Sources of Contaminant Drinking Wat
<u>Acrylamide</u>	zero	TT ⁹	Nervous system or blood problems; increased risk of cancer	Added to wate during sewage/waste treatment
<u>Alachlor</u>	zero	0.002	Eye, liver, kidney or spleen problems; anemia; increased risk of cancer	Runoff from herbicide usec row crops
<u>Atrazine</u>	0.003	0.003	Cardiovascular system or reproductive problems	Runoff from herbicide usec row crops
<u>Benzene</u>	zero	0.005	Anemia; decrease in blood platelets; increased risk of cancer	Discharge fro factories; leach from gas stora tanks and lanc
<u>Benzo(a)pyrene (PAHs)</u>	zero	0.0002	Reproductive difficulties; increased risk of cancer	Leaching from linings of wate storage tanks distribution lin
<u>Carbofuran</u>	0.04	0.04	Problems with blood, nervous system, or reproductive system	Leaching of sc fumigant used rice and alfalfa
<u>Carbon tetrachloride</u>	zero	0.005	Liver problems; increased risk of cancer	Discharge fro chemical plant and other indu activities

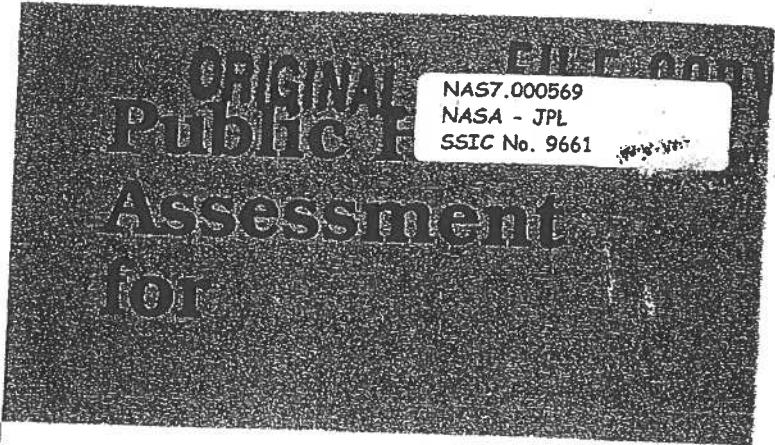
<u>Chlordane</u>	zero	0.002	Liver or nervous system problems; increased risk of cancer	Residue of ba termiticide
<u>Chlorobenzene</u>	0.1	0.1	Liver or kidney problems	Discharge fro chemical and agricultural chemical facto
<u>2,4-D</u>	0.07	0.07	Kidney, liver, or adrenal gland problems	Runoff from herbicide usec row crops
<u>Dalapon</u>	0.2	0.2	Minor kidney changes	Runoff from herbicide usec rights of way
<u>1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP)</u>	zero	0.0002	Reproductive difficulties; increased risk of cancer	Runoff/leachin from soil fumig used on soybe cotton, pineap and orchards
<u>o-Dichlorobenzene</u>	0.6	0.6	Liver, kidney, or circulatory system problems	Discharge fro industrial chen factories
<u>p-Dichlorobenzene</u>	0.075	0.075	Anemia; liver, kidney or spleen damage; changes in blood	Discharge fro industrial chen factories
DCA *** <u>1,2-Dichloroethane</u>	zero	0.005	Increased risk of cancer	Discharge fro industrial chen factories
* <u>1,1-Dichloroethylene</u>	0.007	0.007	Liver problems	Discharge fro industrial chen factories
* <u>cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene</u>	0.07	0.07	Liver problems	Discharge fro industrial chen factories
* <u>trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene</u>	0.1	0.1	Liver problems	Discharge fro industrial chen factories
<u>Dichloromethane</u>	zero	0.005	Liver problems; increased risk of cancer	Discharge fro drug and chen factories

PCE *

				blood	
<u>Styrene</u>	0.1	0.1	Liver, kidney, or circulatory system problems	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leach from landfills	
<u>Tetrachloroethylene</u>	zero	0.005	Liver problems; increased risk of cancer	Discharge from factories and cleaners	
<u>Toluene</u>	1	1	Nervous system, kidney, or liver problems	Discharge from petroleum factories	
<u>Toxaphene</u>	zero	0.003	Kidney, liver, or thyroid problems; increased risk of cancer	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton cattle	
<u>2,4,5-TP (Silvex)</u>	0.05	0.05	Liver problems	Residue of bar herbicide	
<u>1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene</u>	0.07	0.07	Changes in adrenal glands	Discharge from textile finishing factories	
<u>1,1,1-Trichloroethane</u>	0.20	0.2	Liver, nervous system, or circulatory problems	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories	
<u>1,1,2-Trichloroethane</u>	0.003	0.005	Liver, kidney, or immune system problems	Discharge from industrial chemical factories	
<u>Trichloroethylene</u>	zero	0.005	Liver problems; increased risk of cancer	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories	
<u>Vinyl chloride</u>	zero	0.002	Increased risk of cancer	Leaching from pipes; discharge from plastic factories	
<u>Xylenes (total)</u>	10	10	Nervous system damage	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories	

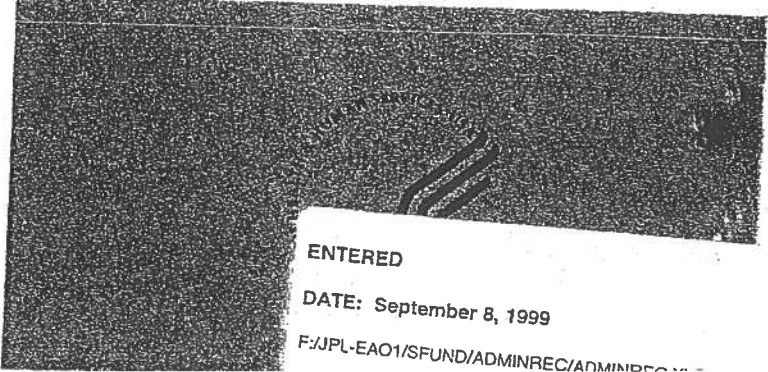
TCE

Radionuclides



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BACKGROUND

Site Description and History

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) is located in Pasadena, California, northeast of Interstate 210. JPL consists of approximately 155 buildings on a 176-acre campus situated on a foothill ridge of the San Gabriel Mountains (see Figure 1). The facility is located within the boundaries of the cities of Pasadena and La Cañada-Flintridge; residential areas of these cities and the community of Altadena are within 1 to 3 miles of JPL. JPL is bordered to the north by the Angeles National Forest; to the east by the Arroyo Secco (an intermittent stream bed) and spreading grounds (a series of man-made basins used to percolate runoff water to replenish the aquifer); to the west by a residential neighborhood; and to the south by an equestrian club, a fire station, a U.S. Forest Service Ranger Station, and the Hahamonga Community Watershed Park (formerly known as Oak Grove Park). Also located south of the facility are several schools and the Devil's Gate Reservoir.

In 1936, a group of researchers began experimenting with rocket fuels in Pasadena's Arroyo Secco area. The group was soon enlisted to conduct research for the U.S. military, and in 1945 the group was designated the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army. In 1958, the facility was transferred to NASA and assigned a mission of research and development in aeronautics, space technology, and space transportation (JPL, 1991b).

The California Institute of Technology is currently under contract with NASA to perform research and development at JPL, as well as to manage the facilities. NASA maintains a presence at the facility in a supervisory role only. Primary activities at JPL currently include automated exploration of the solar system and deep space (including the Mars Pathfinder mission) and design and operation of the Deep Space Network that tracks spacecraft.

In performing these tasks, support facilities and research and development laboratories at JPL have used a variety of chemicals, including chlorinated solvents, solid rocket fuel propellants, cooling tower chemicals, sulfuric acid, Freon, mercury, and various laboratory chemicals. From 1945 to 1960, JPL disposed of liquid and solid wastes, including chemical wastes, in over 40 seepage pits and waste pits on the facility grounds (JPL, 1991a). It is believed that the seepage pits were backfilled between 1960 and 1963, when JPL installed a sewer system (Ebasco, 1990a, 1993). Since there is very little undeveloped land on the facility grounds, these disposal areas are now located under buildings, retaining walls, parking lots, roads, and flower planters. JPL now transports all of its hazardous wastes off site for destruction, disposal, or recycling.

Remedial and Regulatory History

In 1980, the city of Pasadena detected volatile organic compounds (VOCs)—carbon tetrachloride (CTC) and trichloroethylene (TCE)—in municipal wells located in and east of the Arroyo Secco spreading grounds southeast of JPL. VOCs were also detected at around the same time in two drinking water wells operated by the Lincoln Avenue Water Company, which primarily supplies the community of Altadena. Although the detected VOC concentrations initially did not exceed California drinking water standards (5 parts per billion [ppb] for CTC and TCE) the contaminant levels gradually rose so that the contamination in these wells was eventually above state standards (JPL, 1997a, 1994). These elevated contaminant concentrations forced the temporary closure of two Pasadena municipal wells in 1985, followed by the temporary closure of the two Lincoln Avenue wells in 1987, and finally the remaining two Pasadena wells in 1989 (JPL, 1994).

Because JPL is the major industrial establishment near these wells, it was suspected to be the source of the groundwater contamination. JPL and the city of Pasadena conducted preliminary assessment (PA) activities in 1982, 1984, 1986, and 1987 to identify the source(s) of contamination (JPL, 1991a).

In 1990, NASA funded the construction of a water treatment plant for the four contaminated Pasadena municipal wells. This allowed the city of Pasadena to resume production of drinking water from these wells. Also in 1990, JPL removed a suspected contaminant source area consisting of a storm drain and 160 cubic yards of soil and sludge (JPL, 1994). The Lincoln Avenue Water Company built a water treatment system in 1992, which allowed them to reopen the two closed drinking water wells.

In 1992, following an expanded site inspection (ESI) that identified CTC, TCE, and 1,1-dichloroethane (DCA), and to a lesser extent tetrachloroethylene (PCE), above drinking water standards in on-site groundwater (Ebasco, 1990a), JPL was placed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Priorities List (NPL). Later that year (December 1992), EPA, the state of California, and JPL negotiated a Federal Facilities Agreement specifying how investigation and cleanup work at the site would be conducted.

During the site investigation process, JPL was divided into three operable units (OUs) to facilitate characterization of the sources, nature, and extent of contamination at and around the installation and to enable the proper design of cleanup measures. At each OU, JPL is conducting both a remedial investigation (RI) to identify and characterize the contamination and a feasibility study (FS) to determine the best methods of remediation. For OUs 1 and 3, JPL anticipates completing

Basin, an aquifer covering approximately 40 square miles which is replenished by water flows from the San Gabriel Mountains, including the Arroyo. The Raymond Basin is an important source of drinking water for many communities in the area including Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, La Cañada-Flintridge, Pasadena, San Marino, and Sierra Madre. Sixteen water purveyors, who are each allowed to pump a certain amount of water per year, supply groundwater from the Raymond Basin to the public. In 1944 the Superior Court of California approved the Raymond Basin Judgement, which adjudicated the rights to groundwater production to preserve the safe yield of the groundwater basin (Raymond Basin, 1998b). Under authority of a 1984 court order, the Raymond Basin Management Board, made up of representatives of the water purveyors, oversees the management and protection of the Raymond Basin (Raymond Basin, 1997a, 1997b). A total of six Raymond Basin water purveyors operate wells within 4 miles of JPL. The closest—within 2,500 feet of JPL—are four drinking water wells, directly east of the Arroyo Secco, that are operated by the city of Pasadena. Other nearby municipal wells are located in Altadena, La Cañada-Flintridge, and Pasadena (locations of nearby drinking water wells and monitoring wells are shown in Figure 3).

The climate in Pasadena is semiarid and is characterized by hot, dry summers and mild winters with intermittent rain. The average annual precipitation in the area is 22.5 inches. The local aquifer is recharged by both natural infiltration of precipitation and artificial recharge from spreading grounds located on the eastern edge of the Arroyo Secco. The spreading basins and the Arroyo Secco are used for flood control during rainy months (December to March), when the intermittent stream running through the arroyo reaches its highest levels. The arroyo drains into the Devil's Gate Reservoir located 1 mile south of JPL. The reservoir is formed by the Devil's Gate Dam, which is situated at the southern edge of the reservoir by Interstate 210. The level of the reservoir fluctuates during the year, with little or no standing water present during dry seasons. During major floods, water has risen over portions of Hahamonga Community Watershed Park to the west and the spreading basins to the east. The Devil's Gate Dam and Reservoir has undergone renovations that should result in a several-acre-large permanent pond. The level of this pond will be raised and lowered throughout the year to maintain proper flow downstream of the dam. There are no other lakes, ponds, or wetlands in the vicinity of JPL.

ATSDR Involvement

ATSDR conducted initial site visits at JPL on August 12 and August 20, 1997, to meet with JPL environmental personnel and state public health and environmental officials and to gather information pertinent to the preparation of a public health assessment (PHA) for this site. On December 2 and 3, 1997, ATSDR conducted another site visit to collect further information for

Arroyo Secco, *although the direction can change, and even reverse for short periods of time, depending on seasonal variations, pumping rates of the various supply wells in the area, and the quantity of infiltration of surface runoff water in the Arroyo Secco basins (Ebasco, 1993).* Groundwater elevations at JPL are generally lower between July and December and higher between January and June:

Thrust faults in the vicinity of JPL include the Mount Lukens Thrust Fault, the south branch of the San Gabriel Thrust Fault, and the JPL Thrust Fault. These faults comprise part of the Sierra Madre Fault system that separates the San Gabriel Mountains from the Raymond Basin. The JPL Thrust Fault runs along the hillside at the uphill edge of the JPL campus, and creates an uplifted, or perched, aquifer that is separate from the larger regional aquifer (Ebasco, 1993).

Groundwater Quality and Sources of Contamination

Through the RI and previous investigations, JPL has installed a total of 19 monitoring wells on site and in the adjacent Arroyo Secco to characterize contaminant concentrations in groundwater beneath source areas of the site, and to track contaminant movement (see Figure 3). There are a number of suspected contaminant source areas at JPL. Some of the source areas include seepage pits, waste pits, stormwater discharge points, and spill areas where hazardous waste may have been released indirectly to groundwater through the soil.

Many of these monitoring wells have screens at several different depths in the aquifer to provide information about the three-dimensional distribution of contaminants beneath JPL. Since August 1996, JPL has sampled its monitoring wells quarterly and analyzed the samples for VOCs and metals; JPL now analyzes these quarterly samples for perchlorate, as well (Foster Wheeler, 1997a, 1997b).

As part of the RI/FS, JPL has also installed five off-site monitoring wells to the south and east of the facility, in Altadena, Pasadena, and the Hahamonga Community Watershed Park (see Figure 3). These wells will help identify groundwater contamination that may have migrated from JPL and determine the horizontal and vertical extent of contamination. JPL also samples these wells quarterly.

The available data indicate that JPL is a source of VOC and perchlorate contamination in both on-site and off-site groundwater. Of the contaminants detected on site, TCE, CTC, 1,2-DCA, and perchlorate were detected most frequently and at concentrations above California maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) or action levels. The highest concentrations of these chemicals were

found in the north-central portion of the site, just downgradient from the Liquid and Solid Propellant Laboratory and the Assembly Handling and Equipment and Shipping Facility.

Much lower concentrations of VOCs and perchlorate have migrated off site. Following the current direction of groundwater flow (southeastward), CTC, TCE, and perchlorate plumes have migrated approximately 2,500 feet downgradient toward the city of Pasadena and Lincoln Avenue Company production wells. (1,2-DCA has not been observed at any off-site well over the course of the RI groundwater monitoring.) While the highest levels of these VOCs were largely found in the upper layer of the aquifer, lower levels (0.5 to 5 ppb) had extended vertically to the deeper aquifer and laterally to the city of Pasadena wells. Concentrations and direction of contaminant flow can fluctuate in response to pumping of wells and seasonal variations in groundwater elevations. *Since 1996, however, the shapes of the plumes have stayed relatively stable, suggesting that widespread or higher levels of contaminants are not traveling further downgradient and in the direction of public water supply wells (Foster Wheeler, 1998a).*

Groundwater investigations performed by JPL indicate that VOC concentrations beneath JPL vary seasonally and may indicate the presence of an off-site sources in addition to on-site sources (JPL, 1997b). One such potential source of contamination is associated with the use of septic systems in La Cañada-Flintridge, an area without sewers. According to JPL and the Valley Water Company, citizens in these areas have often cleaned their plumbing pipes by pouring solvent down their drains (JPL, 1997a; Raymond Basin, 1997a).

The groundwater investigation conducted by JPL of Operable Units 1 and 3: on-site and off-site groundwater (Foster Wheeler, 1999) developed additional information on the configuration of the contaminated groundwater plumes and the distribution of contaminants within those plumes. Although not conclusive, the evidence gathered strongly suggests that potential additional sources of groundwater contamination lie upgradient to the west, in the direction of the Valley Water Company wells. Because VOCs are used in a wide variety of commercial application, many potential sources exist upgradient for those compounds. The injection of imported Colorado River water for aquifer recharge by Valley Water Company may be the source of additional perchlorate contamination detected in local municipal wells. The source of the perchlorate contamination (recently detected at levels as high as 16 ppb) in the water of the Colorado River may be traced to two sites near Henderson, Nevada associated with the manufacture of ammonium perchlorate.

Route of Exposure

The way in which a person may contact a chemical substance. For example, drinking (ingestion) and bathing (skin contact) are two different *routes of exposure* to contaminants that may be found in water.

Significant Health Risk

Circumstances where people are being or could be exposed to hazardous substances at levels that pose an urgent public health hazard or a public health hazard; public health advisories are generally issued when urgent public health hazards have been identified.

Superfund

Another name for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), which created ATSDR.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)

The 1986 legislation that broadened ATSDR's responsibilities in the areas of public health assessments, establishment and maintenance of toxicologic databases, information dissemination, and medical education.

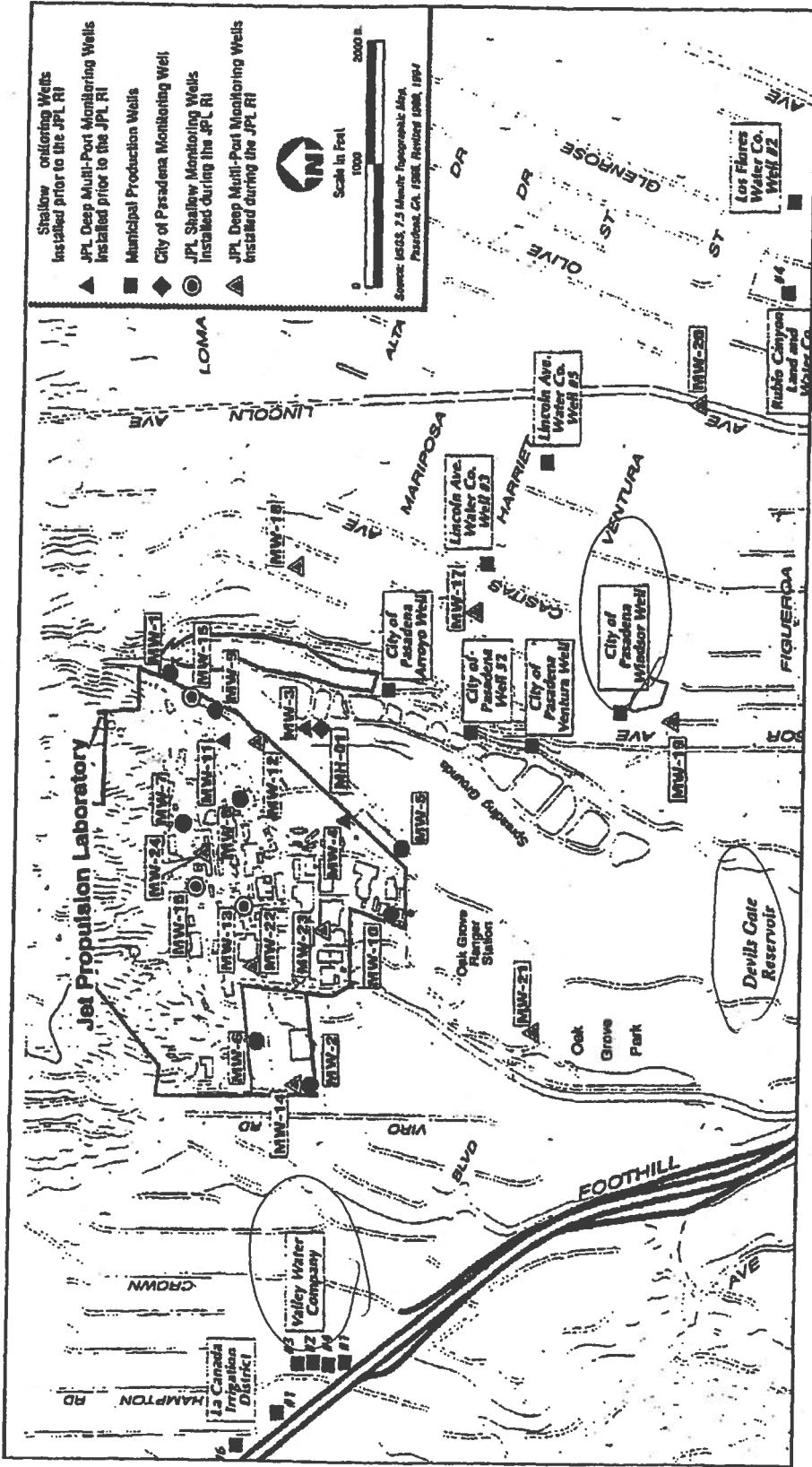
Toxicological Profile

A document about a specific substance in which ATSDR scientists interpret all known information on the substance and specify the levels at which people may be harmed if exposed. The *toxicological profile* also identifies significant gaps in knowledge on the substance, and serves to initiate further research, where needed.

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)

* Substances containing carbon and different proportions of other elements such as hydrogen, oxygen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, sulfur, or nitrogen; these substances easily become vapors or gases. A significant number of the *VOCs* are commonly used as solvents (paint thinners, lacquer thinner, degreasers, and dry cleaning fluids).

Figure 3. Locations for JPL Groundwater Monitoring Wells and Nearby Municipal Production Wells



Source: Foster Wheeler, 1998a

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On December 10th, I respectfully request that you vote yes on the plan to ensure that our region is developed responsibly for all those living in our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Laura Fleming
Pasadena 91106

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Sincerely,
Sean Heim
Altadena
91001

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Altadena, CA
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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I am a homeowner in Altadena, one of the communities that would most benefit from the plan. Having just experienced over a year of concern and fear about the consequences of the now-defunct Pasadena Polytechnic development plan in the high fire risk zone less than half a mile from my home, I'm thrilled that there's now a chance to direct growth away from these kinds of hazardous areas and prohibit development without adequate fire protection. Traffic and pedestrian safety are also an ongoing concern in Altadena, and I believe that this plan would ensure that denser areas have adequate road access. As someone who moved to Altadena in large part due to its proximity to the beautiful San Gabriel mountains, I'm excited that we have the chance to further protect the borders of these mountains, benefitting not only the people who live nearby but the amazing wildlife and plant life across these lands. This plan is something that we can look back on in a decade or more and say, "We got that one right."

Sincerely,
Lydia Whitlock
Altadena
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Sincerely,
Jennifer Weissmuller
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Pasadena

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As a Los Angeles resident and nature activist, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Terry Hair
Echo Park
90026

Sent from my iPhone

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN favor - SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 11:00:11 AM

Hello,

Please submit this letter into the record for Item 7, West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan for the upcoming BOS public hearing. Thanks!

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Robles, Cristian <cristian.robles.762@my.csun.edu>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 12:02 AM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Fwd: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP

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From: **Robles, Cristian** <cristian.robles.762@my.csun.edu>
Date: Thu, Nov 28, 2024 at 12:01 AM
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
To: <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). This thoughtful plan is crucial for preserving the natural beauty and ecological health of our foothills while ensuring responsible and sustainable development.

The WSGVAP will play a pivotal role in:

- Discouraging growth in high-risk areas, such as hazard-prone zones, thus ensuring the safety of residents.
- Preserving critical natural and biological resources, preventing habitat fragmentation, and safeguarding biodiversity.
- Protecting our unique landscapes from unchecked development, which could irreparably harm the environment and disrupt the character of our community.

I urge you to vote in favor of the WSGVAP during the upcoming Board of Supervisors

meeting on December 10, 2024. This decision will demonstrate a strong commitment to environmental stewardship and to the well being of current and future generations.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering the voices of those who deeply care about preserving the integrity of our natural areas. I trust in your commitment to making decisions that prioritize the long-term benefits to our community and environment.

Sincerely,
Cristian Robles
Pasadena, CA 91104

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:58:05 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)
PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: larry young <redblk63@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Larry Young
La Canada
91011

Sent from my iPhone

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:58:39 AM

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Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Skidmore <skidcalif@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 5:29 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Tom Skidmore
Pasadena
91104

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:58:38 AM

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Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Heidi Babcock <heidibabcock@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 8:09 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

Heidi Babcock
Altadena

Sent from my iPhone

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:57:31 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: tkrubsack@bulletvalley.com <tkrubsack@bulletvalley.com>

Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:23 PM

To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>

Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>

Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

Tim Krubsack
Glendale, CA 91206

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 11:00:01 AM

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Office: (213) 974-6425
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-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Walp <susanwalp@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 8:57 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

Susan P. Walp
Pasadena
91103-2722

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - "Support for the WSGVAP"
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:59:54 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

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Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Dana Roth <dzrplib@library.caltech.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 6:30 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Fwd: "Support for the WSGVAP"

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From: **Dana Roth** <dzrplib@library.caltech.edu>
Date: Wed, Nov 27, 2024 at 6:28 PM
Subject: "Support for the WSGVAP"
To: <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>

Dear Supervisor Barger: Thanks again for the work you must have done on the excellent redesign of Rosemead Blvd. and New York Drive. I hope there might be additional work on Washington Blvd. East of Altadena Drive and Del Mar Ave. near Rosemead Blvd.

Another concern is the WSGVAP planning tool for critical protections **as** it will provide for our region's wildlife and open spaces. Fortunately, the seemingly insane proposal by Polytechnic School for development of a large area in North Altadena was withdrawn. I hope that you might lend some support for a special district that would preclude any similar

development in that area.

All the best,
Dana Roth
Pasadena

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Dana L. Roth

dzrlib@library.caltech.edu

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From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 11:00:39 AM

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Eros Rice <erice1911@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 3:52 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. This is important to me and my family as we hoped that Altadena would provide the remoteness that we looked for, while not being too far away from essential services such as fire, police, hospitals, schools, and work. Our community has provided that sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is quiet, quaint and becoming increasingly popular (which create certain risks) since 2020. With the heightened awareness of fire danger, we hope that that growth will stay away from fire hazards and that we will not become so dense that our current environment will be taken away from our community.

Thank you for hearing us.

These are elements that mean the most to me and my family:

- Limit light pollution and disturbance to wildlife species
- Protect Significant Ecological Areas and biological resources
- Prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation
- Require natural habitat buffers

Strengthen ecosystem preservation for biodiversity
Direct growth away from hazard areas
Prohibit development without adequate fire protection

Sincerely,
Eros Rice Jr.
Altadena, CA
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 11:01:47 AM

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Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: tyggerzmom <tyggerzmom@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 30, 2024 8:54 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Diana Regan
Tujunga
91042

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:58:52 AM

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Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Marta Mora <lilola66@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 1, 2024 6:54 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Marta L Mora MD
Altadena
California

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 11:01:58 AM

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Leslie Miller <lmiller@fsha.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 30, 2024 7:51 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Leslie Miller
Altadena
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN Favor - support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:55:21 AM

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Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Jack Levy <jnlevy@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 6:22 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: support for the WSGVAP

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To: Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov or FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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I have lived in Pasadena on and off since 1948; I have lived in Pasadena continuously since 2001. I am trained as a biologist, and have consulted with the U.S. Forest Service and California State Parks Department on issues related to our vanishing wildlife. I have personally witnessed the gradual disappearance of native wildlife species in the Pasadena and surrounding areas. Therefore, I think I can claim more than an average understanding of the importance of the work that the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy is doing in an effort to stem the degradation of wildlife habitats and disappearance of native flora and fauna in our area. As the AFC has eloquently stated, these are crucial times for forward thinking in our policy decisions. It is very difficult and costly to reverse species and habitat loss, and it makes good sense to be proactive in protecting these precious resources.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Jack N. Levy, Ph.D.

Pasadena, California 91104

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:54:57 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Brenda Cullen <brendaccullen2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:00 PM
To: kathrun@bos.lacounty.gov; firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>; Brenda Cullen <brendaccullen2@gmail.com>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Brenda Cullen
Altadena
91001

Brenda C. Cullen

Sent with [Spark](#)

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - I Support the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:52:39 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Sarah Wolf <sarahwolf2953@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 11:26 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>; Adrine Arakelian <AAarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov>; Nemer, Sussy <SNemer@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I Support the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger

I'm an Altadena resident and I'm writing in support of the Draft WSGVAP.

I appreciate the time and energy DRP staff have taken to listen to the concerns of Altadena residents. While I recognize that change is difficult and some residents don't want to see any development in Altadena, this does not reflect the reality of living in a county of 10 million people.

There have also been concerns expressed about the environmental impact of building more housing. I would like to see LA County mandate and enforce green building codes and standards in line with CalGreen, and encourage green building certifications such as LEED, to mitigate the GHG emissions of buildings, both in their construction and operations.

That being said, the WSGVAP is our best chance to address the housing crisis, the impacts of climate change, and growing our community economically over the next 10-

20 years. The plan is also in line with other LA County efforts such as the Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Plan.

Overall, I'm pleased that the WSGVAP prioritizes development around transit corridors and away from the wildland-urban interface. We need to preserve and protect our open spaces for all to enjoy - access to nature is one of the main reasons for living in Altadena. Our foothills and the ecosystems they support are a precious resource. It makes sense to protect these areas, especially in very high and high fire hazard severity zones, while concentrating development near bus lines where local businesses can thrive.

I'm also pleased to see the WSGVAP prioritize the missing "middle" housing that is so needed in our community. I hope, with passage of the plan, the Board of Supervisors will continue to support infrastructure improvements in Altadena such as bike lanes and sidewalks, and increase our tree canopy, especially in south and western portions of Altadena that have been historically redlined.

While I understand a small group of homeowners is unhappy with the planned rezoning of their parcels, the WSGVAP incorporates the best ideas of the *entire* community and reflects the desire for smart growth, vibrant businesses, and protection for nature. I urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the plan and take up the Community Wildfire Protection Ordinance as its next order of business.

Sincerely yours,
Sarah Wolf
3216 Grandeur Ave
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:53:17 AM
Importance: High

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

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Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Lionel Mares <LionelM85@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2024 6:35 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: Oganessian, Diana <DOganessian@bos.lacounty.gov>; Vartanian, Natalie <NaVartanian@bos.lacounty.gov>; West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
Importance: High

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

My name is Lionel. I am urging you to protect the San Gabriel Mountains from further land-development. I am a hiker who enjoys spending time in the mountains and outdoors. I attended and graduated from the Nature For All Leadership Academy. I am an advocate for nature and I support Los Angeles County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

I am concerned about further encroachment into the mountains, especially due to the fact we experience severe wildfires in the mountains and foothill communities. I strongly urge you to support the WSGVAP plan to put a stop on new development that threaten natural habitat and wildlife.

So please, do the right thing, and protect our wildlife habitat and mountains. Protect nature!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

LIONEL MARES, MPA

Sun Valley, CA 91352

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:52:59 AM

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Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Vivian Geiseler <viviangeiseler@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2024 1:13 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). WSGVAP would ensure that our outdoor spaces, specifically in the San Gabriel Mountains, would continue to be protected for future generations.

I feel strongly about WSGVAP's objectives to protect natural resources, limit light pollution and disturbance to wildlife species, and to prohibit development without adequate fire protection.

I hope that you will make the right choice by supporting WSGVAP.

Warmly,
Vivian Geiseler
Pasadena, CA native
91108

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:53:26 AM

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Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Trish Pengra <trish.pengra@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2024 5:27 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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I attended the ACONA meeting on November 20 where two staff members from LA County Planning presented the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and explained why changes were made to bring local zoning and permit language into coherence. I left the meeting confused because several of the individuals attending seemed to believe the plan would rob them of their property, despite being told the plan has no provisions for the government exercising eminent domain and reassuring attendees that the plan is intended to limit not increase development in the high fire hazard zones at the topmost part of Altadena.

Reviewing the plan after hearing claims made at the meeting, I now know that those objecting to the plan are basing their objections on information and assumptions that are not true (alternate facts, if you will).

I fully support the plan's stated goals. While I am hopeful that the Nuccio Nursery owners will be able to sell their land, I was relieved when the Polytechnic school withdrew their application to permit the construction of a sports complex on the nursery land, but I remain concerned that another La Vina type development will be approved that raises fire hazard risks in our community bordering the Angeles National Forest, will strain already strained infrastructure, and rupture hiking and horse trails that have never

been restored despite decades of promises.

We need the plan to guide future development. Stay the course. Approve the plan and let it guide county policy and decision making.

Trish Pengra

Altadena resident

Trish Pengra
1215 East Woodbury Road
Pasadena, CA 91104
301-412-2844

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:51:50 AM

Hello,

Please submit this letter into the record for Item 7, West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan for the upcoming BOS public hearing. Thanks!

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: tom rizzo <trizzo251@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 6:38 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP

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I feel passionately about protecting our wild spaces from developers and sincerely hope you will vote to support this important plan.

Sincerely,

Tom Rizzo
Altadena, CA 91001
Plectrum Advisers LLC
Registered Investment Advisor
818-679-2891
plectrumadvisers.com

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:52:26 AM

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Patty Watson-Swan <pattyws66@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2024 2:18 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Below is a copy of the letter I emailed directly to Kathryn Barger.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I live in West Altadena near the top of Fair Oaks Ave. I believe it is vitally important to protect our natural resources for generations to come. Being in a high fire risk area, I support growth away from this area in terms of ensuring adequate fire protection for this area. I also support conservation and open space volunteer programs proposed for this area. We are so blessed in Altadena to have such a beautiful area close to the city of Pasadena for all to enjoy.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Patty Watson-Swan
West Altadena
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:53:44 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Leslie Lowes <lllowes@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 2:32 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. There are many good reasons to support it. First and foremost, it makes sense AND it was developed with our community's reasoned input. It is clear that those in charge of developing the plan wanted to hear from the community and took the time and effort to listen and incorporate the community's thoughts into their plan. It is a wonderful example of government working for and WITH the community. Thank you to all involved.

To me, the most critical thing is to limit development and decrease intensity of activity within high hazard fire zones. The increase in wildfire danger, especially in the wildland-urban interface areas such as the Altadena foothills, is becoming apparent to all. Especially those of us who live in single road access areas in the high fire zones, it is critical that we are knowledgeable and prepared for the real possibility of fire within 1/4" of our home, such as it was in the 2009 Station Fire. Adding more usage of space in these areas, beyond what it is currently, just adds to that hazard. The WSGVAP clearly addresses this concern, and I applaud it.

While there is a well-known housing shortage, developing in high hazard fire zone areas only increases the likelihood that those homes would be lost and more personal tragedy occur with those losses. There are more urban lots with access to transportation corridors that could satisfy the need for more homes.

Last but not least is the protection of wildlife and wildlife corridors in the LA area. Access to wild, undeveloped spaces is important for human health as well as the health of the lands and the plants and animals that live or pass through them. I'm gratified to see that the state of California officially recognizes the freedom and necessity for animals to roam and have connected territories (AB 1889). The WGSVAP can directly support this by allowing the open spaces that animals need, and initiating conservation and open space volunteer programs to protect them.

I strongly urge you and your fellow Supervisors to approve this important and well-done plan.

Sincerely,
Leslie Lowes
Altadena
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:53:58 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Matt DeVoll <matt.devoll@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 3:08 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Hello Supervisor Barger,

I am writing to urge support for the WSGVAP.

Thank you,

Matt DeVoll

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Matthew DeVoll
Pasadena, CA 91105
650-272-1966 m
matt.devoll@gmail.com

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:55:01 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)
PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Smrithi Krishnan <sskrishnan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:32 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Smrithi Krishnan
San Marino
91108

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support of a more sustainable and dense Altadena.
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:52:11 AM

Hello,

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Matt Lashbrook <zionmanproductions@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2024 11:13 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support of a more sustainable and dense Altadena.

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Greetings,

I am a concerned resident writing in defense of much needed housing density and rezoning in Altadena. We need to think about future generations and how we can solve the housing crisis with building dense walkable and bike-able human scale communities. I am in support of whatever we can do to help re zone areas and get rid of single family zoning in communities that are inside the 2nd largest metro area in the USA. There are a lot of NIMBY's who will try and get in the way but please do what's right and think about a sustainable future for generations to come.

Thank you

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:55:04 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Petrea Burchard <aertep@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2024 5:04 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I strongly support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). We need its critical protections for wildlife, biodiversity and open spaces, to protect against wildfires and secure our health and our future.

Please vote to approve the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

Sincerely,
Petrea Burchard Sandel
Pasadena 91104

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN Favor - Urging your support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:51:02 AM

Hello,

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)
PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Marsha D Fowler <marsharaven@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:29 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Urging your support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am a constituent in your district, I am writing in support of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as an essential measure to protect our region's wildlife, native plants, and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that you vote in favor of the plan when it comes up for a vote on Dec 10.

Sincerely,
Marsha Fowler
Altadena
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:51:34 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Julie Gigante <jgigante313@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 4:06 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP

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I feel passionately about protecting our wild spaces from developers and sincerely hope you will vote to support this important plan.

Sincerely,

Julie Gigante

Altadena CA 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:50:07 AM

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Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Philibosian, Dianne L <dianne.philibosian@csun.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:36 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Dianne Philibosian
Pasadena, Ca 91105

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:49:45 AM

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Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Kyle Murphy <kyle.ann.murphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:38 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Kyle Murphy
Pasadena
91105

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:49:37 AM

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
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-----Original Message-----

From: THOMAS SEIFERT <tdseifert@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:38 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Thomas D. Seifert
Pasadena, CA
91105

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
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Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Hoskins <shoskins365@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:47 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Susan Hoskins
Sierra Madre, 91024

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:50:28 AM

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

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Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: barbara poland <dancewich@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:36 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Subject: FW:Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: linda ross <lross777@att.net>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:34 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

{First and Last Name}

{Town/City}

{Zip Code}

Linda Ross LCSW, Ph.D

626 616-8343

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From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW:Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:48:56 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Amy Richards <amy@showcaller.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:57 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

Amy Richards

Pasadena
91104

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN Favor -Support for the WSGVAP
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Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Gabriela <gabvqz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:08 PM
To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Solis,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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Sincerely,
Gabriela Vazquez
Sierra Madre
91024

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:47:09 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Nancy Collins <nancyfcollins@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 1:12 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

I have lived in Pasadena and South Pasadena for the last 40 years and chose this area as my home in large part because of the proximity of open space. After a careful reading the Los Angeles County West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan I decided that it was imperative that I contact you to lend my voice to those in support of this plan.

This plan will limit expansion into the current wild and undeveloped area of the SG Valley while encouraging infill in open areas of currently designated urban areas. It will limit development to areas that already have wildfire prevention in place rather than tax our limited resources with expanded coverage.

While I also support this plan because it would mean saving open space that I came here to enjoy and that is essential for wildlife and native plants to continue to be able to thrive many people can't understand that view. Perhaps they and you, as our representative, will be convinced that safety from wildfires is important enough for you

to support this plan.

Sincerely,

Nancy Collins
Pasadena, CA
91107

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:47:40 AM

Hello,

Please submit this letter into the record for Item 7, West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan for the upcoming BOS public hearing. Thanks!

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)
PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Chunn <chunnjanet@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:30 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Janet S. Chunn
Altadena
91001

Sent from my iPhone

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:48:30 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Lindy Russell <lindyrussell26@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Lindy Russell
Pasadena

91104

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:40:25 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Shana <shanapal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:59 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I believe this plan realistically addresses the threat of climate change and protects our wildlife and natural habitats, while directing necessary growth away from high fire zones and the wildland/urban interface. Now that we have more knowledge about the negative impact of development in our remaining open spaces, we have a responsibility to do our part and protect the remaining native plants and wildlife that are crucial to our ecosystem.

Additionally, as a cabin owner in Altadena, I am very involved in the Altadena community, both in person and on social media. I am concerned that a vocal minority, spearheaded by two large parcel owners who have personal interest in the WSGVAP not passing, have been spreading misinformation to obtain signatures on their petition and garner opposition to the plan.

I think the majority of our community sees through what I believe are their aggressive and unethical tactics, but even those who signed the petition against the Plan are citing things like I "want to maintain the area and its wildlife", indicating that they likely have a misunderstanding of the Plan. The AltadenaWild / Chaney Trail Corridor Project petition in support of the WSGVAP obtained almost double the number of signatures (as of today) as the petition against the plan, in a fraction of the time (the petition against began 9/30/24, and the petition in support on 11/22/24).

I ask that the County please not give weight to this vocal minority of large parcel owners, who do not represent the voice of the majority of the community, and come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Shana Pallotta
Pasadena, CA 91103

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN Favor, Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:39:54 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)
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Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah Nichols <sarahwnichols@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 5:01 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am one of your constituents, and I am in full support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. This measure is critical for protecting our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

PLEASE vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
The Rev. Sarah W. Nichols
Pasadena, CA 91105

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN favor - Please Vote to Support the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:39:49 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: bellsen@charter.net <bellsen@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 5:47 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Please Vote to Support the WSGVAP

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I've had the pleasure of meeting you at various community events in La Crescenta. As a constituent, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever-increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Barbara Nielsen

La Crescenta, CA 91214

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:40:36 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rich Diephuis <richdiephuis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:58 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Richard Diephuis
Pasadena
91105

Sent from my iPad

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Keep Development out of the Altadena Foothills
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:32:16 AM

Hello,

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Lauren Randolph <laurenran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 7:42 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>; jordan gaskins <jordangaskins@gmail.com>
Subject: Keep Development out of the Altadena Foothills

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hi Supervisor Barger,

I am writing to request that you support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan and continue to discourage new developments in the Altadena foothills and high-fire areas.

My family is grateful to live just around the corner from Chaney Trail, but the thought of major development, along with the associated noise, trucks, and air pollution that could affect my children's health, makes me both sad and angry. We chose to move to Altadena because of the beauty of its wild hills and natural surroundings. Any large-scale development would fundamentally change what Altadena has been for centuries.

Please protect our foothills.

Thank you,
Lauren Randolph
Glenrose Ave
Altadena CA 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:44:31 AM

Hello,

Please submit this letter into the record for Item 7, West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan for the upcoming BOS public hearing. Thanks!

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Pollito Gnoche <pollitognoche@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2024 9:33 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Hello,

My name is Paulina McConnell, and I am a future constituent. As an Altadena resident and natural scientist, I would like to emphasize my unyielding support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

This plan is integral to the preservation of the ecological corridors that make up our corner of the foothills; moreover, it is instrumental in creating a safer landscape for families such as my own living in Altadena for years to come.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the betterment of both residential communities and the environment. I look forward to the protection that WSGVAP will bring to Altadena foothills.

Sincerely,

Paulina McConnell

91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:42:05 AM

Hello,

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)
PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
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Email: aarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: heidrun mumper-drumm <hmumper.drumm@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 2:13 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Supervisor Barger and Solis,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

There are so many reasons why the Plan is important, but to put it simply, we must maintain healthy habitats and in turn, a healthy planet. I'd like to see life not just continue, and not just for me and mine, but for all the varieties of species and their bio-geo-chemical lifecycles. Because Ongoingness depends on it.

We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Heidrun Mumper-Drumm
Pasadena CA
91105

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:32:06 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: fjohn <fjohn@dslextreme.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 10:11 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Ms Barger,

Altadena has been our family home for 24years. We bought here for its diversity, nature of the area & it's cleaner air. We are invested in this richly diverse, beautiful, tranquil neighborhood also home to a rich ecosystem of wild animals & birds. Many people fill our streets at the weekends also seeking those things. As a homeowner who has recently had a major hike in home insurance & been denied insurance due to being in a higher risk area, I have not noted any attempt to decrease the amount of visitors to the area. Some of whom are reckless in safety measures & some who have caused wildfires, therefore requiring services from our Mountain Rescue Team & other emergency services.

We have read the proposed WSGVAP plan & these are things which matter to my family. Along with Altadena Wild & The Chaney Trail Corridor Project we support,

- 1) Decreasing risk to our beautiful foothills, by placing more focus on preservation for our future generations.
- 2) Protecting our foothills from any further CRAZY development plans in high hazard areas, such as the recently scrapped Poly Fields Project. Direct growth should be away from those hazard areas.
- 3) Protection of our precious wildlife & preservation of their habitats. Limiting light & noise pollution for residents & wildlife who have been affected over the years by the increase in visitors & wildfires.

Sincerely,
Fiona John
Altadena, 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:31:55 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Sutton, Lisa <soise@suttonimpact.info>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 11:05 PM
To: kathryn@bos.lacounty.org
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

CAUTION: External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Kathryn,

As a longtime resident of Altadena I want to express my strongest support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan, which directs growth away from hazard areas, protects natural and biological resources, and prevents habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The Plan recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and proposes a rational and compelling vision for future developments. It balances smart growth with the need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas. Implementing the WSGVAP is vitally important for the future of our community and surrounding environs.

Thank you for your work on our behalf – it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sutton
1515 Braeburn Road
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:47:08 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah King <sarahking@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 11:31 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am writing this letter to show my support for the LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

As an Altadena resident living at the base of the foothills for over 35 years, this plan is important to me. I believe we need to preserve the natural habitats in our foothills and not blindly develop them. The reasons are numerous, including the need to limit expansion of the wildlife-urban interface, the need to insure adequate fire protection for any development that is deemed a responsible project, the need to limit light and noise pollution, which is disturbing to the many wildlife species roaming the area (not to mention the humans who have lived here in homes developed long ago), and the need to protect and strengthen the natural ecosystem.

With the recent withdrawal of Pasadena Poly School's plan to build a sports complex in this area, Altadena residents all breathed a sigh of relief. Now we need to consider what is appropriate and responsible development of any property sold next to the adjacent foothills, all while protecting the open areas to ensure the natural habitat will not be compromised any more than it already has. I believe the LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan comprehensively addresses the needs of the area to ensure responsible and slow growth as well as adequate preservation of the area.

Sincerely,
Sarah King
Altadena, California
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:43:47 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)
PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
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-----Original Message-----

From: Gwen Babcock <gwenbabcock@me.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:37 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Gwen Babcock
San Marino
91108-1039

Sent from my iPhone

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:31:48 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Matt Liewer <matt.liewer@proton.me>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 9:47 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

Matthew Liewer
La Canada, 91011

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Ester Gonzalez <zoevivre@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 9:42 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

{First and Last Name}

{Town/City}

{Zip Code}

Sent from my iPhone

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:30:20 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Kevork Babayan <kvbabayan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 1:21 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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I regularly hike in the mountains in and around Glendale and the Crescenta Valley. It's wonderful to see all the wildlife that's so close to where we live. Allowing them safe passage through our communities seems only fair, for their sake and ours.

Sincerely,
Kevork Babayan
Glendale
91206

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To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
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Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Juarros, Brad@CNRA <Brad.Juarros@resources.ca.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:48 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

Current land use policies are helping to not only fragment precious remaining open space and wildlife habitat but are also consuming land inefficiently. They are also helping to put people in zones where fire historically wants to burn. There is a tendency to make land use decisions on the assumption that it won't happen here or the probabilities are slight. In addition, development in the open space makes people more dependent on automobiles and fossil fuels, further challenging the air basin and efforts to combat climate change.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region the developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Brad Juarros
Sacramento, 95833

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:42:47 AM

Hello,

Please submit this letter into the record for Item 7, West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan for the upcoming BOS public hearing. Thanks!

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: thegourd <roythegourd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:55 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

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Sincerely,
{First and Last Name}
{Town/City}
{Zip Code}

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Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathleen McDonnell <kmcdonnell02@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 2:29 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am one of your constituents and I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

I ask that you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Kathleen McDonnell
Altadena
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:41:34 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Luke Welsh <lwelsh@washingtoniron.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 2:35 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

Louis T. "Luke" Welsh
Altadena, CA 91001

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Carolyn Ash <caa2741@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:00 PM
To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Ash

Altadena 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:40:54 AM

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennie Boutchantarath <jb10laos@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 3:35 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
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Sincerely,
Jennie Boutchantarath
Palmdale
93552

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
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Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: John Callas <jcallas@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 4:32 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
John Callas
Pasadena, CA 91103

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:38:42 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Tiffany Petroc <tiffany.petroc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 7:10 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
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Sincerely,
Tiffany Petroc
La Cañada Flintridge, 91011

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:44:06 AM

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
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Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Monica Hubbard <consulting@mjhubbard.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:31 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Monica Hubbard
1843 Pepper Drive
Altadena CA 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor -Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:30:09 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Christine Reiner <creiner@glendale.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 8:58 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Thank You,

Christine Reiner
Montrose, CA 91020

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor -Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:42:26 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Traci <hikert@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 1:58 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
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Sincerely,
Traci Balzaret
West Hollywood
90069

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor- Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:39:47 AM

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Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Janet Gordon <jggordon@pacbell.net>
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 5:51 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Janet G. Gordon
Pasadena
91105

Sent from my iPad

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:26:03 AM

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: kyra saegusa <saegusakyra@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:54 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Kyra Saegusa
Pomona
91767

Sent from my iPhone

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:27:05 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Sarah H <smhilbert@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 1:25 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP

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Hello, Supervisor Barger,

My name is Sarah Hilbert and I have lived in the Altadena area since 2009 (unincorporated LA County, near Eaton Canyon). I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan because I hope it will bring more vitality to this area. While we all treasure Altadena's "sleepiness," I think many residents agree that we need a little more "oomph" up here in the way of thriving business corridors, restaurants, independent shops, etc. We all make the drive to Pasadena several times a week and we would love to have more business and services here in Altadena. We would like everyone to find an affordable home here.

I am also an avid hiker, outdoor enthusiast, and walker - I am out in the hills, my own neighborhood, and adjacent ones nearly every day. I actively campaigned against the "Poly Fields" development on the former Nuccio's Nursery site as I viewed it as an encroachment on wildland space. I see the WSGVAP as being critical to protect our natural areas and direct appropriate growth away from our undeveloped natural spaces that are vital ecological areas.

Please approve the WSGVAP with a Yes Vote on December 5.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hilbert
2116 Layton St
Pasadena CA 91104

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Lisa Laumann <lisa.laumann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:21 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

As an Altadena resident, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. I feel the planners have done a good job of consulting with the community and hearing priorities and concerns, proposing zoning and actions that protect wildlife and natural spaces/habitats and limit residential construction in high wildfire risk areas, planning for growth, and trying to preserve and enhance our community's character and "user-friendliness." I think the Plan will serve well as a document to guide our area's evolution and facilitate review and discussion in future years.

I've followed the lively discussion about the proposed Plan on our neighborhood social media and attended a recent community meeting to understand community members' concerns with respect to land use policies and zoning. I've looked quite closely at the Altadena portions of the maps on the County's webpages for the Plan and walked or driven most of the areas highlighted for Land Use Policy and zoning changes in Central Altadena, where I live. These changes seem reasonable to me, reflecting some judicious growth and in many cases simply documenting and clarifying what is already the case.

I urge you vote in favor of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan on December 10.

Sincerely,

Lisa Laumann
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:25:21 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Sue Iri <sirigrafx@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 7:54 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Planning Team:

I sent this email to Supervisors Barger and Solis:

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats. Our wild places and wild creatures are increasingly under threat, and on our watch we must do everything possible to protect them and create sustainable policies to support them. When they are gone, they will be gone forever.

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Best,



Sue Iri • 2755 Angus Street • Los Angeles, CA 90039

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: [Kassandra Vazquez <kassvazquez23@gmail.com>](mailto:kassvazquez23@gmail.com)
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:23 PM
To: [Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>](mailto:Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)
Cc: [West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>](mailto:wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov)
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
{Kassandra Vazquez}
{Upland CA}
{91786}

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Karl Ringman <karl@ringman.co>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:02 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Karl Ringman
Pasadena
91105

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:29:39 AM

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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East
Office: (213) 974-6425
Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Aurora Badiu <aurorabadiu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 12:43 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Aurora Badiu
Pasadena, California
91105

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To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor -Support for WSGVAP
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PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Adam Waring <dcawadam@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 1:16 PM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Support for WSGVAP

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From: Adam Waring <dcawadam@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 1:06 PM
Subject: Support for WSGVAP
To: <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support LA County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

As a resident of the Altadena foothills, I am keenly aware of both the beauty and importance of the San Gabriel Mountains to the entire Los Angeles area community, as well as the high fire risk faced by residents of the foothill communities. As such, I feel it is vitally important to direct growth away from hazard areas, and prioritize the protection of biological resources. The WSGVAP includes provisions for both of these issues, while also protecting habitat for our local fauna and flora, and improving access to wild lands for our entire community.

I urge you to vote for this important plan's passage.

Sincerely,
Adam Waring
Altadena
91001

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Adam Waring
323-823-9852

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor- I Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:25:00 AM

Hello,

Please submit this letter into the record for Item 7, West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan for the upcoming BOS public hearing. Thanks!

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Janice DaVolio <janicelav@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 8:50 PM
To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: I Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Solis,

As one of your constituents, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

On December 10th, please vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Janice DaVolio

Pasadena, CA 91108

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: Item 7, In Favor - Please support the WSGVAP
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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

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Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Audrey Diehl <audreydiehl06@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:54 PM
To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Please support the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Solis,

As one of your constituents and a proud contributor and volunteer with the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. We need this important measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats, which are constantly under threat.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The coyotes, mountain lions, lizards, birds, foxes, frogs and other wildlife of the Arroyo need protection, and we should give it to them whenever possible. And the people of this part of Los Angeles deserve open spaces to enjoy and find peace.

The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. Angelenos like us have a responsibility to stand up for native habitats and contribute to the fight against climate change. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

On December 10th, I am asking that you please vote in favor of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan to ensure our neighborhood and region is developed responsibly for ALL our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Audrey Diehl
Los Angeles, CA
90065

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Public Comment: Support for West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:22:00 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

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Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Jennifer Ho <jennifer.ws.ho@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 12:03 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>; FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Public Comment: Support for West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors:

As a mom and resident of unincorporated La Crescenta-Montrose, I am writing to express my **strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP)**. While I believe the plan could be strengthened to incorporate responsible renewable energy planning and include stronger language to help establish at least one community center in our neighborhood, I agree with the vast majority of the plan and encourage you to approve the plan.

There are many aspects of the WSGVAP that would help to create a more vibrant community that is less car dependent and more interesting/livable in terms of diversity of transportation, housing, and small businesses. In particular, I am excited about the following:

- **Development of microtransit service, pedestrian safety/comfort, and bike network:** As a family of 3 sharing 1 car and a few e-bikes, it would be beneficial not only for myself but for all to have diversity of mobility options and more frequent bus/microtransit services to be able to complete short errands and trips to neighboring hubs like Pasadena, Montrose, and Glendale without reliance on a personal vehicle.
- **Access to Rosemont Preserve:** As a docent at Rosemont Preserve, I enjoy the opportunity to share about ecology, watersheds, and native plants with young students. Many of my neighbors have never heard of or been to the Preserve before. It would be a huge asset to this community for Rosemont Preserve to be accessible.
- **Vibrant, Diverse Small Businesses:** As someone who used to live by Honolulu Shopping Park and who likes to support local business, I see great opportunity for there to be more diverse shops, restaurants, and offerings in our neighborhood, especially along Foothill Blvd. It's important to make it more competitive and attractive to set up small shops in the neighborhood, and to make the area more pleasant, walkable/bikeable, and family-friendly.

In addition to the above, I am encouraged to see the emphasis on parking flexibility, climate-friendly designs, and support for multifunctional gathering and recreation spaces.

I urge you to approve the WSGVAP, which helps lay out a plan to build a more vibrant, family-friendly La Crescenta-Montrose. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Ho
La Crescenta, 91214

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:23:04 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

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Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Sutton, Lisa <soise@suttonimpact.info>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 11:36 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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From: Sutton, Lisa
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 11:05 PM
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

Dear Kathryn,

As a longtime resident of Altadena I want to express my strongest support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan, which directs growth away from hazard areas, protects natural and biological resources, and prevents habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The Plan recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and proposes a rational and compelling vision for future developments. It balances smart growth with the need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas. Implementing the WSGVAP is vitally important for the future of our community and surrounding environs.

Thank you for your work on our behalf – it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sutton
1515 Braeburn Road
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:21:36 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Heather Parker <lovehp3@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 1:09 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents (Glendale, CA 91214), I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,

Heather Parker

OPH Board Member & Volunteer

Poetry Playshop Facilitator

Author : [Loving a Lioness](#)

[Wild Woman, Wild Flower & Wild Fire](#)

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From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, In Favor - Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:23:57 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)
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Office: (213) 974-6425
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kelly Kimball <kelly40kimball@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:49 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Sincerely,
Kelly Kimball
Altadena, CA
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, Support for WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:20:48 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

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Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Rich Toyon <toyontree@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 7:37 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>; Rich Toyon <toyontree@mac.com>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger

I am writing you today to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. As an active constituent in the fifth district and the Crescenta Valley, the WSGVAP is a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

This plan will adopt policy to promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our unique wildlife, open spaces, natural habitats, and aquarian waterways.

Climate change and species extinction are both imminent and we must act. The plan realistically recognizes and assesses these threats and offers a vision and solid measures to address them.

On December 10th, please vote in favor of the WSGVAP to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all of our communities, including wildlife.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Rich Toyon

La Crescenta, CA 91214

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item, 7 - In Favor, Support for the WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:21:02 AM

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Office: (213) 974-6425
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-----Original Message-----

From: Calvin Miceli-Nelson <calvin.micelinelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 3:59 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

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Sincerely,
Calvin Miceli-Nelson
Los Angeles
90007

Sent from my iPhone

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item, 7 - SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:19:59 AM

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: aaarakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Lilly Machin <salsera_559@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 12:41 AM
To: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP

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Lillian Machin Altadena, CA 91001

I am in favor of preserving our last remaining precious wild spaces for ourselves and our wildlife who was here long before!!!

We need these wild spaces for our physical and mental health!

Thank you

LM

Thank you

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From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: Item 7, Letter in Favor - Please Vote for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 10:19:48 AM
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Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Pamela Dreyfuss <pamela.dreyfuss@lfcountryclub.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 9:47 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Please Vote for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

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Dear Supervisor,

As one of your constituents and a business owner in La Cañada Flintridge, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats. We approach our 113-acre golf course and country club as "green space" in a wildlife-urban interface with a significant role to play in providing native habitat for local wild animals, birds, and insects. Along with our carbon drawdown sustainability initiative, we plant hundreds of native tree species and plants, educate our members about the local natural world, place owl boxes to provide rodent control (instead of rodenticides), and see ourselves as land stewards. The world has changed; we are at a critical juncture for biodiversity, and the planet itself, and everyone must play a role in protecting and defending our natural world.

The WSGVAP plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever-increasing risk of extinction, and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents a vision and concrete measures to address them. The time to take action is now

I ask that on December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Pamela Dreyfuss
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Medina, Annette

From: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 11:01 AM
To: Submit
Subject: FW: Item 7, IN Favor - Support for WSGVAP
Attachments: Bicy2Supervisor_Nov29.pdf

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ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

PRINCIPAL REGIONAL PLANNER, Community Studies East

Office: (213) 974-6425

Email: arakelian@planning.lacounty.gov

From: Michael Bicy <mdbicy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 10:27 AM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Hon. Kathryn A. Barger, Supervisor
Fifth District, County of Los Angeles
500 West Temple Street, Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

2024 November 29

Dear Madam Supervisor:

I express my full support for the County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) and associated zoning and land use changes proposed for Altadena. The WSGVAP will direct growth away from hazard areas, protect natural and biological resources, and prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The Plan recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and proposes a rational and compelling vision for future developments.

As you know, Altadena is an unincorporated town of 43,000 residents situated in and against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills. It is the largest political jurisdiction covered by the WSGVAP, by both geography and population. Altadena residents have been actively involved in the formulation and refinement of the WSGVAP, starting from the initial Department of Regional Planning (DRP) kick-off workshop at the town's Main Library in October 2023. At that workshop, some 30 residents identified hundreds of visions for imagining Altadena in the next 20-40 years. DRP staff did

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Moreover, there is a scent of hypocrisy permeating their actions, given that some of the same landowners have discussed sub-dividing their properties in applications to the County, on websites, or in public hearings at the RPC. They argue against increasing densities in Altadena -- while taking steps to increase densities on their own properties in a very high fire hazard zone.

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Sincerely,

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Michael D. Bicay, Ph.D.
3514 Chaney Trail
Altadena, CA 91001
mdbicay@gmail.com

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Michael D. Bicay, Ph.D.
3514 Chaney Trail
Altadena, CA 91001
mdbicay@gmail.com



December 9, 2024

Re: Agenda Item #7 In Support of Adoption of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

Honorable Members of the County Board of Supervisors:

We are writing to express support for Item #7 on the agenda, the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). We believe the Department of Regional Planning came to the right compromises in the plan after performing extensive community outreach and incorporating appropriate suggestions into the plan. The proposed plan directs growth in a manner that protects natural and biological resources, discourages development in fire hazard zones and allows new development in urban areas near mass transit corridors. The plan is comprehensive, forward-looking and balances smart growth with the need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas.

We recommend adopting this excellent plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Hensleigh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Subject: Support for WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

I support the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). I have lived in Altadena for over 22 years in my home directly adjacent to the Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. I am an advocate for protecting our foothills and mountains, and for preserving and enhancing Altadena's unique town character. The WSGVAP does both. The WSGVAP promotes protection of undeveloped wildlands, and promotes preserving Altadena's character while mindfully directing moderate future growth in appropriate urban areas.

Prevention of human-created disturbances in the natural environment, including prevention of wildfires and ecological degradation, is essential to our harmonious and safe co-existence with nature. The WSGVAP's goals and policies and companion zone updates restrict future development and land use intensities in Altadena's foothills and mountains. The WSGVAP proposed zone updates incorporate multiple existing land use and regulatory constraints, which have been codified elsewhere over the last many years, that restrict future development within protected areas and hazard zones. The proposed zone updates reflect such existing constraints on parcels (1) in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, Hillside Management Areas (where development is limited according to the steepness of slopes), Significant Ecological Areas (which contain designated sensitive habitats and species), and the Angeles National Forest; (2) that contain Significant Ridgelines (pursuant to the Altadena Communities Standard District), seismic hazards and landslide zones, restricted road access and limited infrastructure, and streams and creeks; and (3) that

adjoin the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument.

At the same time, the WSGVAP's goals and policies promote moderate development in Altadena's more urban areas near main transit corridors to provide opportunities for future housing, commercial, and mixed-use development. The WSGVAP supports vibrant, walkable mixed-use commercial districts with public realm improvements, local services, and amenities for local residents, with particular attention to the needs of West Altadena residents. By focusing moderate growth along primary roads with access to services, amenities, existing infrastructure and transit and ensuring such development fits the community character, Altadena has an opportunity to enhance, through mindful design and development, its unique town character.

The WSGVAP will limit expansion of the wildland/urban interface, protect natural and biological resources, and provide multi-benefit open spaces for the public's health and enjoyment. The WSGVAP sensibly directs growth away from hazard areas and protected zones by providing means for concentrating development in the denser urban areas near transit corridors and commercial hubs. Such smart growth strategies have the potential for enhancing a 'sense of place' in our town centers and a 'sense of peace' in our low-density neighborhoods and undeveloped wildland foothills and mountains. The WSGVAP is an essential mechanism for promoting responsible growth, ensuring the public's health and safety, and preserving our natural environment.

Attached is an op-ed I co-authored with Michael Bicay of AltadenaWILD responding to recent social media posts prompted by an Altadena resident's petition in opposition to the WSGVAP. In addition to the petition stirring up confusion regarding zone densities for Altadena under the WSGVAP, some on social media expressed dissatisfaction with DRP's outreach (see op-ed). My experience with DRP's outreach was more than satisfactory. The WSGVAP Planners have been exemplary in working with the community from start to finish. I received all public notices regarding the WSGVAP preparation, and I became engaged in the process at the beginning. I attended the live and virtual presentations and meetings. The Planners took into consideration an abundant amount of input from the public over the past year. The Planners were responsive to each of my written and telephone inquiries and comments. I applaud them for their patience, diligence and skill in preparing a plan to guide us through the coming decades.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt the WSGVAP without delay. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

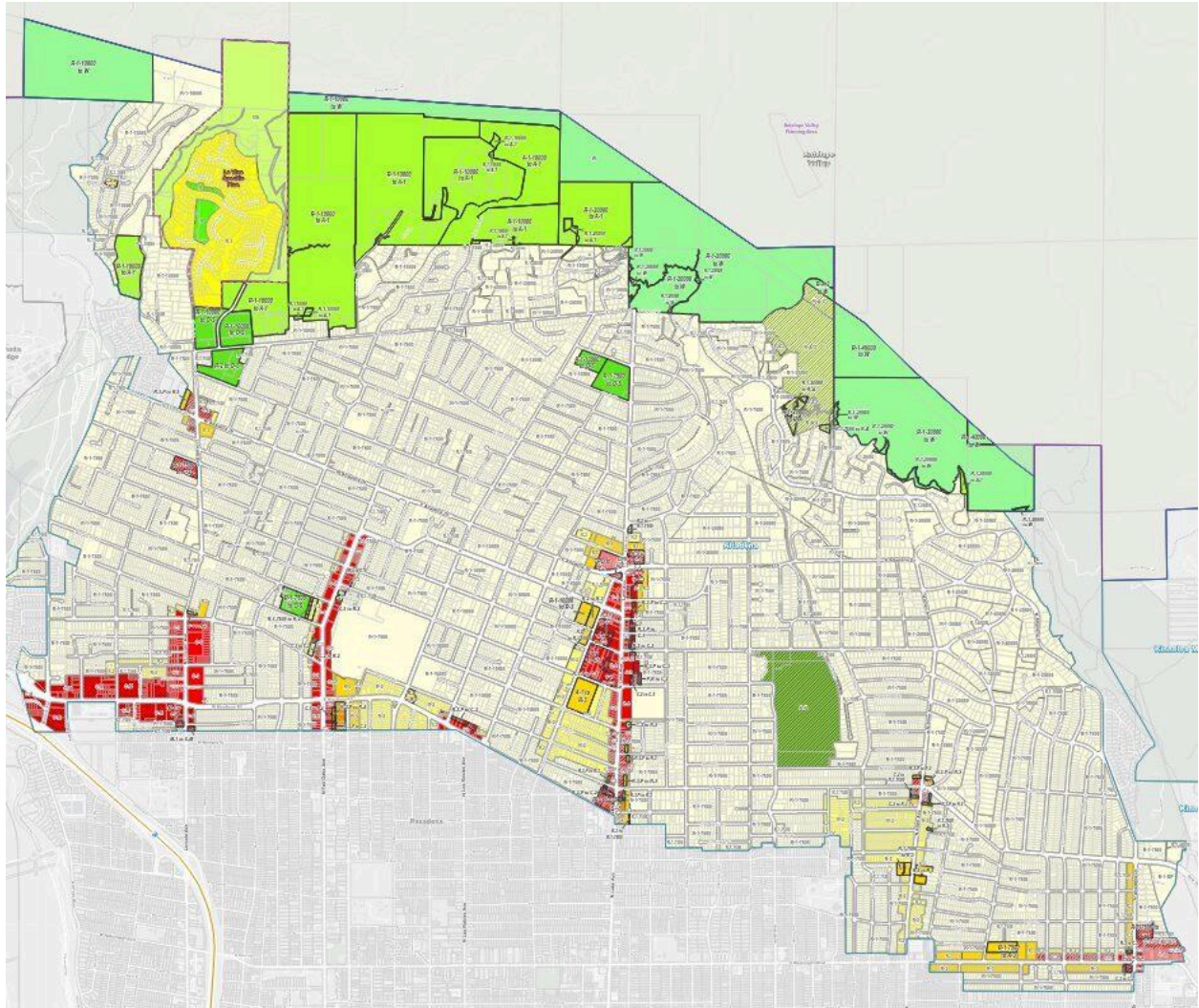
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TALKING POINTS

Countering Misinformation about the LA County Rezoning Plan

Citizen viewpoints should at least be factual.

by Michael D. Brcay, Ph.D. & Susan M. Maunu · October 22, 2024 · 1 min read



The L.A. County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) recently endorsed — unanimously — the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP), which will go to the Board of Supervisors for final approval in December. Since the RPC action, a handful of Altadena residents have circulated an online petition opposing the WSGVAP. Unfortunately, the language in their petition and social media posts disseminates misinformation. While we should respect any citizen's views, we should also demand that their claims be factual.

One claim is that the County's Department of Regional Planning (DRP) failed to conduct adequate community outreach to prepare the WSGVAP. *This claim is false.*

Starting with a visioning workshop at the Altadena library in October 2023, DRP staff synthesized hundreds of recommendations from Altadenans to envision, over the next few decades, a more sustainable town. The DRP outreach included in-person and virtual meetings, a project Web site, community surveys, an email list, fact sheets, flyers, postcards, notices, mailers, and social media posts – widely distributed in multiple languages. These community engagement efforts were recently

cited by one Commissioner as “the most comprehensive and extensive outreach ever presented” to the RPC. To see for yourself, read the [Land Use and Conservation/Open Space](#) chapters of the WSGVAP.

Another social media claim is that the WSGVAP and associated zoning changes will make it “MORE likely that there will be development in wildlife corridors and the fire [hazard] zone.” *This claim is false.*

The WSGVAP updates zone designations for some properties in northern Altadena and its foothills to create consistency with several existing, previously enacted land use constraints that limit potential development in hazard zones and in the hillside and significant ecological areas. The WSGVAP land use policies direct growth away from established protected and hazard areas, preserve natural and biological resources and prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The plan allows new development in urban areas near main transit corridors. To argue against any growth in Altadena is unreasonable at a time when the State is pressuring local municipalities to reduce obstacles to building more housing.

The WSGVAP recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and presents a rational, compelling vision for future development in Altadena. It is a comprehensive, forward-looking plan that

balances smart growth with the undeniable need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas. The WSGVAP embodies common sense. Will the WSGVAP make everyone happy? No. Does it create conditions for the “greatest good” to prevail in our community? Yes.

Michael D. Bicay, Ph.D.

Michael Bicay is a 22-year Altadena resident, and a retired astrophysicist and NASA science director. He is the founding president of AltadenaWILD Inc, a local non-profit organization.

Susan M. Maunu

Susan Maunu has lived in Altadena for the past 22 years in a home adjacent to the Angeles National Forest. She dedicated her paralegal career to specializing in land use and environmental law.

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Subject: Support for the WSGVAP

Dear Supervisor Barger,

As one of your constituents and a supporter of the Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy, I am writing to voice my support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that come December 10th, you vote in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Barbara Knighton
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Dear Supervisor Barger,

Please see my attached letter of support for the WSGVAP.

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[*Floortime Strategies to Promote Development in Children and Teens: A
User's Guide to the DIR Model*](#)

by Andrea Davis, Lahela Isaacson, and Michelle Harwell

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Re: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

November 15, 2024

Dear Los Angeles County Supervisors,

I am wholly in support of the Land Use Element and Conservation & Open Space Element vision statements for our San Gabriel Valley area.

The dangers that fire risks pose to our little precious community here in the San Gabriel foothills is a cause of significant worry and stress, although nothing compared to the stress and grief that would be caused by a wildfire in our growing temperatures. For these reasons I support Vision Statement 1 Goal LU-2 to be adopted as policy along with the policies Lu-2.1, LU-2.3, and LU-2.8.

I am especially interested in Goal COS-4 supporting the acquisition of land for open space preservation and protecting biologically sensitive resources. The time is now to think of the future of our Area and to protect what exists that makes it so pleasurable to live her and sustainable for the species which are native.

Please move forward on adopting these initiatives as guidance for our government agencies and education/awareness for our private citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Davis Ph.D." with a stylized, cursive script.

Andrea Davis, Ph.D.

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Dear Supervisor Barger, and Department of Regional Planning Leadership,

By the attached letter originally signed September 11th by the two of us, we are reiterating our support for the proposed West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP). We understand that it is coming up for a vote December 10th at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

We have been surprised by the number of people complaining that the Plan was developed using a process not visible to them. We received multiple notices on multiple occasions by a variety of means (e.g., email, paper mail, reminders from Town Council members) for both in-person and online meetings where discussions were open and suggestions were all written down. We saw the expression our inputs and those of others in various forms in the draft plan documents, which again were widely made known and easily available, with comments solicited. We ourselves forwarded some of these announcements, though we were disappointed by how few of those to whom we forwarded such announcements actually found the time to participate.

We appreciate that the draft Plan has been endorsed unanimously by the Regional Planning Commission. This is a testament to the hard work by the entire team that developed the Plan, and that made their time available to patiently solicit, listen to, ask for clarification when necessary, and respond to our inputs.

Thank you,
Robert Staehle
Lori Paul

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2024 September 11

Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission
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Re: General support for West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP)

Dear Commissioners,

We wish to express our general support for the subject Plan and associated Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (dPEIR) to be reviewed by your Commission 9/25.

Altadena, where we have lived since 1994, and immediately adjacent to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory where one of us worked for 43+ years starting in 1977 (and the other of us for 15 years), has a character that is important to residents' quality of life, health, and health of the natural environment on which we all depend. Altadena is of course the largest element covered by this plan.

Specifically, we are pleased to see focus in the plan on the following topics:

- Placing high value on the preservation of unbuilt areas, their natural environment, and the biodiversity they host. The Altadena Significant Ecological Area (SEA), as well as the San Gabriel Canyon and Puente Hills SEAs, plus surrounding parcels with a high fraction of natural environment, are crown jewels of the San Gabriel Valley. In the face of climate change, these areas are especially important for their considerable uptake of carbon dioxide, and for the watershed they protect that supplies a significant fraction of water that we all use.
- Frequent mention of trails for natural area access, hikers, equestrians and mountain bicyclists, among other users.
- Recognition of "dark sky" as an important natural resource.
- Focusing attention on Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and the danger they pose in light of climate change, which is causing California's more frequent, more intense, and larger wildland fires.

Though we have not read every page of the Plan, we were disappointed to not see in the plan the following:

- Specifics to prioritize completing the Altadena Crest Trail (ACT) end-to-end. There are viable routes and supportive landowners, along with historical public access which some newer landowners have actively opposed, that could be leveraged into re-connection of this ~13 mile link through natural beauty and scenic value from the Arroyo Seco to Eaton Canyon. Residents who walked and rode the ACT's entire length are passing away, while the community becomes less aware of the value of this resource. Efforts underway to reconnect portions need to be augmented to create full through-connection off public streets.
- A policy to explore, and if feasible, monetize urban forest canopy to encourage its growth and maintenance on County- and privately-owned parcels. The West San Gabriel Valley would be an ideal region to set up a pilot program for this purpose, with potential carbon sequestration market income back to the County and private property owners (e.g., via small property tax credits). An initial estimate based on comparison with private projects over forested areas indicates a possible benefit of ~\$3 M - \$8M per year, or \$60 - \$160 M over the 20-year life of the plan, not counting likely increase in carbon sequestration market prices as the effects of climate change increase in severity. With the exception of protected oaks, the County and private property owners are free to cut down, damage, and severely trim their trees that do so much to keep our urban heat island from being more severe than it already is. While I am not entirely opposed to more restrictive measures, I think it is time to test and perhaps embrace financial measures of encouragement and reward for contributing to a healthy urban forest canopy. Home values are typically higher in such communities (e.g., La Canada Flintridge), while trees are typically reduced or eliminated in lower-income communities, resulting in greater suffering from heat effects by the population with the least health and financial resilience. This in turn increases County and County resident emergency services and medical costs.
- Elements to enable specific prohibition of increasing the occupancy (persons/acre) on all parcels within all Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, and provisions to severely limit any increases in occupancy on parcels within High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.
- Lack of specifics about eliminating the expansion of light pollution that reduces dark sky that interferes with wildlife, creates unpleasant glare, and reduces driving safety. Today, pretty much any homeowner and business can put up higher-output lighting with little regard for its impact on neighbors or the environment. Driving around, I see more of this every month; limits and incentives are much in order. SCE put up numerous high-color-temperature street lights after a long dispute about about using lower color temperatures. Also, a fraction of their fixtures lack modest-cost features to reduce their glare as perceived by drivers and residents.
- Lack of a policy to specifically limit vehicular access to natural areas within Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones during periods of high fire danger (e.g., forecasted heat waves like we just experienced, and high wind events).

- More specific measures to promote preservation of the equestrian elements that make Altadena one of the few places within Los Angeles County where one does not need to be wealthy to own and ride a horse.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters,
Robert Staehle
Lori Paul

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Dear Supervisor Barger,
Please find the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy's letter of support for the West San Gabriel Valley Action Plan attached.
Thanks,
John

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November 27th, 2024

Dear Supervisor Barger,

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy (AFC) strongly supports the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) for the critical protections it will provide for our region's wildlife and open spaces. As a land conservancy preserving natural habitat in and around the San Gabriel and Crescenta Valleys, we helped shape the Conservation and Open Space Element of the Plan. We encourage the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to approve the Plan when it comes to a final vote on December 10th, 2024.

We are being confronted with species extinction, biodiversity and habitat loss, more extreme and less predictable weather, and increased wildfires. The need for a forward-thinking vision for our planet is urgent. The WSGVAP effectively addresses the challenges we face locally. We feel that it is critical to adopt this plan for the benefit of all our urban animals, native flora, and natural habitats.

The WSGVAP is a comprehensive planning tool that will shape the long-term growth of unincorporated areas of the West San Gabriel Valley. Those that are within AFC's long term conservation area include Altadena, La Crescenta, Kinneola Mesa, and East Pasadena. During developmental and public review stages, AFC submitted our recommendations for the Conservation and Open Space Element and were very pleased that the Regional Planning Department embraced our comments. It now includes critical measures for wildlife and habitat protection.

The open space areas in our region, like the San Rafael Hills and Verdugo Mountains, function as disconnected islands of habitat, separated by freeways and development. Wildlife become stranded in these islands and are unable to travel to mate with larger populations, to find food and water, and to establish their own territory. The life of P-22, the mountain lion that lived in Griffith Park, most famously illustrated this problem. Isolation of individual wildlife can lead to genetic inbreeding and local species extinction, putting these islands at grave risk of ecological collapse.

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy's Letter of Support for WSGVAP

The biodiversity crisis is exacerbated by climate change which is a problem for wildlife, and for us. We rely on biodiversity for the production of our food and clean water, and for overall environmental stability. The most effective solution is to create wildlife corridors—patches of natural habitat—that reconnect these islands. We must restore habitat with native plants and enable the movement of all species (think mountain lions, but also coyotes, birds, insects, pollinators, and reptiles). The Open Space and Conservation Element emphasizes the necessity to protect existing areas of habitat and wildlife corridors, and importantly, takes an active approach to increase them.

Specifically, The Element addresses the need for wildlife crossings and corridors that wildlife can safely move through in the Verdugo Mountains, San Rafael Hills, and biologically rich San Gabriel Mountains. It encourages native tree canopy coverage for both open spaces and residential areas. It promotes the creation of habitat stepping-stones of native plants in small spaces like parkways, driveways, and parking lots.

The County has included measures to promote habitat-sensitive designs for new developments. This includes wildlife-permeable fencing, enhancing biodiversity, the limited removal of native plants, and favoring limited inclusion of invasive and non-native plants. It also includes regulations limiting artificial light in natural areas to protect wildlife from the negative impacts of light pollution.

These are the measures we need to be taking to address the biodiversity crisis we are in, both locally and globally. We urge you to vote in approval of the WSGVAP. Let's take action together to protect our wildlife and precious open spaces.

John Howell



*Chief Executive Officer & General Counsel
Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy*

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

Please find the Chaney Trail Corridor Project's letter of support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan attached.

Many Thanks,

-Kristen

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December 4, 2024

Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012



Dear Supervisor Barger and Members of the Board,

We are writing to express our strong support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP), specifically its provisions for conserving biological resources and protecting wildlife corridors.

The Chaney Trail Corridor Project is a not-for-profit association organized under California Corporations Code Section 18035. We are a professional biological and community science response to the sale of the Nuccio's land, initially to Polytechnic School, and now to the next potential buyer. Our goal is to protect and conserve the open space that's left in the Chaney Trail Corridor.

The WSGVAP aligns with critical policies in the Los Angeles County General Plan, including those that protect Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) such as the Altadena Foothills and Arroyo Seco. These areas are vital for maintaining biodiversity, as they contain diverse plant communities like coastal sage scrub, riparian woodlands, and chaparral. They also provide habitat for a range of wildlife species, many of which depend on intact ecosystems for survival.

A key strength of the WSGVAP is its emphasis on maintaining wildlife corridors, which facilitate species movement between the low-lying basin and the high elevations of the San Gabriel Mountains. These corridors are essential for feeding, migration, and breeding, allowing wildlife populations to remain viable despite the pressures of urban development. Protecting these corridors also prevents habitat fragmentation, ensuring that plants and animals can adapt to environmental changes and maintain genetic diversity.

Additionally, policies in the WSGVAP that discourage development in sensitive habitat areas and create natural buffers around SEAs (e.g., Policy COS-1.2 and Policy COS-5.1) are indispensable for reducing human-wildlife conflict and preserving ecological integrity.

By directing growth away from hazard-prone and biologically sensitive areas, the WSGVAP not only mitigates risks from wildfires and preserves remaining open space, it also ensures that future generations can enjoy the benefits of thriving ecosystems.

I urge the Board to adopt the WSGVAP and continue championing policies that balance community development with the preservation of our precious natural spaces.

Sincerely,

Kristen Ochoa Shana Pallotta Terry Hair Dana Stangel Max Yasuda Tina Shaw

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Subject: FW: Altadena Town Council Letter - West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

Please send to EO for their record.

From: Victoria Knapp <victoria@christoria.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 10:33 AM
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Cc: Amy Bodek <ABodek@planning.lacounty.gov>; Nemer, Sussy <SNemer@bos.lacounty.gov>
Subject: Altadena Town Council Letter - West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

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Supervisor Barger:

Attached, please find the Altadena Town Council's position on the proposed update to the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

Warmly,



Victoria Knapp

Chair

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December 5, 2024

Supervisor Kathryn Barger
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Sent via email

Dear Supervisor Barger:

On September 25, 2024, the LA County Regional Planning Commission held a public hearing to review the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (Plan) and its associated Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The Plan is scheduled for its first reading at the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 10, 2024.

Beginning in July 2023, the Department of Regional Planning (DRP) initiated community outreach to highlight the need for an update to the Plan. Over several months, DRP conducted extensive outreach through both in-person and virtual meetings to solicit input and clarify the Plan's key elements and proposed changes. Additionally, postcards and letters were sent to addresses within the Plan's boundaries.

The Altadena Town Council (Council) has actively engaged with DRP, inviting representatives to present at our meetings, promoting the CEQA public meetings and five open houses, and addressing specific questions raised by Altadena residents. On November 20, 2024, the Council collaborated with Altadena Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (ACONA) to host a presentation by DRP staff aimed at clarifying misinformation shared on social media, followed by a robust and extensive Q&A session.

The Council has heard from both supporters and opponents of the Plan. The prevailing sentiment in Altadena is one of endorsement. Proponents believe the Plan was thoughtfully developed by DRP in consultation with Altadena residents and other affected unincorporated communities. The Plan, along with its proposed zoning and land use changes, will direct development away from the Altadena foothills and other high fire hazard zones, while protecting natural resources, preventing habitat fragmentation, and preserving wildlife corridors. The Plan acknowledges environmental and societal changes in recent decades and offers a forward-thinking vision for the future. Additionally, Altadena residents are concerned with improving general mobility including safe routes for walking and biking. Many residents who raised these issues want to make sure the zoning is compliant with state requirements to remain eligible for future state infrastructure funding.

We also acknowledge that there has been a small but vocal opposition to the Plan. The WSGVAP Planning Team addressed these concerns by releasing a detailed factsheet, which was posted to the DRP website and circulated in mid-October to clarify these misunderstandings.

The Altadena Town Council, in alignment with the broader community, wishes to formally express our support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan. We believe the Plan aligns with the State's goals for sustainable development and thoughtfully considers the needs of our community. We also appreciate the extensive outreach efforts made by DRP since July 2023, which have been instrumental in fostering transparent and informed dialogue with residents.

Thank you for your consideration of our support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan.

Sincerely,



Victoria Knapp
Chair
Altadena Town Council

CC Amy Bodek (via email)

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, OBJECTION FOR WSGVAP
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 3:20:42 PM

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

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Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:18 AM

To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>; FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov;

ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov;

West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>

Subject: OBJECTION FOR WSGVAP

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I object to the top-down approach that the planning department has taken to rezone my community with the WSGVAP. I advocate for a bottom-up, inclusive, equitable, decision-making process that aligns with the principles of local representative democracy.

Thank you.

Mary Ann McAfee
2969 Maiden Lane
91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP)
Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 3:20:51 PM

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From: Roger Crowe <ra_isis@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 24, 2024 12:50 PM
To: Barger, Kathryn <Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov>
Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP)

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Dear Supervisor Barger,

It has recently come to my attention that the LA County Planning Commission is proposing to implement the WSGVAP in the coming new year. As a resident of the affected Altadena/Pasadena area I wish to voice my opposition to that plan as currently proposed.

First of all I do not believe that this plan and its rezoning implications have been adequately explained to the surrounding homeowners and businesses. Most of the plans provisions are outlined on a mail postage card containing a link to the Planning Commission's detailed proposal. The details reveal ostensible benefits to the community but shortchange and indeed obscure the considerable effects that the rezoning will cause.

The Plan's benefits include:

1. An assurance that wildlife areas and trail accesses in the surrounding foothills will be preserved and protected against rezoning for developmental incursions.
2. An assurance that the Plan will lead to an expansion and improvement of pedestrian walkways in business and residences especially in the Lake Avenue corridor of Altadena and Pasadena.

The negative effects of this Plan are:

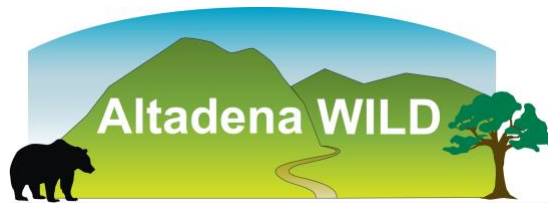
1. Residential and business areas identified and detailed in the plan will be opened for rezoning to permit considerable more density per acre than is currently the case in Altadena and county areas.
2. Rezoning changes the character of our area and leads to the construction of 3-6 multistory buildings and apartments which are currently restricted in the county.
3. Street parking of vehicles in Altadena in particular will be severely affected by the influx of a

substantial number of individuals and families to the area.

Altadena, where I have resided for over 50 years, is already experiencing some level of street parking problems. Several business on Lake have opened without providing sufficient parking leading to contention with residents on the surrounding streets. And because Pasadena restricts street parking overnight, some residents relocate their vehicles for overnight or longer-term parking. The influx of many new families with multiple vehicles to this area will not only exacerbate this problem but contribute to more traffic congestion.

Altadena has recently experienced development out-of-character with the neighborhood. Witness the structures at 2408 Lincoln Ave (at Figueroa) and the 4-story colossus at 2052 N Lake Avenue (the Pax House Recovery). I understand that there is a CA State mandate in effect to develop more available housing for people who cannot otherwise afford it. Well and noble as that goal is, it should be approached in a reasonable manner and not be used to blithely override the expressed fears and desires of current residents and businesses.

Roger A Crowe
864 Morada Place
Altadena 91001



Hon. Kathryn A. Barger, Supervisor
Fifth District, County of Los Angeles
500 West Temple Street, Room 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

2024 December 2

Dear Madam Supervisor:

We express our full support for the County's West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) and associated zoning and land use changes proposed for Altadena. The WSGVAP will direct growth away from hazard areas, protect natural and biological resources, and prevent habitat disturbance and fragmentation. The Plan recognizes environmental and societal changes over the past decades and proposes a rational and compelling vision for future developments.

As you know, Altadena is an unincorporated town of 43,000 residents situated in and against the San Gabriel Mountain foothills. It is the largest political jurisdiction covered by the WSGVAP, by both geography and population. Altadena residents have been actively involved in the formulation and refinement of the WSGVAP, starting from the initial Department of Regional Planning (DRP) kick-off workshop at the town's Main Library in October 2023. At that workshop, some 30 residents identified hundreds of visions for imagining Altadena in the next 20-40 years. DRP staff did a splendid job of assimilating these ideas into the WSGVAP and refining the document in a series of subsequent video tag-up meetings with an ad hoc Altadena Advisory Group.

The WSGVAP discusses the major issues affecting land use, economic development, conservation, public services and mobility in the unincorporated areas of the West San Gabriel Valley. The Area Plan succinctly identifies numerous opportunities that can be realized through future implementation plans. The WSGVAP balances smart growth with sustainability and the preservation of wildlands. It captures the increasing risks associated with growth and living in the wildlands-urban interface along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. Of relevance to the 2200 Altadena homeowners living in a State-designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, the Area Plan's goals of discouraging new developments in hazard zones and directing them to urbanized areas along mass-transit corridors is laudable.

The parallel efforts to refine the land-use classifications and zoning categories in the Altadena foothills are also to be applauded. These efforts will bring some needed

rationalities to the many discrepancies existing now. Combined with the contents of the WSGVAP, it is hoped they will prevent future developments that increase the intensity of people and/or intensity of activity in hazard zones.

Since the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) unanimously endorsed the WSGVAP on September 25, a small – but loud -- contingent of property owners in northern Altadena have come out to oppose the WSGVAP. Unfortunately, their campaign petition and social media posts have been rife with misinformation – and even disinformation. Their arguments have been wide ranging and disjointed. A couple of their false arguments were addressed in an October 22 Op-Ed posted by LocalNewsPasadena.com, “Countering Misinformation About the LA County Rezoning Plan.” Addressing the rest would take a series of Op-Eds.

The opponents seem to be coalescing around arguments against any increase in density within Altadena. Such arguments reveal ignorance of the legislative and executive State actions mandating the construction of more housing, and the pressure from the Attorney General’s office on local municipalities to remove obstacles to doing so. They fail to recognize that many of the proposed changes in zoning and land use classifications are administrative (corrective) in nature and would have been proposed independent of the WSGVAP. These changes create consistency with several *existing and previously enacted* land use constraints that limit potential development in hazard zones and in hillside and significant ecological areas.

Moreover, there is a scent of hypocrisy permeating their actions, given that some of the same landowners have discussed sub-dividing their properties in applications to the County, on websites, or in public hearings at the RPC. They argue against increasing densities in Altadena -- while taking steps to increase densities on their own properties in a very high fire hazard zone.

In summary, the WSGVAP is a comprehensive, forward-looking plan that balances smart growth with the need to limit the risks of continued expansion into hazard and protected areas. It will discourage new developments in fire hazard zones, while allowing – but not mandating -- new developments in urban areas near main transit corridors. As a non-profit organization acting as the voice of the Altadena foothills, we fully endorse the WSGVAP.

Michael Bicay, President Fernanda Davis, Secretary Leslie Lowes, Treasurer

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SASHA RENÉE PÉREZ
TWENTY-FIFTH SENATE DISTRICT



December 9, 2024

Honorable Kathryn Barger
Supervisor, Fifth District
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple St., Ste. 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA PLAN (WSGVAP)

Dear Supervisor Barger,

I am writing in support for the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan, as a vital measure to protect our region's wildlife and natural habitats.

The plan adopts policies that promote environmentally sensitive development and protections for our invaluable wildlife, natural habitats, open spaces, and waterways. The planet is in a dual crisis: species are at an ever increasing risk of extinction and we are suffering the disastrous effects of climate change. We must do our part. This plan realistically assesses these threats and presents both a vision and concrete measures to address them.

I ask that you consider voting in favor of the plan to ensure our region is developed responsibly for all our communities, including wildlife.

Should you have any questions, please call my office at (916) 651-4025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sasha Renée Pérez".

SASHA RENÉE PÉREZ
Senator, District 25

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:52:09 AM

ADRINE ARAKELIAN (she/her/hers)

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Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT FOR WSGVAP

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Dear Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

I am writing this email to you regarding the WSGVAP. I strongly support this plan. Those of us who live near the San Gabriel Mountains and in an urban wildlife interface area need this plan to help protect the natural areas we still have so close to Los Angeles.

I was so pleased that the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan was unanimously endorsed by the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission on September 25. I truly hope that the County Board of Supervisors will follow suit.

All the best,

Brenda Hurst
Altadena, CA 91001

From: [West SGV Area Plan](#)
To: [Submit](#)
Subject: FW: Item 7, SUPPORT: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:51:13 AM

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Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 9:49 PM

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HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov; ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Cc: West SGV Area Plan <wsgvap@planning.lacounty.gov>

Subject: SUPPORT: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

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Please include this letter as part of public record Dear Board of Supervisors, I am writing to express my strong support for the adoption of the West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan (WSGVAP) and urge you to vote IN FAVOR of its adoption. This comprehensive long-range policy document is crucial for guiding the sustainable growth and development of our unincorporated communities in the West San Gabriel Valley. As a resident of unincorporated LA County, The WSGVAP's focus on key principles such as walkability, connectivity, and community vibrancy aligns perfectly with the needs of our evolving neighborhoods. Its thoughtful, community-centered approach to long-term planning will undoubtedly contribute to the creation of more sustainable, connected, and thriving communities in the West San Gabriel Valley. Thank you for your consideration and your continued efforts to improve our county.

SOCIETY of ORGANIC ARCHITECTS

403 Ventura St, Altadena, Ca. 91001

626 354 8149

9 December 2024

RE: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan

Los Angeles County Board fo Supervisor via email

Gentleladies:

As some of you are aware, and some are not, the Society of Organic Architects represents the Architects, Landscape Architects, Residential Designers, Interior Decoratos and Artisans who follow the design philosophy most famously associated with Frank Lloyd Wright, but practiced by many before and many after. We have over sixteen hundred members globally and over 200 in California.

We sent the WSGVAP to the 63 Los Angeles County members for comment. Fifty one responded negatively and most with very simular comments. Three responded liteally with "Why Bother, They will do as they please it's all a stage peformance." I was one of those three, but duty compells me to send along the more helpful comments.

One concern expressed by multiple Architects was that this is being done inverse of the normal planning proceedure and the proper way to do things. The case is taht general plans are supposed to be for the entire jurisdiction, Area plans modify the General Plan to meet area specific needs, Community Plans modify area plans to meet the specific needs of communities and neighbor hood plans modify the

Community Plans to meet neighborhood specific needs. Here we have a previously non existant Area plan and non existant area pla planning area that is modifying several Community and Neighborhood Plans and on an accelorated schedule. This is simply bad and improper practice.

Another concer noted by several Architects, Designers and Contractors was that in West Altadena in particular development is being planned in areas where the Sewer System, Electrical gris, and water systems are already functioning well beyond thier rated capacity, and are in fact crumbling. Two Arcitects noted they raised these concerns two decades ago when Hollywood Boulevard had its zoning upscaled for high rise apartments in Los Angeles. These concerns were ignored in Los Angeles and ther eare almost weekly infrastructure failures there due directly to the concentration of units. It is believed this plan will have the same result.

Of major concern also was that these communities do not naturally belong in the same planning group. "The Monrovia Islands" have nothing in common geographically, culturally or historically with LaCrescenta, or Altadena or even unincorpoated Acadia or unincorporated East Pasadena. This plan is not cacted to meet the needs of these communities but rather the convieniance of planning staff. Again very bad practice.

Finally, twelve of our members expressed that they are known to be practicing in the local area by planning staff and they never recieved any notification of any public meetings about this plan. Quite logically, they believe the community outeach was insufficient and deliberately so.

Sincerely,

Steven S. Lamb F.S.O.A.

Chairman

Melanie Calvert (SBN 115470)
P.O. Box 6096
Altadena, Ca. 91001

November 20, 2024

To: The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Attention: Honorable Kathryn Barger
Attention: Board Services Division

Re: PROJECT NAME: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
PROJECT/PERMIT NUMBERS: PRJ2023-003982-(SD 1,5)
ADVANCE PLANNING CASE NO. RPPL2023005880
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. RPPL2023005884
GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT: RPPL2023005882
ZONE CHANGE NO. RPPL2023005883
ORDINANCE NO. RPPL2024002630
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2023110351

To the Honorable Kathryn Barger:

Attached you will find my comments and objections to the above project and PEIR. This correspondence (with supporting exhibits) was lodged with the Regional Planning Commission (Evan Sensible) on Monday, August 5, 2024. I also made comments at the Commission meeting.

I am a resident of Altadena and a retired attorney. I have a B.S. *cum laude* in biology from Vanderbilt University where I studied population biology, ecology, developmental biology and cellular biology. I also have a minor in chemistry including a course in organic chemistry. I graduated from George Washington Law School where I studied environmental law, toxic and hazardous waste, water rights and zoning law. I worked at Emory University in the fields of immunology and cancer markers.

Although I previously copied you, I have once again forwarded the source documents referenced in my objections and comments including portions of Dr. Mack's text on Patterns of Malignant Disease in Los Angeles County, as well as the JPL Public Health Assessment that I obtained at the Superfund meeting in Altadena, many years ago.

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FROM:

Melanie Calvert
1089 Marcheta St
Altadena, CA. 91001

TO: The Los Angeles County
Board of Superisors
500 West Temple St
Room 383
Los Angeles, CA. 90012

Attn. Board Services Division

Label 228, March 2016

FOR DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL USE

To: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street, 13th Floor
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Attention: Evan Sensibile

Re: PROJECT NAME: West San Gabriel Valley Area Plan
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2023110351

Dear Mr. Sensibile:

Attached you will find my comments and objections to the above project and PEIR. I sent the exhibits with supporting evidence to you on Monday, August 5, 2024.

I have a B.S. *cum laude* in biology from Vanderbilt University where I studied population biology, ecology, developmental biology and cellular biology. I also have a minor in chemistry including a course in organic chemistry. I graduated from George Washington Law School where I studied environmental law, toxic and hazardous waste, water rights and zoning law. I worked at Emory University in the fields of immunology and cancer markers.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,



M. Calvert

To: Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, Evan Sensibile

From: M. Calvert

Date: August 4, 2024

Re: Objections and Comments to LA County (WSGVP) Draft PEIR, dated June 2024

These comments are written in response to the Draft PEIR, prepared by Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for the West San Gabriel Valley Planning Committee ("WSGVP"). I am a long-term resident of Altadena and I object to any and all plans, projects and/or construction whether proposed in the draft Plan Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR") or not, as well as the proposed amendment of Title 22, for the reasons discussed in this Memorandum.

Volatile Organic Compounds in the Soil, Water and Air Pose Significant Health Risks in the West San Gabriel Valley ("WSGV")

- All of the contemplated activities (excavation, grading, dewatering, removal of soil, creation of fugitive dust, removal of construction debris and other ground-disturbing activities) pose an unacceptable risk to residents' health and safety from exposure to toxic volatile (vaporous) organic compounds in the soil and groundwater of Altadena.
- The consulting firm hired by Los Angeles County (ESA) recognized this issue in a Background Brief, dated December 2023: "Four major superfund sites are found within the WSGV and soil contamination from underground storage tanks is dispersed throughout the area." (Emphasis provided). ESA Task B1 Background Brief at page 68.
- The Jet Propulsion Lab, located at Hahamonga Watershed near Altadena and La Canada Flintridge, is one of these four Superfund sites and has been designated as a National Priorities Site or one that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deems to be most in need of clean-up due to risks to the public health and safety. (CERCLIS CA 9800013030, August 5, 1999).
- For fifteen years, from 1945-1960, toxic liquid and solid wastes were disposed into forty seepage pits and waste pits at the current site of JPL. (Supra at page 3).
- As a result, volatile organic compounds (VOC's) were released into the soil and water. (Supra at page 1).
- These VOC's traveled in an underground plume to drinking water wells in Altadena and Pasadena. (Supra at page 4).
- By 1980, two VOC's (carbon tetrachloride and trichloroethylene) were identified in wells by the City of Pasadena. (Supra at page 4).
- Carbon tetrachloride may cause liver problems and increase the risk of cancer. [EPA list of drinking water contaminants and maximum contaminant levels (MCL's)].
- Trichloroethylene may cause liver problems and increase the risk of cancer. [EPA list of drinking water contaminants and maximum contaminant levels (MCL's)].
- The groundwater plume can change direction and even reverse for short periods of time. (CERCLIS CA 9800013030, August 5, 1999, at page 12).
- Around 1980, VOC's were also detected in the wells of Lincoln Water, located in Altadena. (Supra at page 4)
- When the contaminant concentration exceeded drinking water standards in 1985, Pasadena closed two wells. (Supra at page 4)

- When the contaminant concentration exceeded drinking water standards in 1987, Lincoln Avenue (in Altadena) closed two wells. (Supra at page 4)
- When the contaminant concentration continued to exceed drinking water standards in 1989, Pasadena closed another two wells. (Supra at page 4)
- This was wide-spread contamination by the underground plume.
- In 1992, the EPA identified other VOC contaminants at the JPL/Hahamonga site: 1,1-dichloroethane and tetrachloroethylene. (Supra at page 4)
- 1,1 dichloroethane and 1,2 dichloroethane are associated with an increased risk of cancer and 1,1 dichloroethylene is associated with liver problems). [EPA list of drinking water contaminants and maximum contaminant levels (MCL's)].
- Tetrachloroethylene is associated with increased risk of cancer and liver problems. [EPA list of drinking water contaminants and maximum contaminant levels (MCL's)].
- A total of six Raymond Water Basin purveyors operate wells within four miles of the JPL/Hahamonga site. These include Rubio Canyon, Los Flores and Lincoln Avenue Water. The cities of Alhambra, Arcadia, La Canada-Flintridge, San Marino and Sierra Madre also received water from the Raymond Basin. (CERCLIS CA 9800013030, August 5, 1999, at page 8).
- This Raymond Groundwater Basin extends about 41 square miles. (PEIR at page 4.10-5)
- Groundwater extraction accounts for nearly one-third of the water usage in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. (ESA Task B1 Background Brief at page 68, referencing LACounty Planning 2022a).
- VOC's can be easily vaporized or become gaseous. (CERCLIS CA 9800013030, August 5, 1999, at Appendix A-7).
- Routes for exposure can be inhalation, ingestion or by skin contact. (Supra at page A-7).
- Since the VOC's are in the soil and water of Altadena's area, activities that create disruption cause release into the air.
 - Take, for example, "pre-watering and de-watering" discussed in the PEIR. (At page 4.3-32 to 4.3-33; page 4.7-11; page 4.7-17; and page 4.9-17).
 - VOC-contaminated water can evaporate into the air creating a toxic environment for humans.
- The WSGVP's PEIR recognizes that soils can contain toxic contaminants that are released through particle emissions. (PEIR at page 4.3-53)
- In its background brief, the ESA firm, hired by the County, stated that the cancer rate in Altadena was 6%, or above average. This means that 2,559 of Altadena's current residents (42,658) have had cancer diagnoses.
- In 2004, Dr. Thomas Mack, Norris Cancer Center, analyzed cancer surveillance data from ten million people in Los Angeles County over a twenty-six (26) year period. Elsevier Academic Press published the first edition in 2004, entitled Cancers in the Urban Environment, Patterns of Malignant Disease in Los Angeles County and its Neighborhoods. Dr. Mack identified census tracts at high risk and adjusted for social class. There were at least six instances of nonrandom distribution that did not

conform to the pattern that would have been predicted by available knowledge. (Mack at page 645)

- The identified nonrandom cancers included oropharyngeal carcinoma, small cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma of the lung, papillary carcinoma of the thyroid, squamous carcinoma of the bladder and diffuse mixed B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. (Mack at page 645):
 - For oropharyngeal carcinoma, there was a cancer cluster of female patients in Altadena and another cluster of males in Pasadena. (Mack at page 55).
 - For salivary gland malignancies, there was a cancer cluster of males in Altadena. (Mack at page 62).
 - For carcinoma of the larynx, there were cancer clusters of males in Pasadena and Altadena. (Mack at page 167)
 - For small cell carcinoma of the lung, there was a cancer cluster of males in Altadena. (Mack at page 197)
 - For adenocarcinoma of the lung and bronchi, there was a cancer cluster of females in La Canada Flintridge. (Mack at page 205)
 - For osteosarcoma, there was a cancer cluster of females in Altadena. (Mack at page 261-262)
 - For squamous carcinoma of the bladder, there was a cancer cluster of males near the Glendale and Altadena area. (Mack at page 352).
 - For brain malignancies (gliomas), there was a cancer cluster of females in Altadena. (Mack at page 379)
 - For papillary carcinoma of the thyroid, there was a large cancer cluster of females in La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 412)
 - For nodular sclerosis Hodgkin's lymphoma, there was a large cancer cluster of males between Altadena and La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 460)
 - For diffuse mixed B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, there were two male clusters, one in Pasadena and one in La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 503).
 - For chronic lymphocytic leukemia, there was a large mixed gender cluster near La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at 581)
 - For other leukemias, there were two clusters, one for females in Altadena and another for mixed genders in Pasadena. (Mack at page 609)
 - There was also a large cluster of malignancies in older children extending from Altadena to La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 623)
 - Finally, there was also a large cluster of young adult females with malignancies in La Canada-Flintridge. (Mack at page 630)
- Future development would increase the number of residents (in Altadena) and would potentially increase the number of people exposed to toxic contaminants. (PEIR at page 4.9-25).
- It is reasonably foreseeable that future projects and/or natural disasters would release hazardous materials into the environment. (PEIR at page 4.9-27).
 - Although the ESA (WSGVP) adopts OSHA as its band aid fix, that is a statute designed to protect workers. OSHA remedial measures do not reduce the adverse impact to Altadena's residents.

- Although the PEIR states that the WSGVP was required to consult the EPA National Priorities List and the EPA's CERCLIS site, as well as archived sites, the ESA and the WSGVP "overlooked" the hazards site at JPL/Hahamonga Superfund site. (PEIR at page 4.9-2 to page 4.9-4).
- Although the PEIR acknowledges that VOC's, including tetrachloroethane, may be in the soil and groundwater throughout the Plan area and that soil vapor intrusion may occur, the impact of VOC's on human health and safety is not mentioned. (PEIR at page 4.9-7, page 4.9-12, page 4.9-17)
- Construction or redevelopment on contaminated properties could potentially generate vapors or fugitive dust containing contaminants that pose a health risk. (PEIR at page 4.9-27).
 - As demonstrated in Dr. Mack's book, above, the risk is significant and it is not limited to "sensitive receptors," young children, persons with disabilities and older residents.
- The ESA (WSGVP) asserts that future projected growth would result in 25,954 new residents, 10,874 new jobs and 16,243 new housing units. This would increase the demand for water and pumping from groundwater wells. (PEIR at page 4.10-22).
- It is not clear how many new residents would be added to Altadena's current population of 43,344, as this section was conveniently omitted from the PEIR and Appendices. Altadena is only 8.5 square miles. (PEIR at page 4.11-2)
- It is also not clear how many new housing units would be added to Altadena's current total of 15,334, as this section was omitted from the PEIR and Appendices. The Regional Housing Needs Allocation assigned 4,479 new units to the entire WSGV. (PEIR at page 4.11-8).
- Although the ESA (WSGVP) naively asserts that compliance with applicable environmental laws would protect the public from resulting contaminant exposure, causing serious health risks (PEIR at page 4.9-29), this is an overstatement.
 - Take, for example, the history of the JPL/Hahamonga Superfund site on the National Priorities List. Carcinogenic volatile organic chemicals were allegedly first discovered in 1980. Almost twenty years later, the EPA and JPL published the CERCLIS report and held the required Superfund meeting to inform Altadena residents.
 - Another resounding example of government inaction is the Stringfellow Acid Pits in Jurupa. Toxic waste, including volatile organic compounds, spilled into groundwater in 1972. Toxins had been spilling into the nearby creek between 1969 and 1980. Litigation related to this site lasted three decades and involved the conviction of Rita LaVelle, then Director of Superfund, and the resignation of Anne Gorsuch Burford, then EPA administrator. Clean-up has

not been completed and will take five hundred (500) years. *Wikipedia, Stringfellow Acid Pits, Accessed July 28, 2024.*

- Another questionable assumption in the ESA/WSGVP's PEIR is the use of the VOC maximum contaminant or significance levels established by the SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District). (PEIR at 4.3-34 to 3.4-35). They should have and could have used the VOC criteria significance levels established by the EPA for drinking water.
 - Members of the AQMD are drawn from businesses (both small and large), labor organizations, law firms, the chamber of commerce, community environmental organizations and some government agencies. Other than JPL, discussed above, the member roster does not appear to include persons having scientific-based knowledge. AQMD.gov/home. See AQMD advisory group board, September 2023-September 2027, accessed July 27, 2024.
 - The SCAQMD has arbitrarily determined the cancer burden without supporting empirical evidence, such as Dr. Mack's surveillance data, discussed above. (PEIR at page 4.3-37)
 - Additionally, for criteria pollutants, the SCAQMD has used dated thresholds from 1993. (PEIR at page 4.3-43)
 - The SCAQMD has also utilized an unsupported assumption that construction impacts are temporary. (PEIR 4.3-35). As demonstrated above, the health impacts are far from temporary.
- The WSGVP's PEIR marginalizes significant health risks from VOC's. Despite the known health risks of VOC's, the WSGVP states that it would like to use recycled water for landscape irrigation in County parks. (PEIR at page 4.3-31).
- Although the PEIR states a concern for water quality and aquatic resources, it allows project developers to simply purchase credits, in lieu of remediation, at an approved mitigation bank. (PEIR at page 4.4-34).
- Although there is a process for monitoring pollutant discharges, this process lies squarely in the hands of the developer or contractor under the Construction General Permit. (PEIR at pages 4.17-16 to 4.7-17). This questionable process seems to have little oversight by governmental authorities.

Volatle Organic Compounds Combine with Nitrogen Oxide to Form Ozone, A Greenhouse Gas, That Causes Known and Significant Health Risks in the WSGV

- When VOC's are released into the air, they combine with nitrogen oxides to form ozone. (PEIR at page 4.3-2 to 4.3-3). Ozone is a greenhouse gas and one that causes increased temperatures on Earth. *Wikipedia, Greenhouse Gas, Accessed 7/25/24.*

- Based on ambient air quality monitoring, Los Angeles County regularly exceeded the state's one hour and federal eight hour ozone level within the last five years. (PEIR at page 4.3-9). This is considered extreme "non-attainment" in the PEIR. (Page 4.3-36)
- Ozone is a criteria pollutant and one which can lead to the following medical problems:
 - Breathing problems, such as asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis;
 - Inflammation and damage to airways;
 - Aggravation of lung diseases;
 - Susceptibility to lung infections;
 - Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; and
 - Permanent lung damage. (PEIR at page 4.3-2 to 4.3-3).
- Ozone (made by the combination of VOC's and nitrogen oxide, as noted in the WSGVP PEIR) creates risk to human health, particularly in older adults, children and outdoor workers ("sensitive receptors"). (PEIR at page 4.3-2 to 4.3-3).
 - Altadena has 19.5% residents aged sixty-five and older. (ESA Background Brief).

The WSGVP's PEIR Contemplates the Release of Both Small and Large Particulate Matters that Cause Known and Significant Health Risks in WSGV.

- Projects developed under the WSGVP would involve ground-disturbing activities during construction. (PEIR at page 4.5-24). Excavating, grading, handling, treating, stock-piling, transferring and removing soil, construction/demolition and travel of construction equipment may cause "fugitive dust emissions." (PEIR at page 4.3-22 to 4.3-24).
 - The topography of the San Gabriel Mountains rising to the north of Altadena is conducive to trapping of pollutants in the foothill communities.

Emissions may be downwind of sensitive receptors. One option is to cease all activities. (PEIR at page 4.3-22 to 4.3-24).
- Particulate matter (PM 10 micrometers and PM 2.5 micrometers) may be inhaled by residents.
- Particulate matter (PM 10 and PM 2.5) is deposited into the lungs and can cause tissue damage and lung inflammation. (PEIR page 4.3-5).
- PM 10 particles include dust from construction sites and landfills.

Despite the known risks from release of particulates, the WSGVP wants to recycle construction and demolition debris from construction sites. (PEIR at page 4.3-31)

- Sources of PM 2.5 particles arise from combustion of gasoline, oil and diesel.
 - Bulldozers, loaders, backhoes, cranes, excavators, forklifts and haul trucks are frequently diesel powered and emit criteria air pollution. (PEIR at page 4.3-15, page 4.3-32).
 - Although idling at construction sites is purportedly limited to five minutes, the equipment fleet has not been fully replaced by new emissions-controlled fleets. (PEIR at page 4.3-15 to page 4.3-16)
- Based on ambient air quality monitoring, Los Angeles County regularly exceeded the state and federal PM10 and PM2.5 standards within the last five years. (PEIR at page 4.3-9). This is considered “non-attainment” status. (PEIR at page 4.3-42 to page 4.3-43)

The Scope of the WSGVP is Very Large, Impacting Many Residents, Many of Whom Did Not Receive Notice From Los Angeles County’s Department of Regional Planning.

- The scope of the proposed Plan is very large, impacting many residents and areas of Los Angeles County, including Altadena.
- Most residents did not receive notice of the NOP or scoping in November-December 2023. This author received no notice until Spring 2024.
- In Spring 2024, a few residents attended the meeting at the Altadena library, and two subsequent Zoom meetings. The initial meeting was cast as proposed “administrative corrections” of zoning to reflect how properties were actually being utilized in Altadena.
- At the Altadena library meeting, residents were asked to complete a forced choice survey to rank their preferences. Question No. 7 asked residents to rank what they would like to see more of in their community. Question No. 9 asked residents to rank the issues they would like to see “managed” in their community. Question 12 asked residents to select the “housing types” that could fit into their community.

Many of these questions were economically divisive, pitting citizens of West Altadena against those in East Altadena. This perpetrated a historical racial and socio-economic division within Altadena.

The survey had few open-ended questions on whether residents were satisfied with their community and whether they wanted additional development.

In the survey, there was no explanation of the broad intended scope of the WSGVP.

At the Altadena library meeting, the development maps were taped to the wall, had glare and could not be seen at eye level. Even the smaller paper maps placed on the tables were not fully legible in terms of streets.

- When the draft PEIR was released in June 2024, most residents were on summer vacations. By including boilerplate recitation of laws and regulations (without much discussion of applicability to the facts), the WSGVP has made the PEIR into eight hundred, ten (810) pages. The sheer length of the PEIR imposes an impediment to transparency.
- Although the WSGVP PEIR references the County General Plan, by incorporation, the author did not receive notice of the EIR for the County General Plan and cannot compare the two documents.
- When the WSGVP ultimately sent post cards, with QR codes, to each resident, the post card did not inform residents of the extent of the plan, or projects, with the dates of hearings and matters to be addressed. It was purposefully designed to look like a throw-away piece of mail. Most residents do not know what the County envisions for their community. Many residents and businesses believed that the development was limited to the former location of Webster's Pharmacy.

Altadena is Unique in Several Important Ways. In the Spirit of Self-Determination, Altadena Should Keep Its Own Community Standards ("CSD's")

- In June 2024, the draft PEIR laid out the vast extent of the development plan and used a process called "tiering." The process of "tiering," or assuming that all unincorporated areas of Los Angeles are the same in enough ways that they should be included within the rubric of one single Plan, the WSGVP, is not well-taken.
- After the WSGVP PEIR was drafted, the San Gabriel Mountains were designated as a federal National Monument. The foothills in Altadena are immediately south of, and directly abut, this National Monument. The WSGVP's PEIR does not consider the designation.
- A stated goal of the WSGVP is to reduce wildfire hazards and to preserve biological resources by decreasing density in areas adjacent to natural resources. (PEIR at page 4.7-19). Altadena is directly adjacent to the natural resources in the San Gabriel Mountains. Density should not be increased by any new development in Altadena.
- The San Gabriel Mountains' designation causes more traffic in Altadena's limited north-south roads and increases the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT's) beyond that contemplated by the WSGVP's PEIR.
- The only freeway that runs near Altadena, but not necessarily through Altadena, is the 210 Freeway. By framing the geographic area more broadly, the WSGVP has misstated the extent of freeway access.

To access Altadena for evacuation purposes, there are no north-south "highways." However, there are several secondary roads, running north-south: Lake, Allen, Hill, Lincoln, Los Robles, Altadena Drive and Fair Oaks. Many of these roads have traffic choke-points due to drive-through establishments and commercial build-out near Pasadena.

The other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County have more freeway access: the 60 Freeway, the 10 Freeway, the 605 Freeway, the 2 Freeway, the 5 Freeway and the 105 Freeway. These are the more reasonable choices for new growth.

- The hilly topography of Altadena is not conducive to walking, riding bicycles or razor scooters unless one plans a one-way trip, downhill. The buses that run from the Lake Avenue Metro Station are infrequent and take a long time.
- In Altadena, there are "areas with underlying materials that include undocumented fills, soft compressible deposits or loose debris that could be inadequate to support development" especially of multi-story buildings. (PEIR at page 4.7-25). This is another reason to keep height and set-back limits in Altadena's own CSD.
- Altadena is an historic area that should be preserved. More than one hundred and ninety (190) homes in Altadena were built in Jane's Village between 1924 and 1926. There are eighty (80) additional Jane's homes outside the Village area and in Altadena.

A Jane's home could be purchased for as little as \$ 7,950-\$11,000 with as little as \$ 500 down payment and monthly payments of only \$100.

The Jane's homes are recognized in the PEIR as "Altadena Heritage" homes but dismissively referred to as having no "legally binding" protection. (PEIR at page 4.5-8)

- The WSGVP would like to take Altadena's Community Standards ("CSD") and fold it into a "one-size fits all" area Plan or PASD, despite the differences between Altadena and the other three unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. (PEIR at page 4.4-31).
- "Local land use plans and policies... are not required to be consistent with either the Regional Transportation Plan or the Sustainable Communities Strategy." (PEIR at page 4.6-9). Altadena should keep its self-determined CSD.

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What is the Extent of Development and Displacement Contemplated by the WSGVP for Altadena's 8.5 Square Miles?

- Superficially, the WSGVP wants to increase “development” intensity along commercial corridors and in “select” areas near commercial corridors and transit with low existing residential density. (PEIR at page 4.3-32)
- The WSGVP wants to concentrate growth within one mile from major transit stops, one-half mile from high quality transit corridors and one quarter mile from commercial corridors and commercial areas where there is access to existing or *proposed* transit. (PEIR at page 4.11-16)

To change the growth pattern, all the planners have to do is propose new transit in an area of Altadena.

- The WSGVP wants to increase population density over and beyond that contemplated by the Regional Housing Element Regional Allocation. (PEIR at page 5-39).
- The WSGVP contemplates infill development and re-development on “underutilized” sites, as well as “adaptive reuse” of “underutilized structures,” “appropriate residential density” along transit corridors, “encouragement of sustainable subdivisions” and “acquisition” of resource-sensitive lands. (PEIR at page 4.3-29 to page 4.3-30; page 4.4-25).

If we look at the context of “appropriate residential density,” the WSGVP disfavors existing single family homes in Altadena (referred to as “aging stock”) and favors mixed use, multi-story residences that concededly block scenic views and full enjoyment of a National Monument, the San Gabriel Mountains.

- The WSGVP PEIR states that they want to utilize anti-displacement measures, so “existing community members can remain in ...their neighborhoods, while accepting new residents through more compact, mixed use development.” (PEIR at page 4.8-36).

The WSGVP has identified no site(s) for new residents and no sites for multi-density complexes. Vulnerable elderly people, people of color and people with limited economic means would be systemically displaced from their homes. See, for example, the historic seizure of Chavez Ravine in Los Angeles or the large scale razing of homes in Capetown, South Africa.

In Altadena, 19.5% of residents are 65 years or older and 74% of all residents are home owners. Many residents are retired, living on fixed income. If these home owners had to transition to rentals in Altadena, they would likely have to pay more than their mortgage. Currently, the average rental in Altadena is \$ 1,626. (ESA Background Brief).

“Relocation assistance” is not adequate to compensate the susceptible elderly for the disruption and health risks near the end of life.

Displacement of elderly people also imposes a burden on inter-generational transfer of wealth in Altadena, a neighborhood that was historically favored by African-Americans.

Vulnerable older individuals in R-1 housing would be disfavored to the advantage of younger residents with families. Younger newlyweds and families resent not being able to buy a home. Older residents just want to live their lives in peace, without the noise and nuisance of nearby construction. The WSGVP creates division.

Although there are needs for affordable housing, builders would not be required to offer affordable housing in Altadena. Mr. Drevno, one of the planners, stated that all units could be offered at market rates in Altadena. The background brief prepared by the ESA consulting firm also stated that Altadena was not eligible for market incentives due to the residents' higher income.

The WSGVP's PEIR is Defective Due to Vagueness, Inconsistencies and Omissions of Significant Impacts on Human Health and Safety.

- The WSGVP does not propose any site-specific development because “specific location, timing and type of future projects proposed to be developed are unknown,” detailed analysis would be speculative and beyond the scope of this PEIR. (PEIR at page 4.3-32, page 4.3-46, page 4.4-20, page 4.7-19).
- Although the PEIR acknowledges a potential increase in cancer, acute or chronic risk from exposure to toxic air contaminants based on the nature and extent of future projects under the WSGVP, it states: “Since the exact nature, location and operation of future developments are unknown”...quantification of health risks from toxic air contaminants “would be speculative.” (PEIR at page 4.3-53, page 4.3-34).
- Although the PEIR stated that the quantification of the health risks from toxic air contaminants is considered speculative, it also stated that the health risk is considered significant and unavoidable. (PEIR at page 4.3-53 and page 4.3-50)

The PEIR considered only the health impact on “sensitive receptors.” (PEIR at page 4.3-53)

The draft PEIR states that “construction of future projects developed under the Plan (WSGVP) would be consistent with AQMD.” (PEIR at page 4.3-43).

Only one page later, the draft PEIR states “all future projects would be required to demonstrate compliance with air quality on a project-by-project basis.” (PEIR at page 4.3-45).

“Impacts related to criteria pollutants associated with future projects developed under the Plan (WSGVP) are considered significant and unavoidable. (PEIR at page 4.3-47).

Fortunately, a table explains that mobile emissions, only, under the Plan (WSGVP) would exceed threshold for *all* criteria pollutants by 2045, as opposed to “No Project” by 2045. (PEIR at page 4.3-48).

The WSGVP Does Not Achieve Many of its Ostensible Goals.

- One stated goal of the WSGVP is to reduce VMT’s or vehicle miles traveled. (PEIR at page 4.3-29). The PEIR does not achieve its goal. The total VMT’s are increased by implementation of the WSGVP. (PEIR at page 4.6-21; page 4.8-48 to 4.8-49)

By increasing the population of residents or denominator, the WSGVP plays a numbers game by arguing that the VMT per service population is lower. (PEIR at page 4.6-21) This is disingenuous.

- Although another stated goal of the WSGVP is to reduce greenhouse gases, the planned construction increases ozone, a greenhouse gas.
- Construction of future projects under the WSGVP would have the potential to further increase GHG emissions through the use of heavy duty equipment such as excavators, cranes, forklifts and haul trucks. (PEIR at page 4.8-39)

The WSGVP increases the mobile source of GHG as opposed to the “No Project” alternative. (PEIR at page 4.8-48)

- Fuel consumption, a primary source of greenhouse gas, is greater under the WSGVP than the “No Project” alternative. (PEIR at page 4.6-20)
- The “Cap and Trade” program sets an overall limit on greenhouse gas emissions for covered entities. It does not guarantee reductions in any discrete location or by any source. Reductions are only guaranteed on a state-wide basis. This program allows covered facilities to trade permits to emit GHG. (PEIR at pages 4.8-23 to 4.8-24).
 - This is an easy escape for prolific polluters who use diesel-powered bulldozers, loaders, backhoes and forklifts. (PEIR at page 4.8-25)

The WSGVP believes that Alternative # 3, Housing Element, Regional Housing Needs, Is the Superior Plan. (PEIR at page 5-44).

- The WSGVP wants to cram an additional 25,954 residents into WSGV.

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan wants to add only 17,875 new residents into WSGV. (PEIR at page 5-31)

- The WSGVP wants to crowd an additional 16,243 new housing units into WSGV.

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan wants to add only 7,875 new housing units into WSGV. (PEIR at page 5-31)

- The Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan could satisfy its vision for WGSV by building new units in the other unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

The WSGVP's concerns for wildfire hazard and wildlife can be mitigated by imposing a moratorium on new building in and near the San Gabriel Mountains, a newly designated federal national monument.

Due to pandemic-related remote work, there are many vacant and unused commercial buildings in downtown Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Increase the number of emissions-free vehicle charging stations in these areas. New zero-emission car sales grew from less than 8% in 2020 to more than 25% in the third quarter of 2023. (PEIR at page 4.6-3)

Increase parking and charging stations near Metro stations.

Make Metro safe again with enhanced police and safety presence.

To further reduce greenhouse gas, mandate electric leaf-blowers throughout the County and give gardeners a tax incentive for buying them.

Another step would be providing education on the benefits of green waste recycling.

- Under the alternatives presented in the WSGVP summary (PEIR at page 5-45), the WSGVP concedes that its own Plan's impacts to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, noise and transportation are significant and unavoidable.
 - Development and construction vibration also pose risks to existing structures in Altadena and risks to residents' health from the increased noise.

The Risks to and Burden on Residents' Health Outweigh Benefits of Earth-disturbing Activities in Altadena

- Minimize the health risks from VOC's, ozone and particulate matter by minimizing earth-disturbing construction in Altadena.
 - Vision a sustainable world where old buildings are re-purposed into wine bars, restaurants and small retail stores. This has happened naturally on Mariposa and Lake without new construction, whole scale demolition and zoning changes.

- The risks of serious adverse health consequences from construction activities outweigh the benefits of the WSGVP's vision of cohesiveness, pedestrian-friendly and green areas, creation of jobs in one sector (construction/infrastructure) and planning consistency in building design and zoning.

To iterate, the health risks to Altadena residents involve cancer, liver damage, breathing problems, inflammation and damage to airways, aggravation of lung diseases, susceptibility to lung infections, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, permanent lung damage and lung inflammation.

To iterate, the environmental burdens from the WSGVP involve an increase in volatile organic compounds, ozone, exposure from toxic water, soil and air quality, increase in particulate matter(s), an increase in total vehicle miles traveled and an increase in greenhouse gas(es).

To iterate, the social burdens from the WSGVP involve aggravation of racial, age and socio-economic divisions in Altadena.

The risk of wildfire and interference with wild land preservation may be minimized by a moratorium on new development in Altadena. Altadena's 8.5 square miles are near and abut the San Gabriel Mountains, a protected National Monument. Los Angeles County's need for additional housing can be directed to areas that have little to no risks of this nature.

Preliminary Objections to Title 22

- The objections to amendment of Title 22 are:
 - There is no zoning protection for the many religious entities or churches in Altadena. (Free Exercise Clause of both federal and California Constitutions);
 - The proposed rezoning to commercial (C-3) or mixed use, with the proposed amendment of Title 22, allows buildings with a height of 50 feet. This may undermine the full enjoyment of scenic views of National Monuments, such as the San Gabriel Mountains;
 - A buffer zone of only 5 feet between a commercial zone and a residence is not enough for harmonious relations;
 - Altadena has chosen its own Community Standards District and should reject the PASD;
 - Yards, exteriors, fences, walls and driveways are regulated under the proposed PASD regulations; These regulations can easily be used to strong-arm or displace current non-compliant residents whose properties stand in the way of developers.

- Under the proposed PASD, there are restrictions on renovations, remodeling, the number of windows, parking, floor area and even restoration after damage. This is a possible deprivation of property rights without due process.
- Although the proposed Title 22 references the Lake Avenue, Mixed Use Center at the end of this Chapter, it is missing. (Pages 136-137). In any event, the proposed amendment previously suggested that a building in this area may be 35-45 feet high. Again, this proposed height restricts enjoyment of the scenic San Gabriel Mountains.

I reserve the right to further comment on the proposed amendments to Title 2 and Title 22 in the "Tune-Up 003 Ordinance" by September 5, 2024. Of particular concern, based on headings, are Numbers 9, 10, 12 and 13 in the e-mail dated July 31, 2024.

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Oropharyngeal Carcinoma

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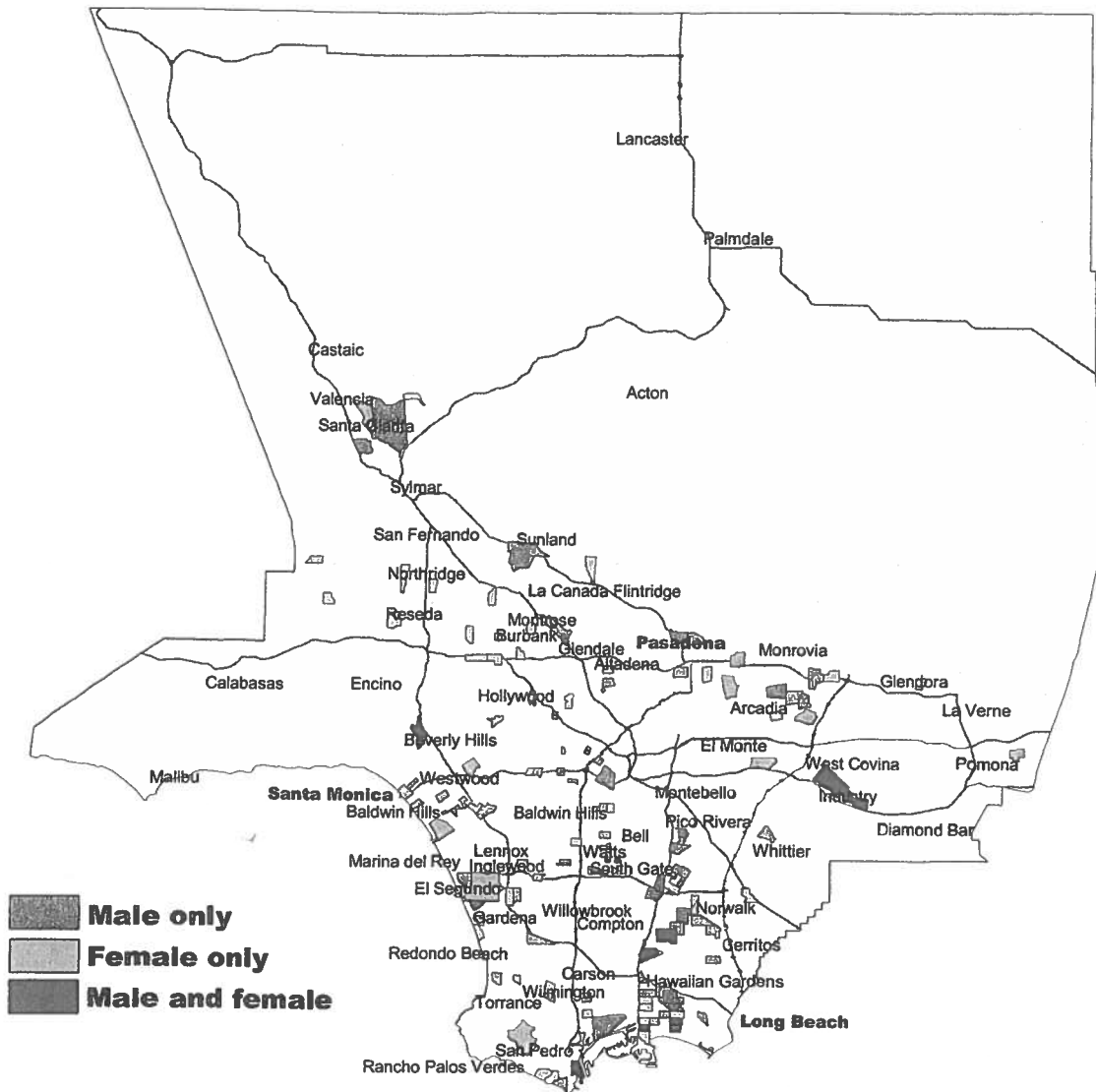
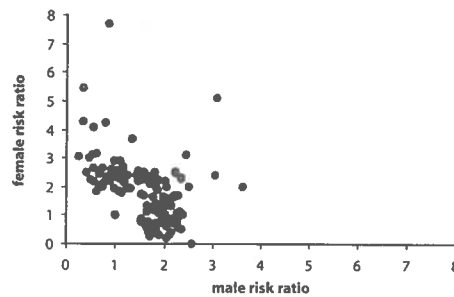


Figure 12: Male-female correlation between the relative risks for high-risk census tracts, adjusted for social class.



Salivary Gland Malignancies

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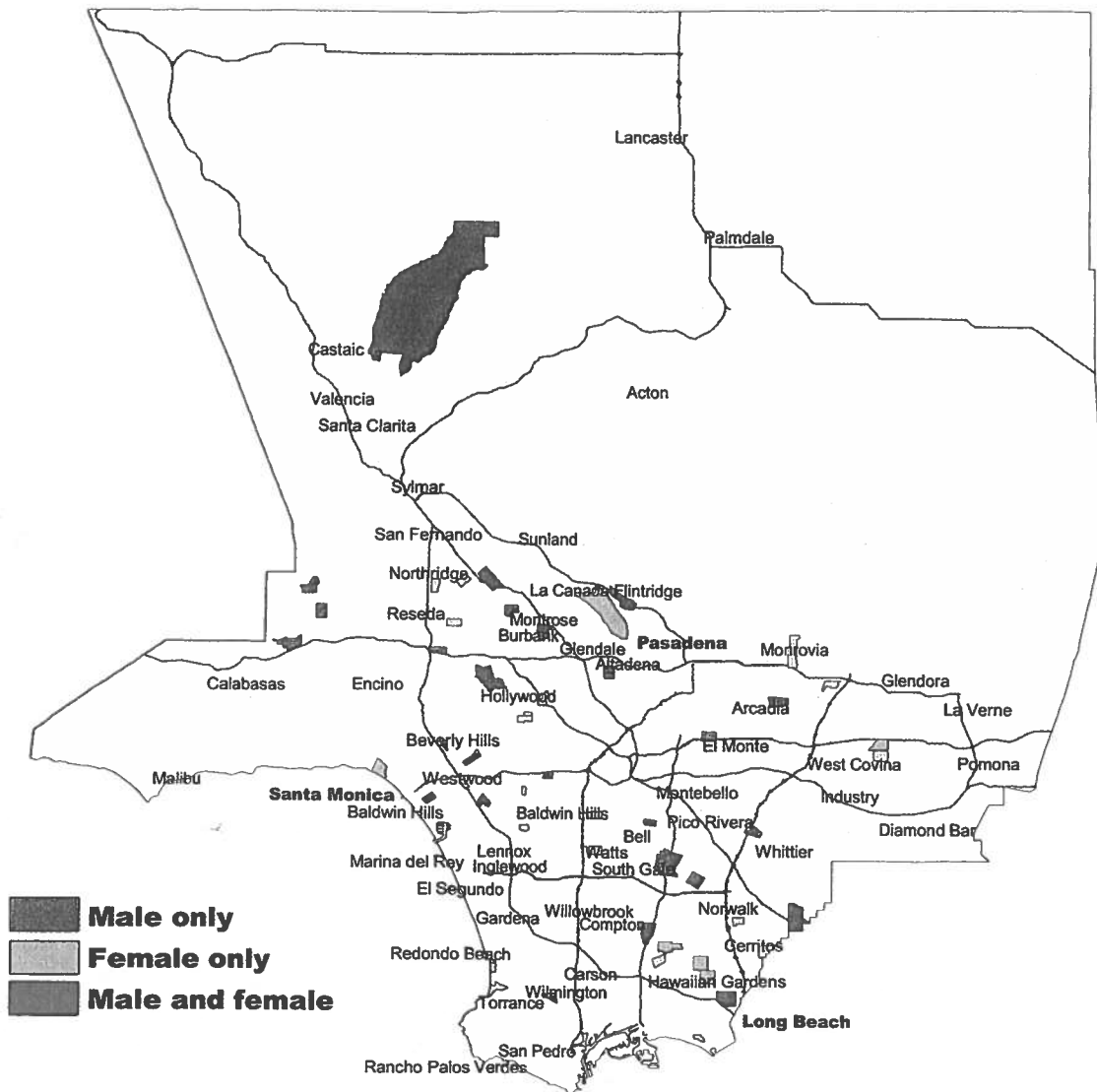
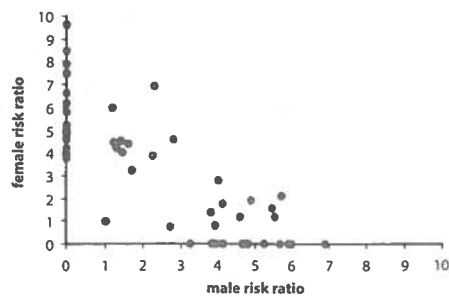


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Carcinoma of the Larynx

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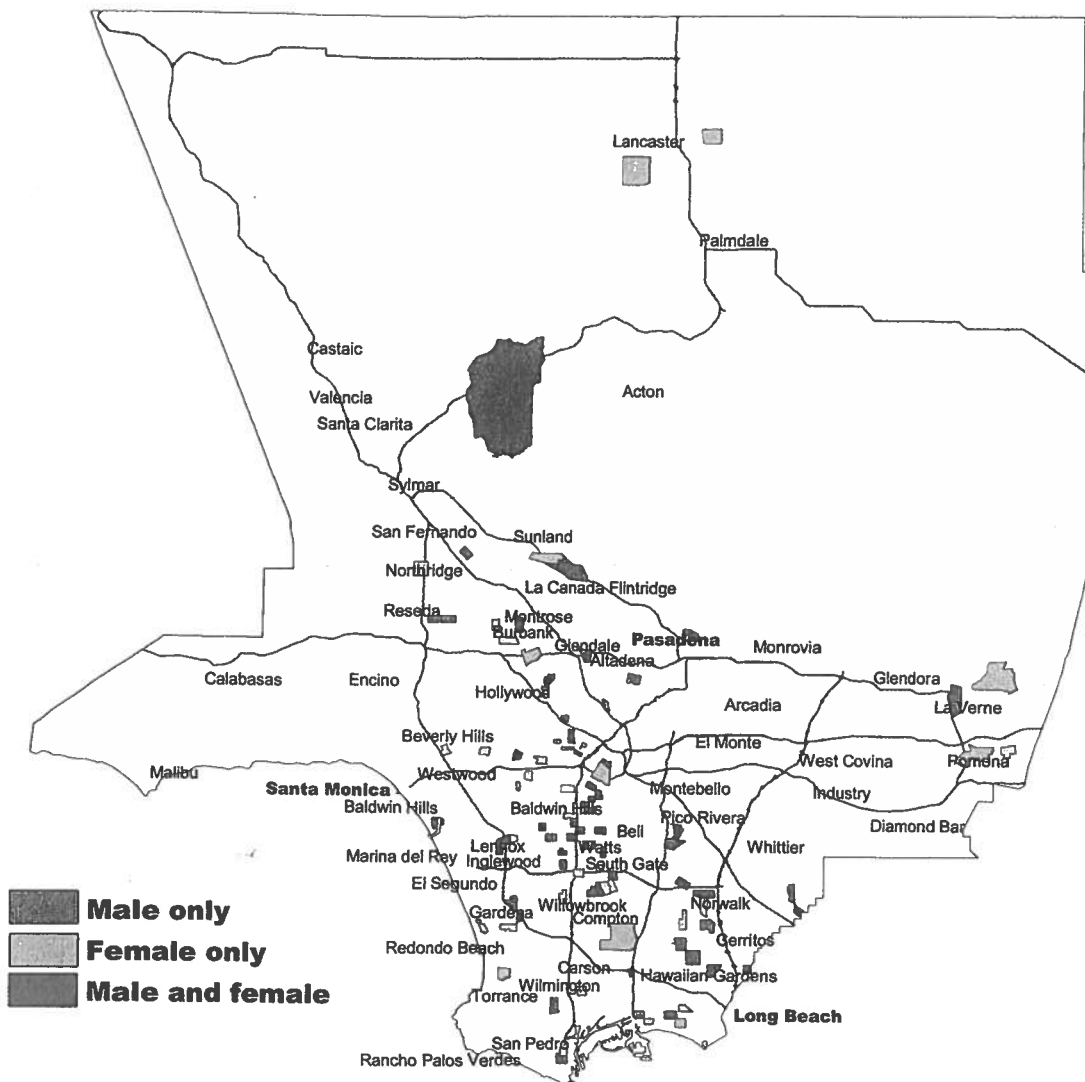
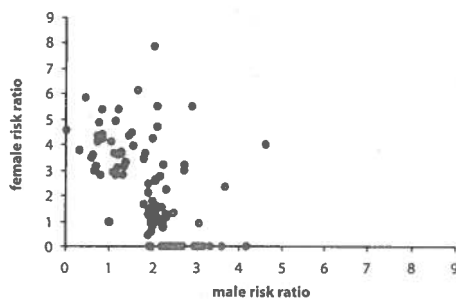


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Small Cell Carcinoma of the Lung and Bronchus

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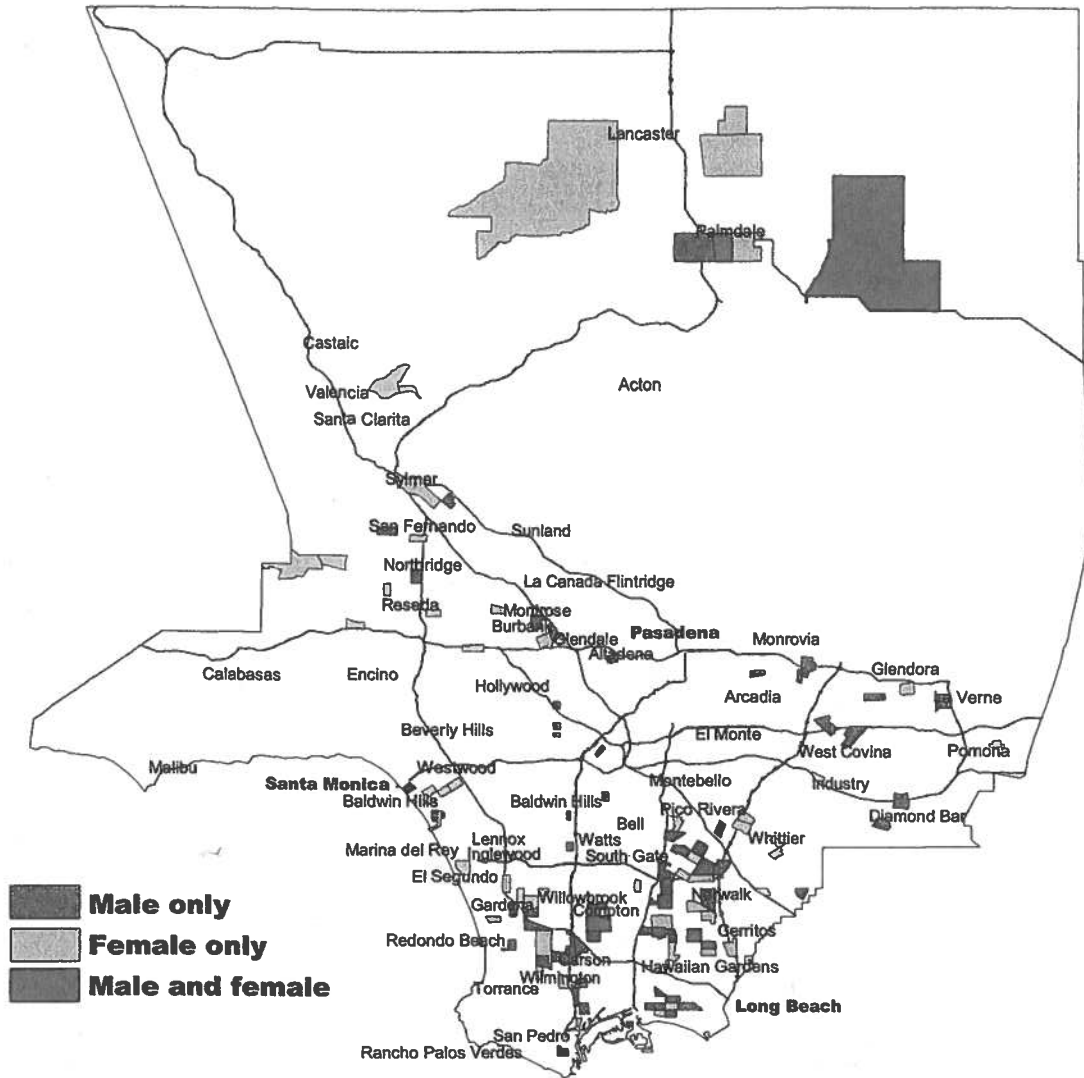
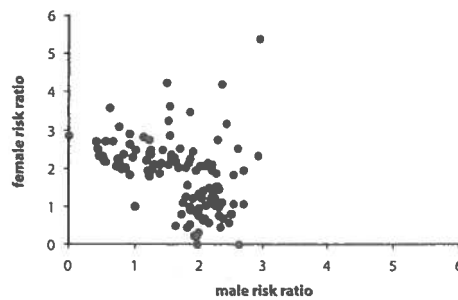


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Adenocarcinoma of the Lung and Bronchus

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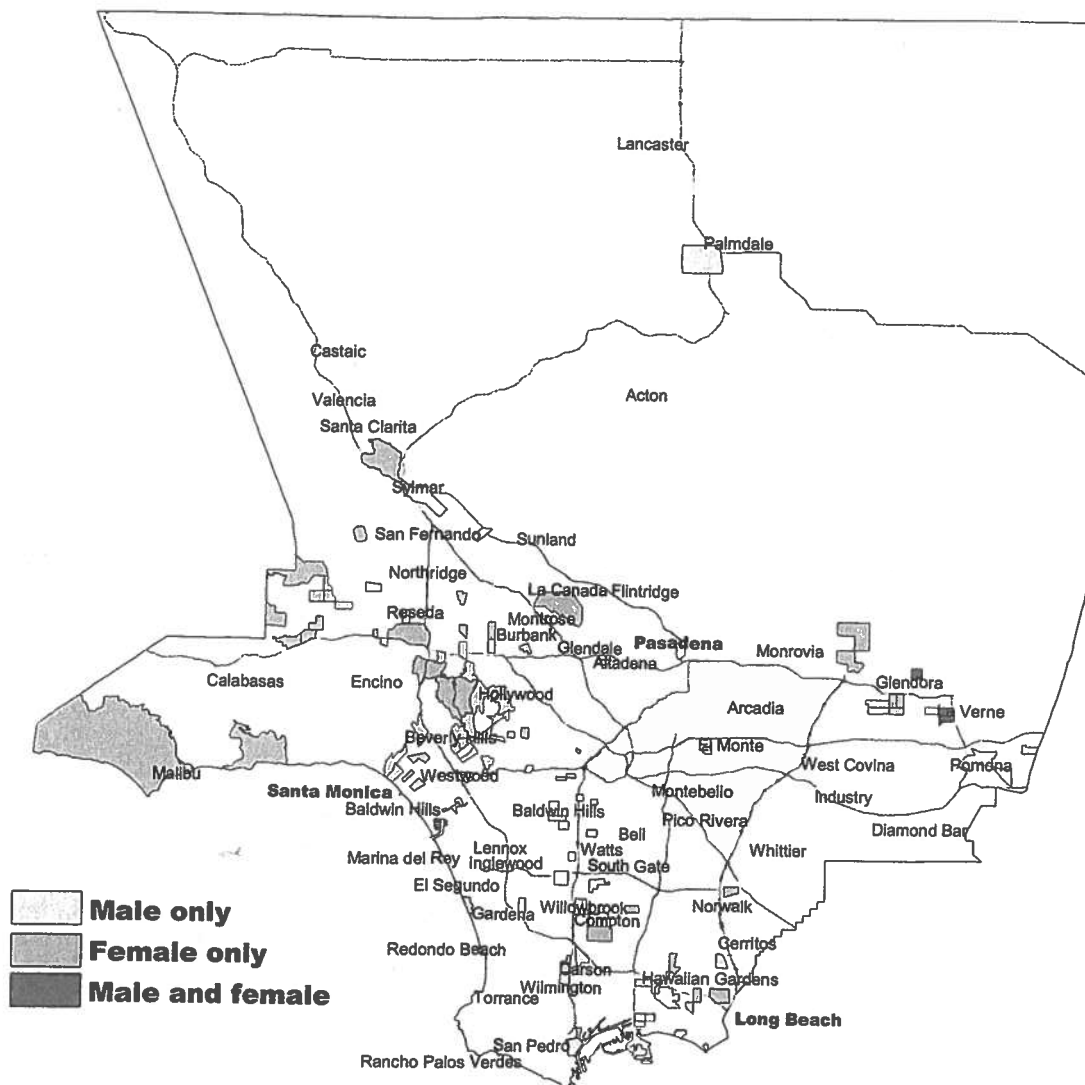
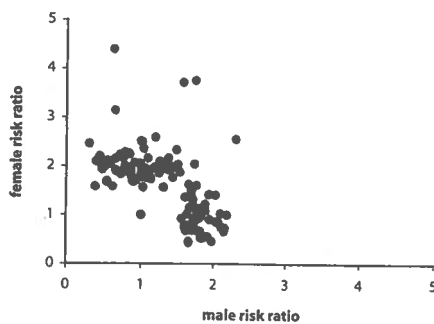


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Osteosarcoma

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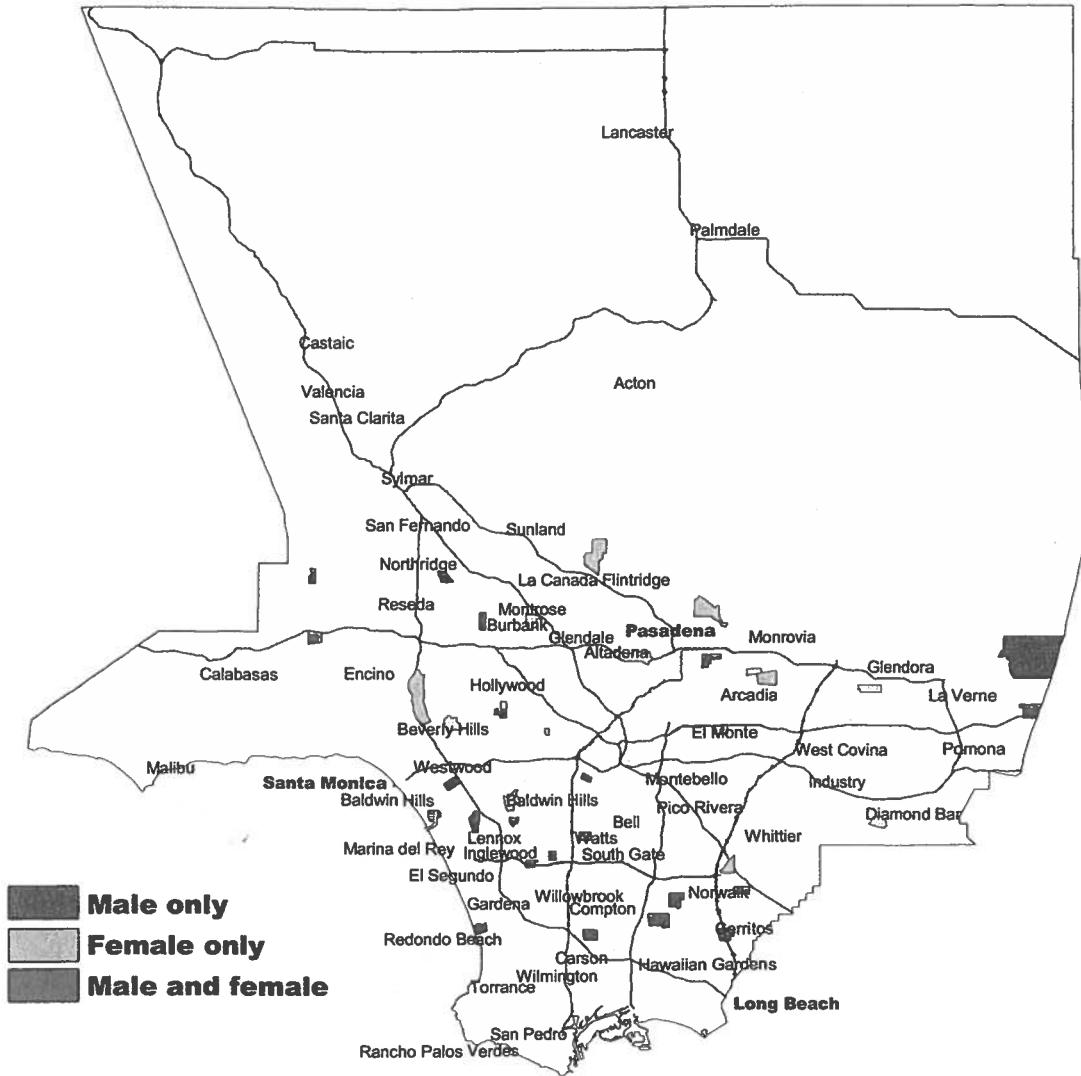
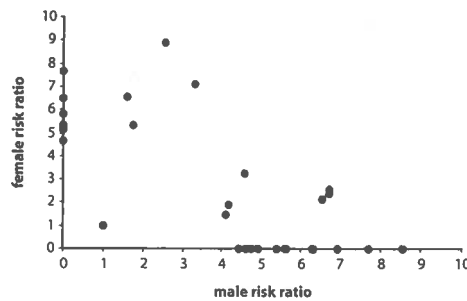


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Squamous Bladder Carcinoma

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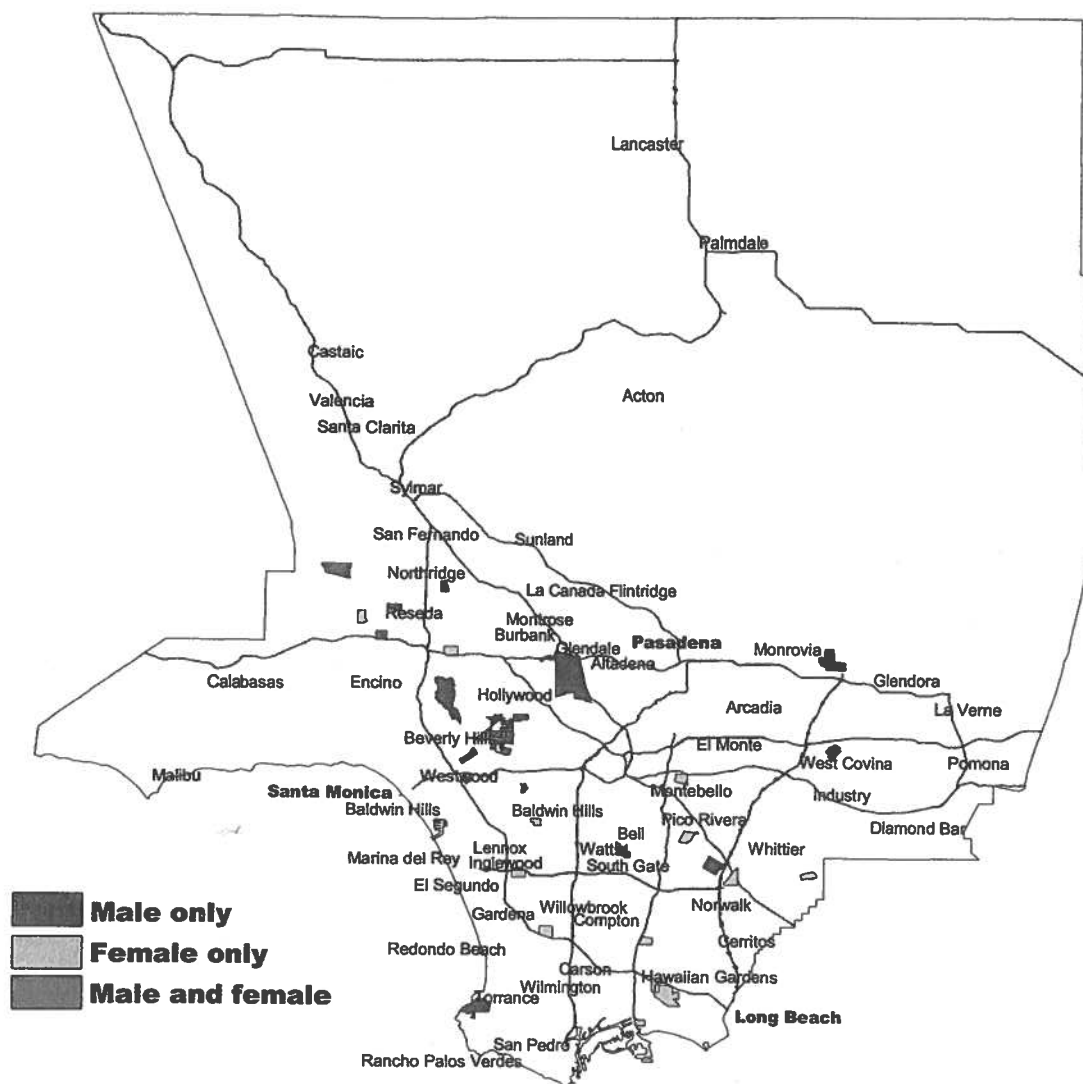
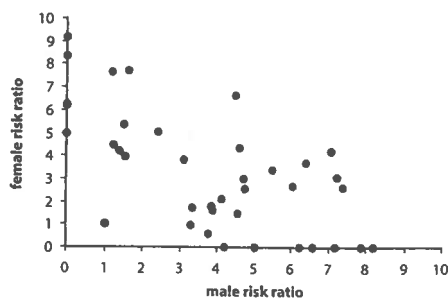


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Brain Malignancies (Gliomas)

Figure 9: Map of census tracts at high risk.

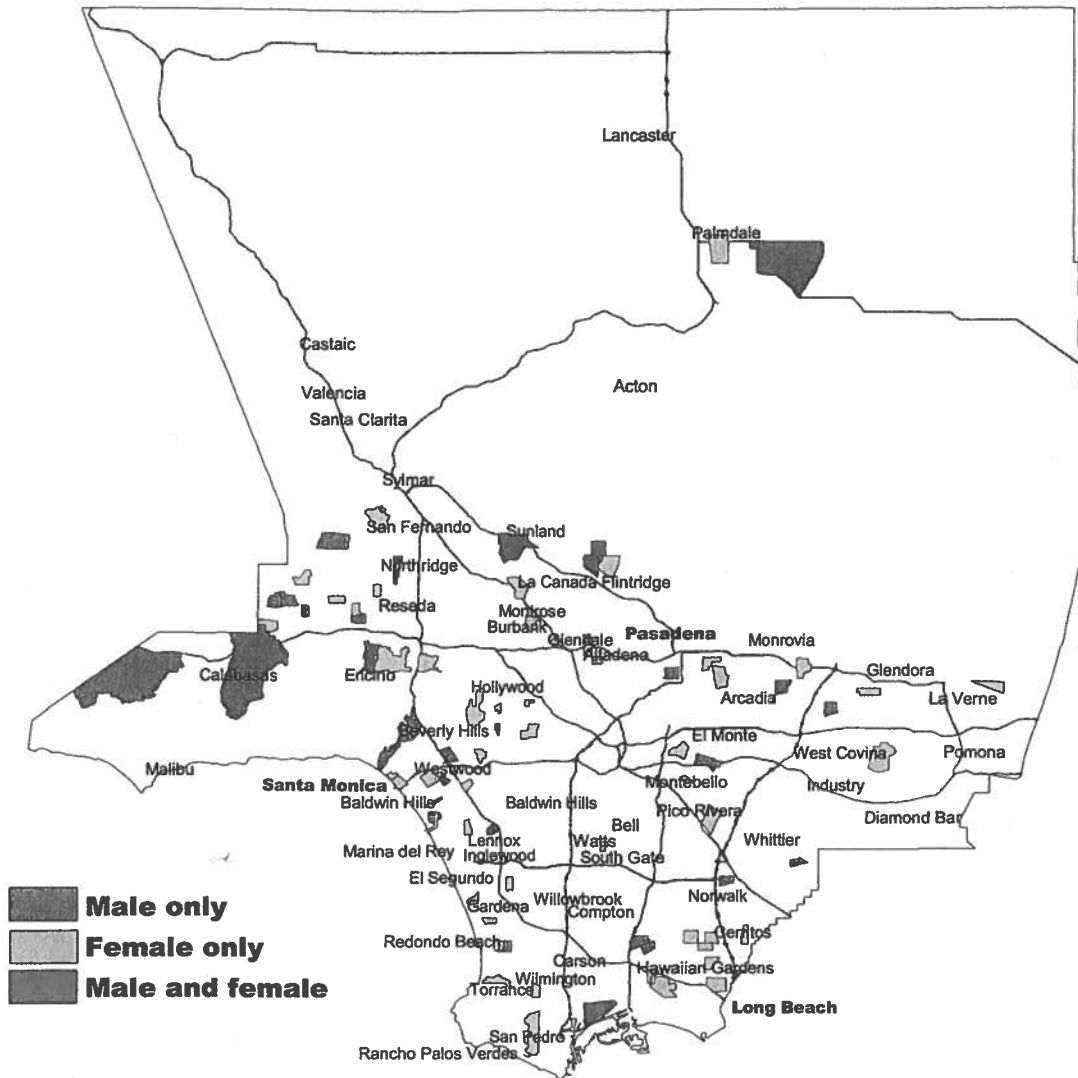
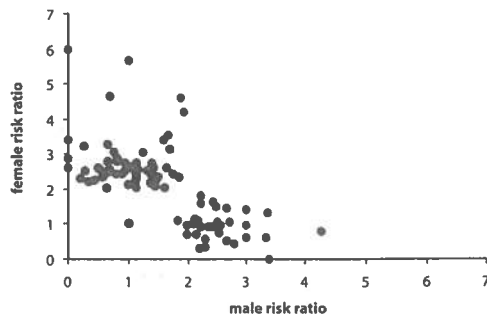


Figure 10: Male-female correlation between the relative risks for high-risk census tracts.



Papillary Carcinoma of the Thyroid

Figure 11: Map of census tracts at high risk, adjusted for social class.

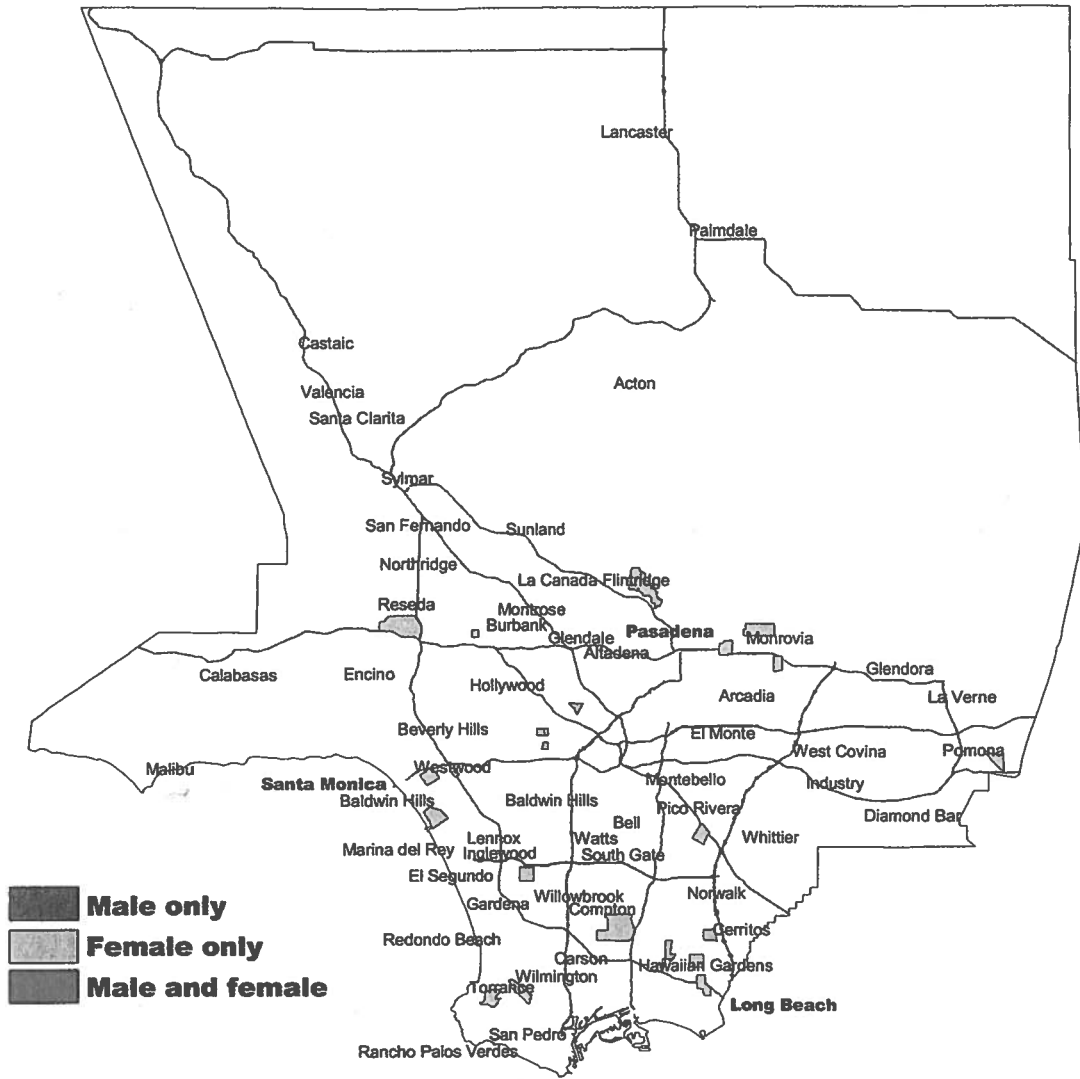
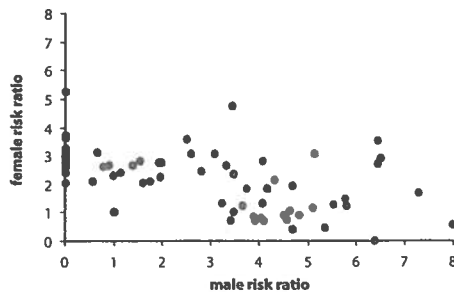


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Nodular Sclerosis Hodgkin Lymphoma

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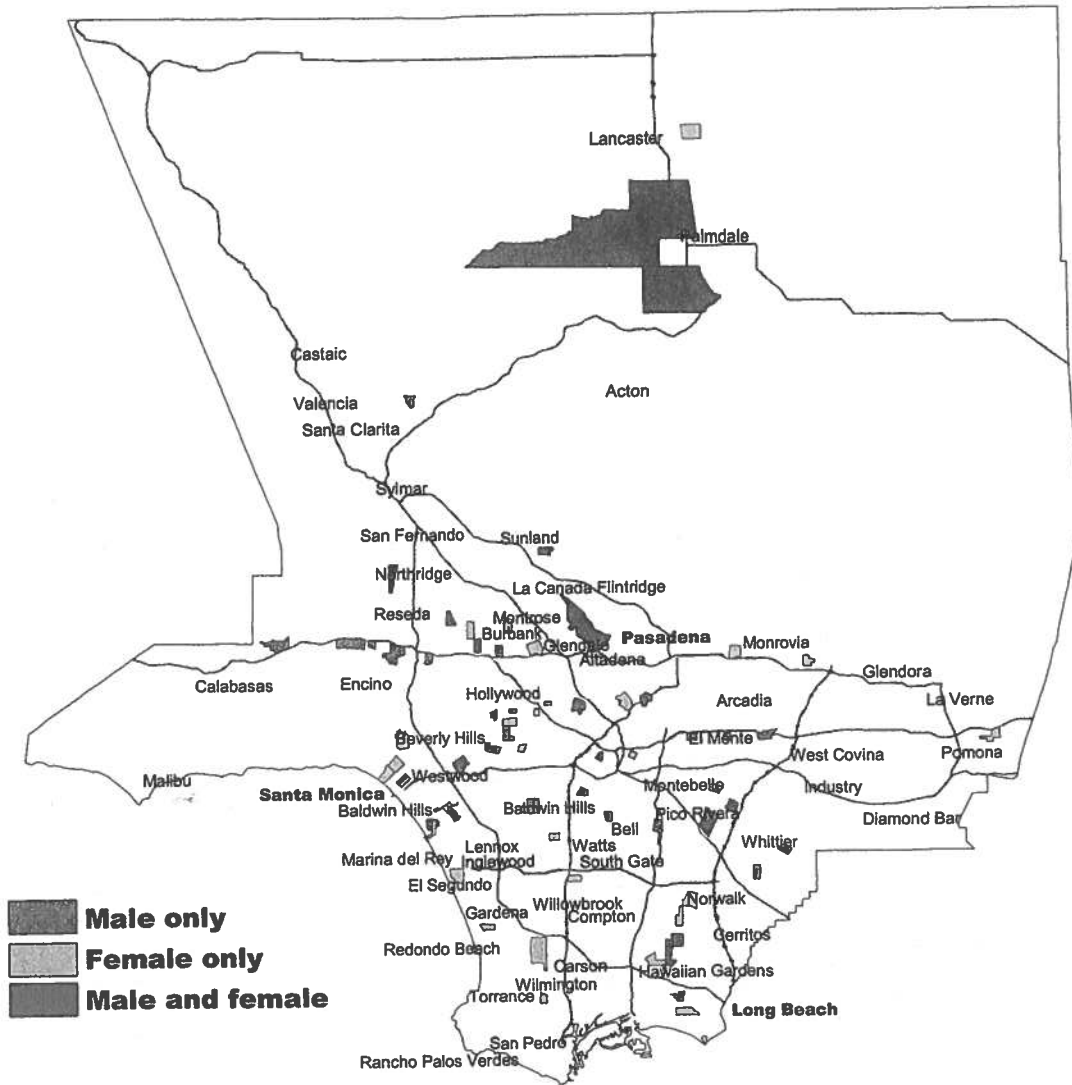
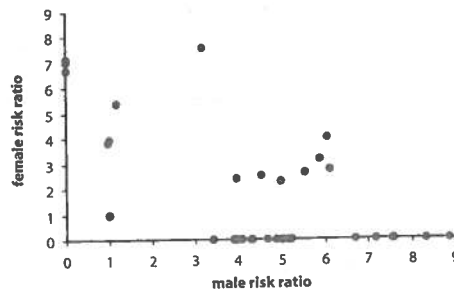


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Diffuse Mixed B-Cell Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

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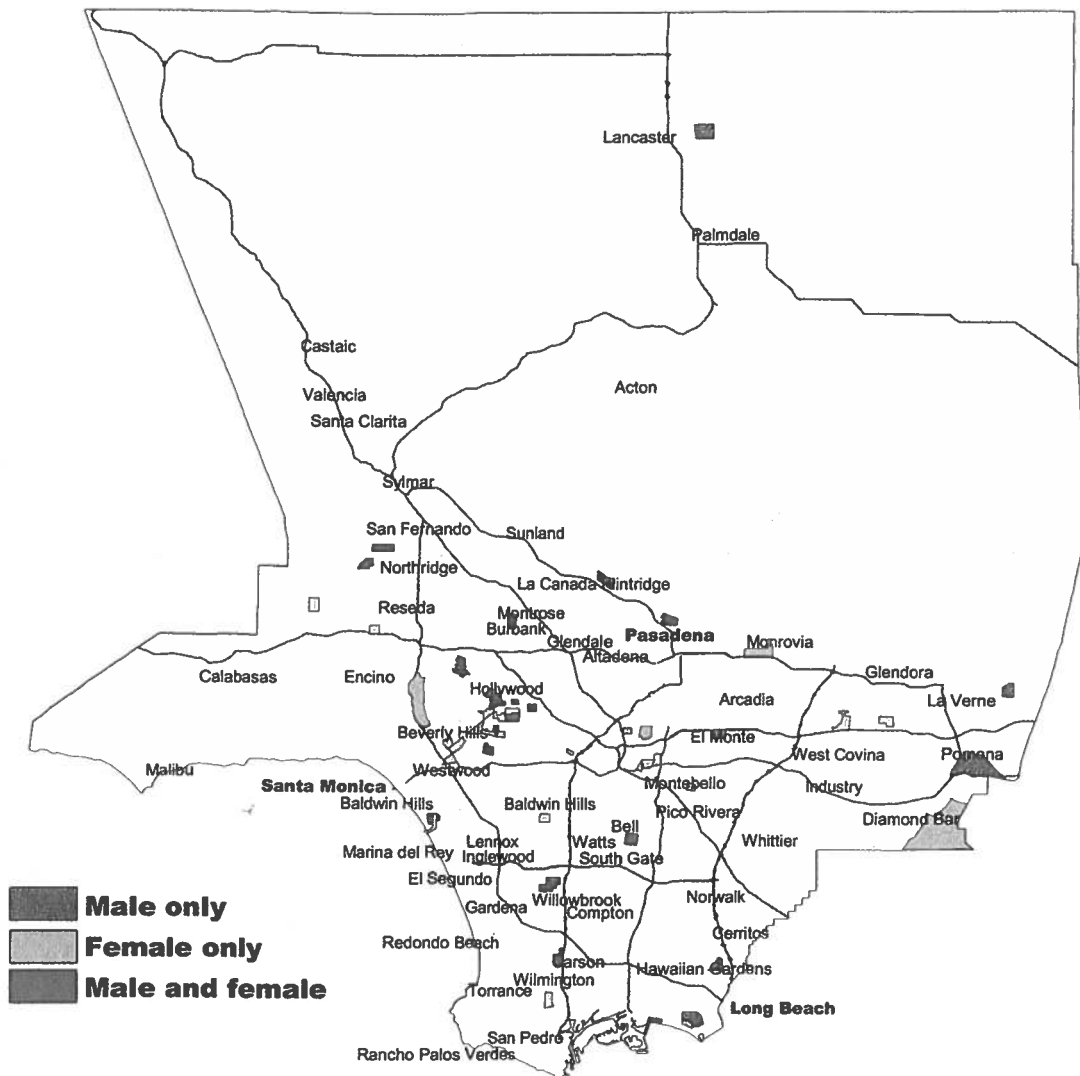
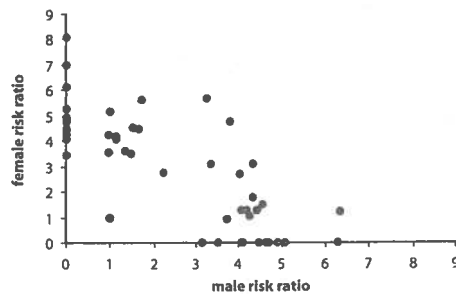


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Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

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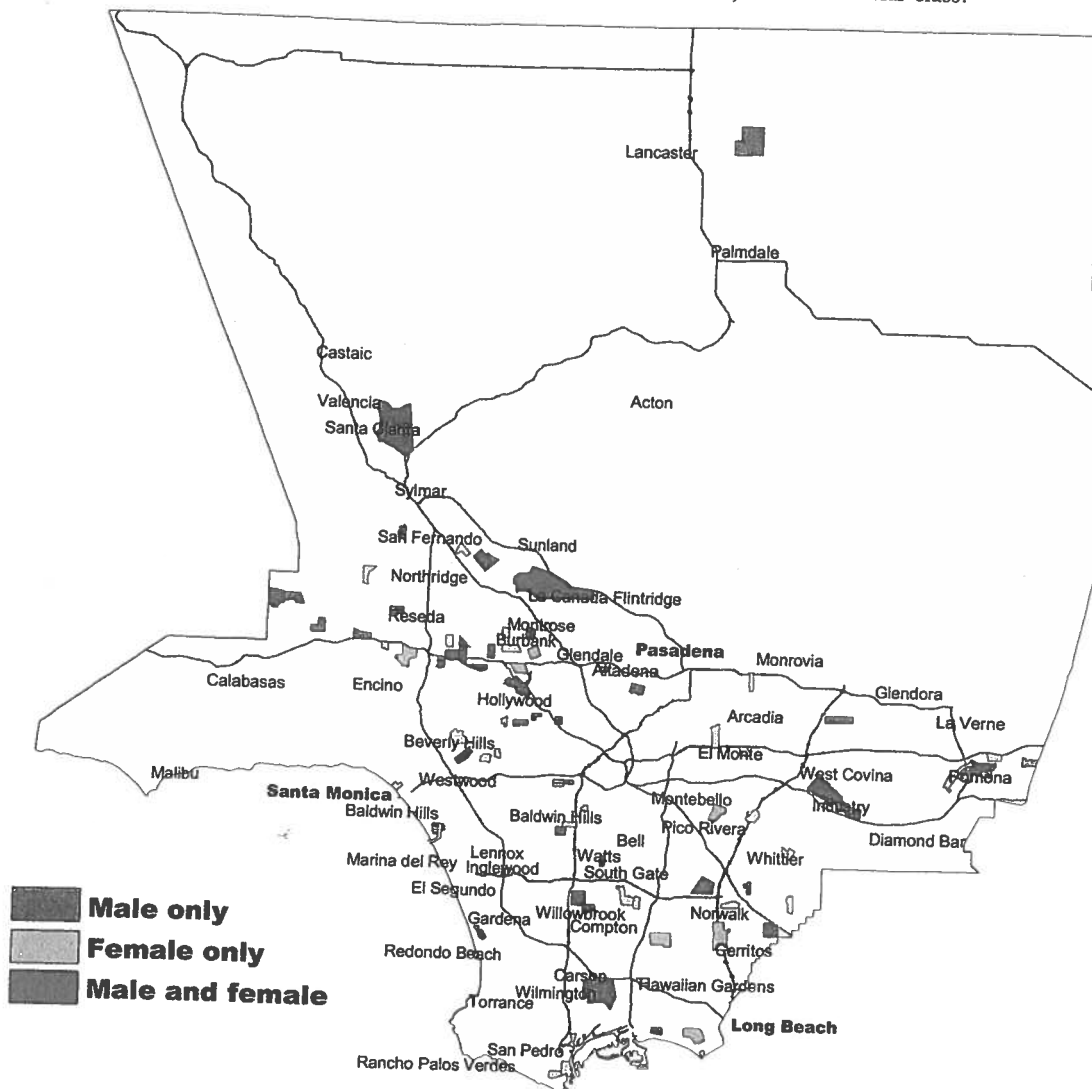
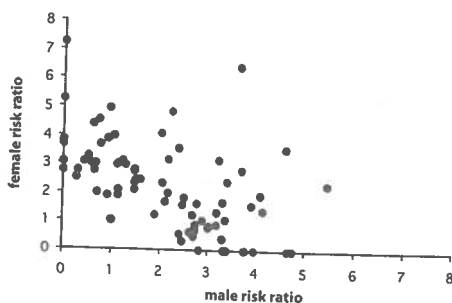


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Other Leukemias

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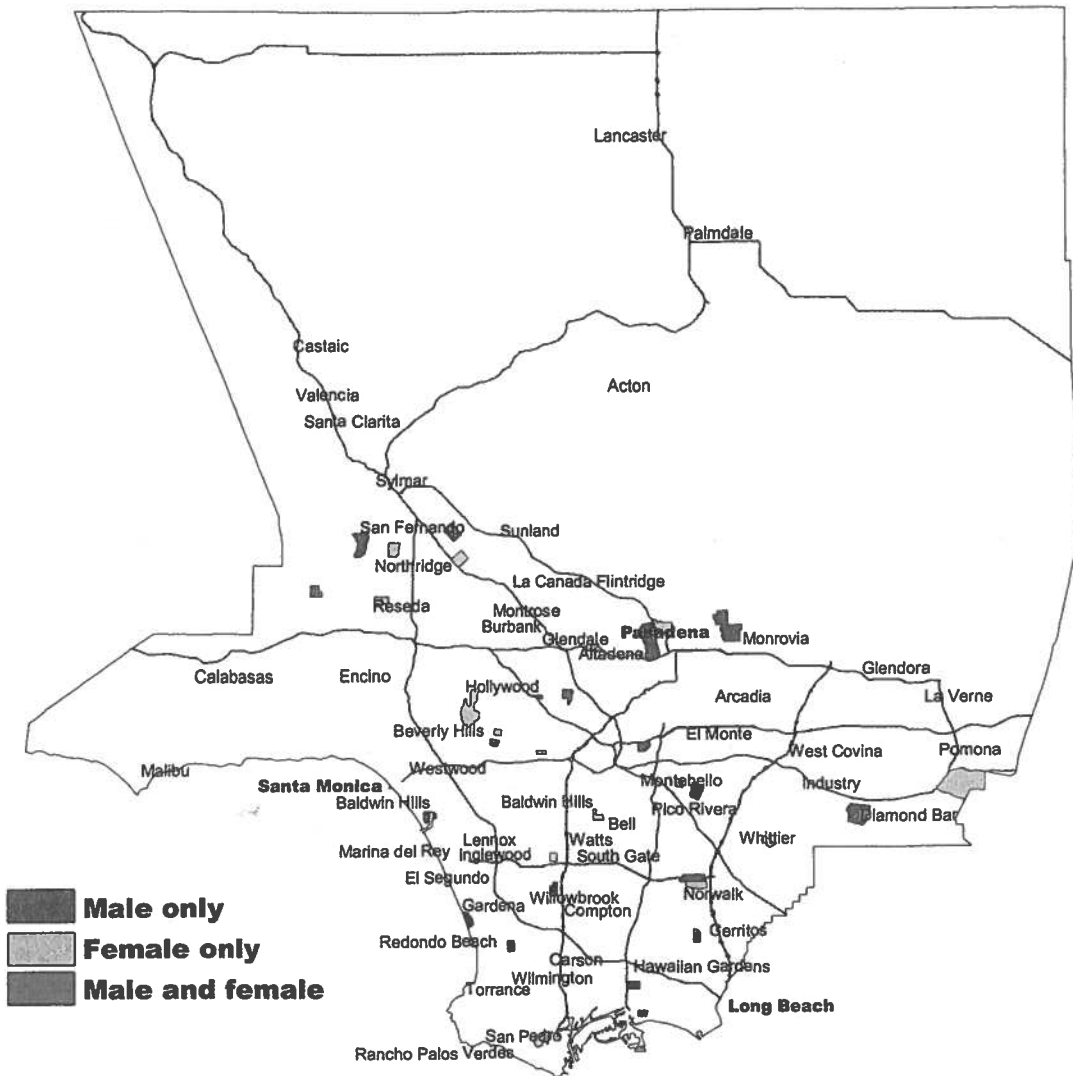
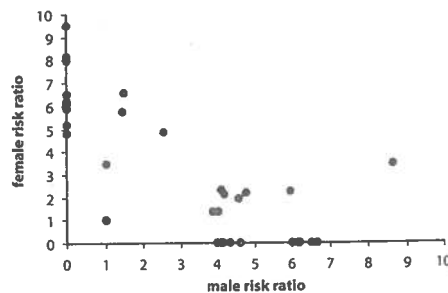


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All Malignancies of Older Children

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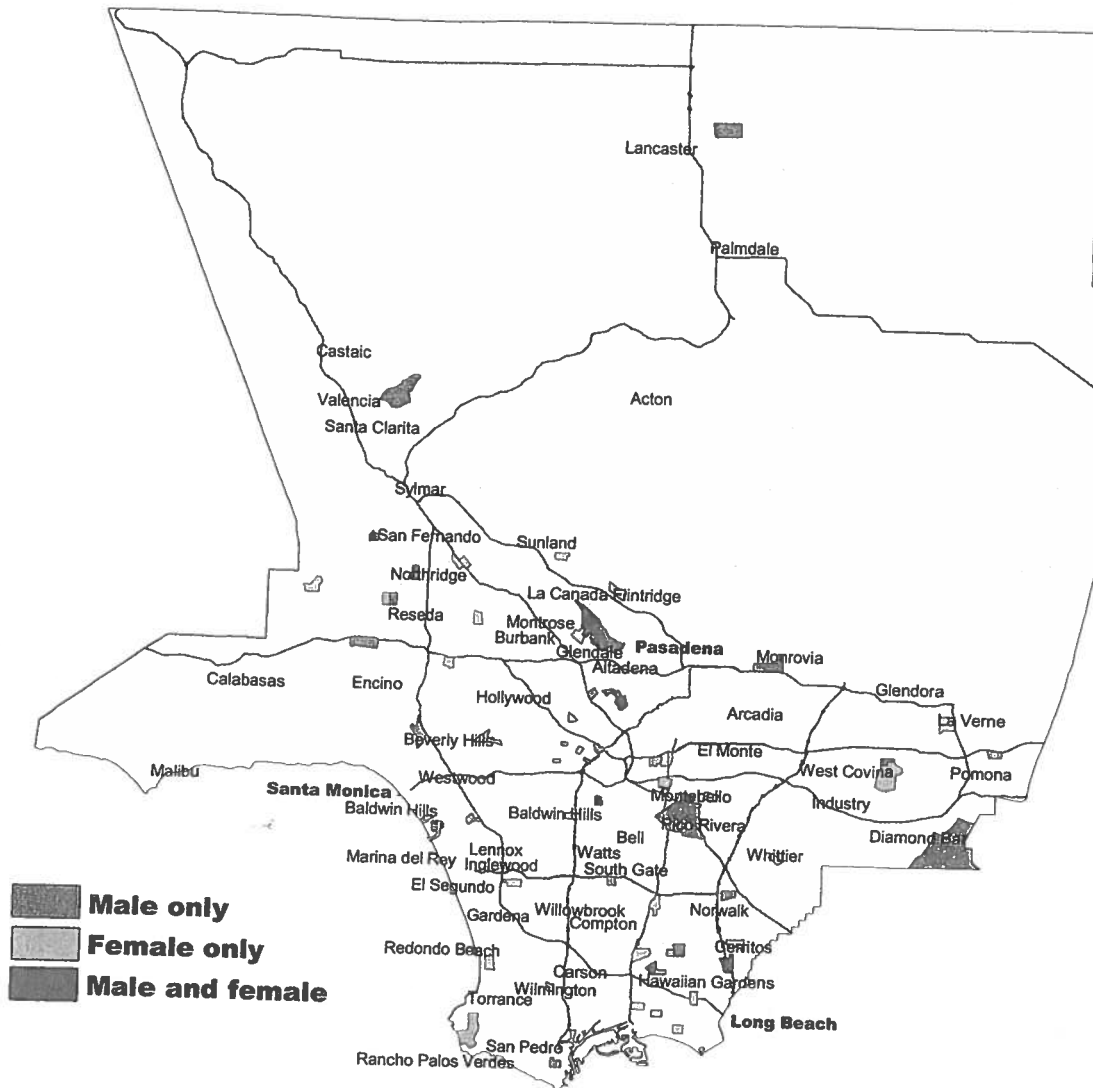
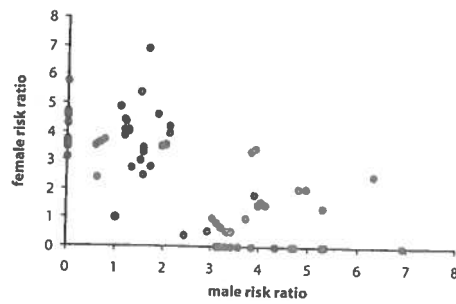


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All Malignancies of Young Adults

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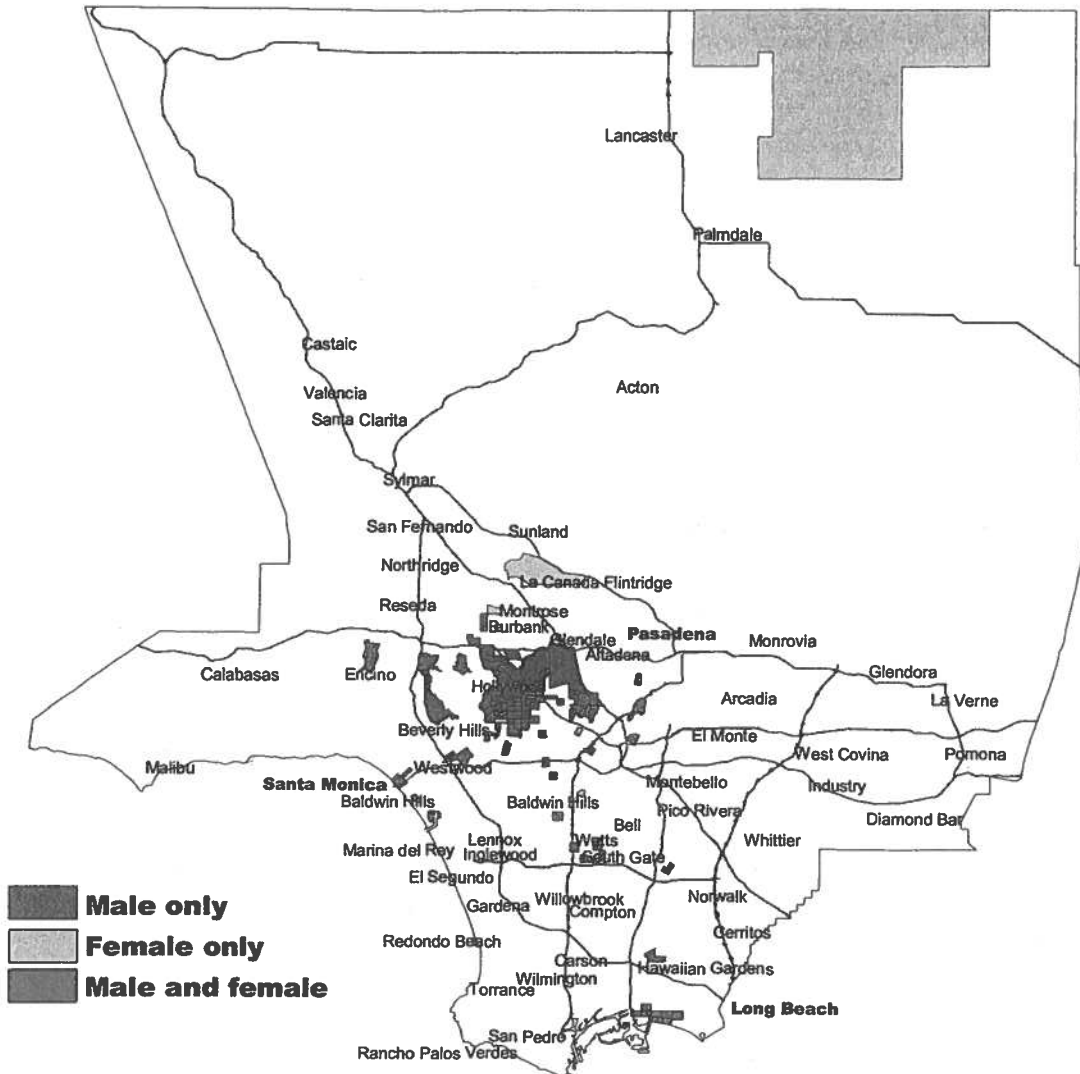
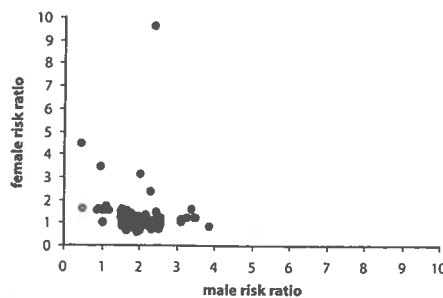


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Overall Summary

By describing the patterns of occurrence of malignancies in Los Angeles County, we have demonstrated that "cancer" is not a single disease, but a collection of many different diseases, each occurring because a different type of cell has grown out of control. We have tried to acquaint readers with the factors, notably chance and bias, which make it difficult to verify a local increase in incidence. We have explained that dramatic nonrandom patterns of occurrence sometimes are produced by exposures that are very personal and have nothing to do with pollution. Malignancies with different patterns of occurrence can be safely assumed to have different causes, whether or not the latter are all known.

A total of 72 different malignancies plus 12 combinations have been examined in the various ways permitted by available information. Excluding geographical considerations, every malignancy in some way or other gives evidence of occurring in a systematic, that is a nonrandom, pattern, although in the case of a few very rare malignancies the number of cases is too small to be completely certain. In general, the degree of variability in risk goes far beyond age differences. In most cases, there are differences between persons according to sex, race/ethnicity, or social class, all indicating

some form of personal or environmental factor.

In many cases there are characteristic trends over time, and about half the individual malignancies also provide evidence of some degree of systematic, i.e., nonrandom, geographic variation, thus indicating that factors other than chance determine the pattern of community incidence. Among the factors known to be responsible are personal experiences, such as occupational exposures, habits, recreational preferences, past reproductive and medical events, and genetic inheritance.

In at least six instances in this book the geographic distribution of high risk of disease was clearly nonrandom, but did not conform to the pattern that would have been predicted by available knowledge. The malignancies in question include oropharyngeal carcinoma, small cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma of the lung, papillary carcinoma of the thyroid, squamous carcinoma of the bladder, and diffuse mixed B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma. The true explanation for none of these patterns is currently known, although educated guesses provide tentative hypotheses that are currently under evaluation. As of this writing, no evidence of a malignancy caused by a strictly environmental carcinogen has yet been confirmed.



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Chemical Contaminant Rules

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Rule Summary

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- Inorganic Contaminants (IOCs) (including nitrate and arsenic),
- Volatile Organic Contaminants (VOCs), and
- Synthetic Organic Contaminants (SOCs).

In 2001, EPA adopted a lower standard for arsenic in drinking water that applies to both community water systems and non-transient non-community water systems. The new arsenic standard of 10 parts per billion (ppb) replaces the old standard of 50 ppb. Several useful reference materials are provided below:

- The *Technical Fact Sheet: Final Rule for Arsenic in Drinking Water* contains requirements and compliance dates, the health effects associated with exposure to arsenic, the costs, benefits, and number of systems affected by the rule. Read the Arsenic Rule Technical Fact Sheet (PDF)(6 pp, 347 K, About PDF <<https://epa.gov/home/pdf-files>>) EPA 815-F-00-016, January 2001
- The *Drinking Water Standard for Arsenic Fact Sheet* provides information on the potential health effects from exposure to arsenic, an overview of the Final Rule, and background information on the natural occurrence of arsenic. Read the Drinking Water Standard for Arsenic Fact Sheet (PDF)(2 pp, 140 K, About PDF <<https://epa.gov/home/pdf-files>>) EPA 815-F-00-015, January 2001

Rule History

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The rules apply to all public water systems (PWS). PWS type, size, and water source type determine which contaminants require monitoring for that system.

Over a five year period, EPA gathered and analyzed occurrence and health effects data. Through the Phase II/V Rules, EPA established:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goals (MCLGs),
- Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs),
- Monitoring requirements, and
- Best available technologies for removal for 65 chemical contaminants.

The Chemical Contaminants Rules provide public health protection through the reduction of chronic, or long-term, risks from:

- Cancer,
- Organ damage,
- Circulatory system disorders,
- Nervous system disorders, and
- Reproductive system disorders.

There is an acute health risk from nitrate and nitrite. The regulations reduce the risk of Methemoglobinemia or "blue baby syndrome." Blue Baby Syndrome is caused from ingestion of high levels of nitrate or nitrite.

Regulated Chemical Contaminants

EPA set a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) for each contaminant. The MCLG is the maximum level of a contaminant in drinking water at which no known or anticipated adverse effect on the health of persons would occur, and which allows an adequate margin of safety. MCLGs are not enforceable.

The MCLG is not a legal limit set for PWSs. It is based solely on human health. For known cancer-causing contaminants the MCLG is set at zero. This is because any chemical exposure could present a cancer risk.

The Chemical Contaminants Rules also set Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for each contaminant. EPA sets MCLs as close to the health goal as possible. The MCL weighs the technical and financial barriers with public health protection.

The following link is a table of all regulated drinking water contaminants:

- Contaminants with established MCLs and MCLGs <<https://epa.gov/your-drinking-water/table-regulated-drinking-water-contaminants>>

The following table details the VOCs, SOCs, and IOCs that are regulated in each phase of the Phase II/V Rules.

Phases of the Phase II/V Rules	VOC	SOC	IOC
Phase I, July 7, 1987 (52 FR 25690) Effective: 1989	Benzene Carbon tetrachloride p-dichlorobenzene Trichloroethylene Vinyl chloride 1,1,1-trichloroethane 1,1-dichloroethylene 1,2-dichloroethane		
Phase II, January 1991 (56 FR 3526) Effective: 1992	cis-1,2-dichloroethylene Ethylbenzene Monochlorobenzene (chlorobenzene) o-dichlorobenzene Styrene Tetrachloroethylene Toluene Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene Xylenes 1,2-dichloropropane	Alachlor Atrazine Carbofuran Chlordane EDB (ethylene dibromide) DBCP (1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane) Heptachlor Heptachlor epoxide Lindane Methoxychlor Toxaphene PCBs 2,4-D 2,4,5-TP	Asbestos Cadmium Chromium Fluoride Mercury Nitrate Nitrite Selenium
Phase IIB, July 1991 (56 FR 30266) Effective: 1993		Pentachlorophenol Aldicarb ¹ Aldicarb sulfone ¹ Aldicarb sulfoxide ¹	Barium

Phases of the Phase II/V Rules	VOC	SOC	IOC
Phase V, July 1992 (57 FR 31776) Effective: 1994	Dichloromethane 1,1,2-trichloroethane 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	Benzo(a)pyrene Dalapon Di(ethylhexyl)-adipate Di(ethylhexyl)-phthalate Dinoseb Diquat Endothall Endrin Glyphosate Hexachlorobenzene Hexachlorocyclo- pentadiene Oxamyl Picloram Simazine 2,3,7,8-TCDD (dioxin)	Antimony Beryllium Cyanide Nickel ² Thallium

¹Aldicarb, aldicarb sulfone, and aldicarb sulfoxide are considered regulated chemicals. However their MCLs are stayed and no monitoring is required (57 FR 22178, May 27, 1992).

² The MCL for nickel was remanded in 1995 but PWSs are still required to monitor.

Background Information on Arsenic

Arsenic is one of the inorganic contaminants regulated under the Phase II/V Rules. In 2001, under the Arsenic Rule, EPA adopted a lower standard for arsenic in drinking water. The lower standard of 10 parts per billion (ppb) replaced the prior standard of 50 ppb.

Arsenic is a semi-metal element in the periodic table. It is odorless and tasteless. It can enter drinking water supplies from natural deposits in the earth or from agricultural and industrial practices.

Non-cancer effects of arsenic can include:

- Thickening and discoloration of the skin,
- Stomach pain,
- Nausea,
- Vomiting,
- Diarrhea,
- Numbness in hands and feet,
- Partial paralysis, and
- Blindness.

Arsenic has been linked to a number of cancers. These include cancer of the bladder, lungs, skin, kidney, nasal passages, liver, and prostate.

EPA set the arsenic standard for drinking water at 10 ppb (or 0.010 parts per million). This protects consumers from the effects of long-term, chronic exposure to arsenic. PWSs had to comply with the lower standard by January 23, 2006.

Background Information on Nitrate and Nitrite

Nitrate and Nitrite are the only acute inorganic contaminants regulated under the Phase II/V Rules. The greatest use of nitrates is as a fertilizer.

Nitrates and nitrites are nitrogen-oxygen chemical units which combines with various organic and inorganic compounds. Once taken into the body, nitrates are converted into nitrites. High levels of nitrate and nitrite are most serious for infants.

The conversion of nitrate to nitrite by the body, can interfere with the oxygen-carrying capacity of the child's blood, sometimes called Blue Baby Syndrome. This acute condition can occur rapidly over a period of days. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blueness of the skin.

The standard for Nitrate is 10 mg/L or ppm and for Nitrite it is 1 mg/L or ppm.

For more information, including federal register notices, use the links below:

- Chemical Contaminant: Phase II/V Rule Regulatory History <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-phase-ii-v-rule-regulatory-history>>
- Phase II/V Rule Regulatory Corrections and Significant Rule Developments <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-phase-ii-v-rule-regulatory-corrections-and-significant-rule>>
- Phase II/V Rules in the Code of Federal Regulations <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-rule-phase-ii-v-rules-code-federal-regulations-0>>
- Arsenic Rule History <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/drinking-water-arsenic-rule-history>>

Compliance

Compliance is key to public health protection. EPA and the state and tribal primacy agencies help to support compliance monitoring in public water systems. The following provide support for compliance assistance to both the co-regulators and the regulated community water systems:

- Chemical Contaminant Rule Compliance for Primacy Agencies <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-rules-compliance-primacy-agencies-state-and-tribal-agencies>>
- Chemical Contaminant Rule Compliance for Community Water System Owners and Operators <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-rules-compliance-community-water-system-owners-and-operators>>
- Arsenic Rule Compliance for Primacy Agencies <<https://epa.gov/dwreginfo/arsenic-rule-compliance-help-states>>
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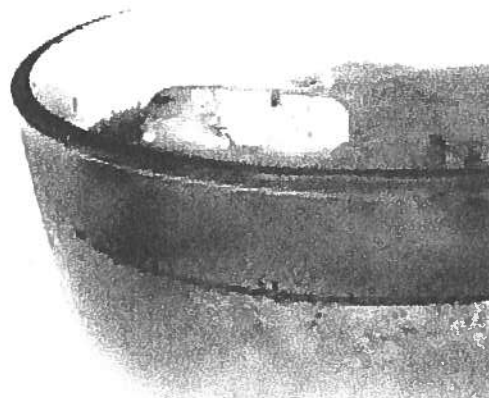
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National Primary Drinking Water Regulations

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs or primary standards) are legally enforceable standards that apply to public water systems. Primary standards protect public health by limiting the levels of contaminants in drinking water. Visit the list of regulated contaminants with links for more details.



- [List of Contaminants & their Maximum Contaminant Level \(MCLs\)](#)
- [Setting Standards for Safe Drinking Water](#) to learn about EPA's standard-setting process
- [EPA's Regulated Contaminant Timeline](#) (86 K PDF FILE, 1 pg) ([ALL ABOUT PDF FILES](#))
- [National Primary Drinking Water Regulations](#) [EXIT disclaimer](#) - The complete regulations regarding these contaminants available from the Code of Federal Regulations Website

National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations

National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations (NSDWRs or secondary standards) are non-enforceable guidelines regulating contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects (such as skin or tooth discoloration) or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water. EPA recommends secondary standards to water systems but does not require systems to comply. However, states may choose to adopt them as enforceable standards.

- [List of National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations](#)
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Unregulated Contaminants

This list of contaminants which, at the time of publication, are not subject to any proposed or promulgated national primary drinking water regulation (NPDWR), are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems, and may require regulations under SDWA. For more information check out the list, or visit the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) web site.

- [List of Unregulated Contaminants](#)

blood; kidney, intestine,
or liver problems

processing sites;
discharge from
electronics, glass,
drug factories

Organic Chemicals

Contaminant	MCLG ¹ (mg/L) ²	MCL or TT ¹ (mg/L) ²	Potential Health Effects from Ingestion of Water	Sources of Contaminant Drinking Wat
<u>Acrylamide</u>	zero	TT ⁹	Nervous system or blood problems; increased risk of cancer	Added to water during sewage/waste treatment
<u>Alachlor</u>	zero	0.002	Eye, liver, kidney or spleen problems; anemia; increased risk of cancer	Runoff from herbicide use row crops
<u>Atrazine</u>	0.003	0.003	Cardiovascular system or reproductive problems	Runoff from herbicide use row crops
<u>Benzene</u>	zero	0.005	Anemia; decrease in blood platelets; increased risk of cancer	Discharge from factories; leach from gas storage tanks and land
<u>Benzo(a)pyrene (PAHs)</u>	zero	0.0002	Reproductive difficulties; increased risk of cancer	Leaching from linings of water storage tanks distribution lines
<u>Carbofuran</u>	0.04	0.04	Problems with blood, nervous system, or reproductive system	Leaching of soil fumigant used on rice and alfalfa
<u>Carbon tetrachloride</u>	zero	0.005	Liver problems; increased risk of cancer	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities

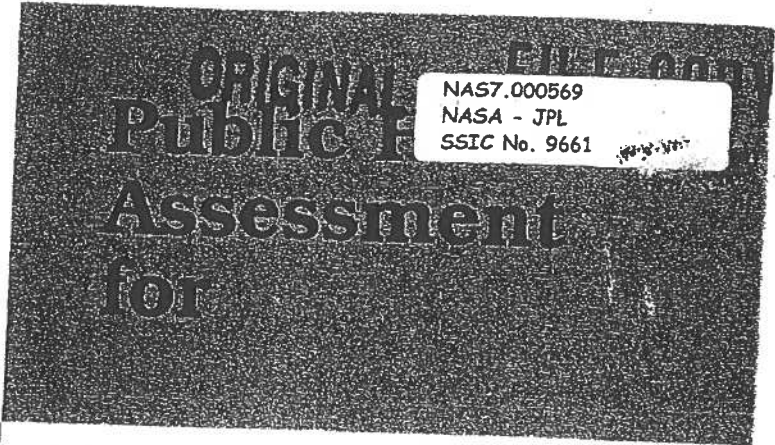
<u>Chlordane</u>	zero	0.002	Liver or nervous system problems; increased risk of cancer	Residue of ba termiticide
<u>Chlorobenzene</u>	0.1	0.1	Liver or kidney problems	Discharge fror chemical and agricultural chemical facto
<u>2,4-D</u>	0.07	0.07	Kidney, liver, or adrenal gland problems	Runoff from herbicide usec row crops
<u>Dalapon</u>	0.2	0.2	Minor kidney changes	Runoff from herbicide usec rights of way
<u>1,2-Dibromo-3- chloropropane (DBCP)</u>	zero	0.0002	Reproductive difficulties; increased risk of cancer	Runoff/leachin from soil fumig used on soybe cotton, pineap and orchards
<u>o-Dichlorobenzene</u>	0.6	0.6	Liver, kidney, or circulatory system problems	Discharge fror industrial chen factories
<u>p-Dichlorobenzene</u>	0.075	0.075	Anemia; liver, kidney or spleen damage; changes in blood	Discharge fror industrial chen factories
DCA *** <u>1,2-Dichloroethane</u>	zero	0.005	Increased risk of cancer	Discharge fror industrial chen factories
* <u>1,1-Dichloroethylene</u>	0.007	0.007	Liver problems	Discharge fror industrial chen factories
* <u>cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene</u>	0.07	0.07	Liver problems	Discharge fror industrial chen factories
* <u>trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene</u>	0.1	0.1	Liver problems	Discharge fror industrial chen factories
<u>Dichloromethane</u>	zero	0.005	Liver problems; increased risk of cancer	Discharge fror drug and chen factories

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	Styrene	0.1	0.1	blood Liver, kidney, or circulatory system problems	Discharge from rubber and plastic factories; leach from landfills
	Tetrachloroethylene	zero	0.005	Liver problems; increased risk of cancer	Discharge from factories and cleaners
	Toluene	1	1	Nervous system, kidney, or liver problems	Discharge from petroleum factories
	Toxaphene	zero	0.003	Kidney, liver, or thyroid problems; increased risk of cancer	Runoff/leaching from insecticide used on cotton cattle
	2,4,5-TP (Silvex)	0.05	0.05	Liver problems	Residue of bar herbicide
	1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	0.07	0.07	Changes in adrenal glands	Discharge from textile finishing factories
	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	0.20	0.2	Liver, nervous system, or circulatory problems	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
	1,1,2-Trichloroethane	0.003	0.005	Liver, kidney, or immune system problems	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
	Trichloroethylene	zero	0.005	Liver problems; increased risk of cancer	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
	Vinyl chloride	zero	0.002	Increased risk of cancer	Leaching from pipes; discharge from plastic factories
	Xylenes (total)	10	10	Nervous system damage	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories

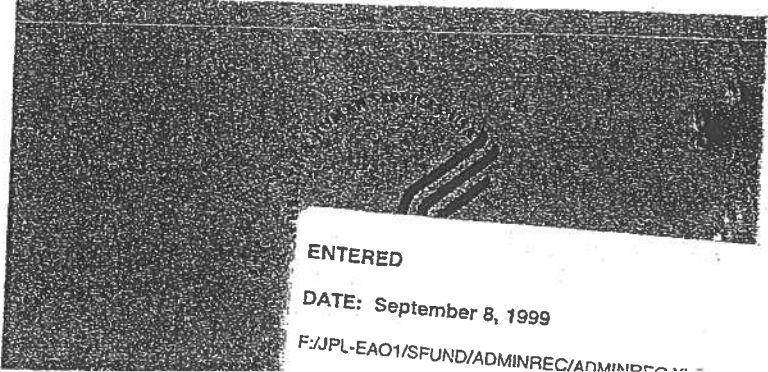
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BACKGROUND

Site Description and History

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) is located in Pasadena, California, northeast of Interstate 210. JPL consists of approximately 155 buildings on a 176-acre campus situated on a foothill ridge of the San Gabriel Mountains (see Figure 1). The facility is located within the boundaries of the cities of Pasadena and La Cañada-Flintridge; residential areas of these cities and the community of Altadena are within 1 to 3 miles of JPL. JPL is bordered to the north by the Angeles National Forest; to the east by the Arroyo Secco (an intermittent stream bed) and spreading grounds (a series of man-made basins used to percolate runoff water to replenish the aquifer); to the west by a residential neighborhood; and to the south by an equestrian club, a fire station, a U.S. Forest Service Ranger Station, and the Hahamonga Community Watershed Park (formerly known as Oak Grove Park). Also located south of the facility are several schools and the Devil's Gate Reservoir.

In 1936, a group of researchers began experimenting with rocket fuels in Pasadena's Arroyo Secco area. The group was soon enlisted to conduct research for the U.S. military, and in 1945 the group was designated the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army. In 1958, the facility was transferred to NASA and assigned a mission of research and development in aeronautics, space technology, and space transportation (JPL, 1991b).

The California Institute of Technology is currently under contract with NASA to perform research and development at JPL, as well as to manage the facilities. NASA maintains a presence at the facility in a supervisory role only. Primary activities at JPL currently include automated exploration of the solar system and deep space (including the Mars Pathfinder mission) and design and operation of the Deep Space Network that tracks spacecraft.

In performing these tasks, support facilities and research and development laboratories at JPL have used a variety of chemicals, including chlorinated solvents, solid rocket fuel propellants, cooling tower chemicals, sulfuric acid, Freon, mercury, and various laboratory chemicals. From 1945 to 1960, JPL disposed of liquid and solid wastes, including chemical wastes, in over 40 seepage pits and waste pits on the facility grounds (JPL, 1991a). It is believed that the seepage pits were backfilled between 1960 and 1963, when JPL installed a sewer system (Ebasco, 1990a, 1993). Since there is very little undeveloped land on the facility grounds, these disposal areas are now located under buildings, retaining walls, parking lots, roads, and flower planters. JPL now transports all of its hazardous wastes off site for destruction, disposal, or recycling.

Remedial and Regulatory History

In 1980, the city of Pasadena detected volatile organic compounds (VOCs)—carbon tetrachloride (CTC) and trichloroethylene (TCE)—in municipal wells located in and east of the Arroyo Secco spreading grounds southeast of JPL. VOCs were also detected at around the same time in two drinking water wells operated by the Lincoln Avenue Water Company, which primarily supplies the community of Altadena. Although the detected VOC concentrations initially did not exceed California drinking water standards (5 parts per billion [ppb] for CTC and TCE) the contaminant levels gradually rose so that the contamination in these wells was eventually above state standards (JPL, 1997a, 1994). These elevated contaminant concentrations forced the temporary closure of two Pasadena municipal wells in 1985, followed by the temporary closure of the two Lincoln Avenue wells in 1987, and finally the remaining two Pasadena wells in 1989 (JPL, 1994).

Because JPL is the major industrial establishment near these wells, it was suspected to be the source of the groundwater contamination. JPL and the city of Pasadena conducted preliminary assessment (PA) activities in 1982, 1984, 1986, and 1987 to identify the source(s) of contamination (JPL, 1991a).

In 1990, NASA funded the construction of a water treatment plant for the four contaminated Pasadena municipal wells. This allowed the city of Pasadena to resume production of drinking water from these wells. Also in 1990, JPL removed a suspected contaminant source area consisting of a storm drain and 160 cubic yards of soil and sludge (JPL, 1994). The Lincoln Avenue Water Company built a water treatment system in 1992, which allowed them to reopen the two closed drinking water wells.

In 1992, following an expanded site inspection (ESI) that identified CTC, TCE, and 1,1-dichloroethane (DCA), and to a lesser extent tetrachloroethylene (PCE), above drinking water standards in on-site groundwater (Ebasco, 1990a), JPL was placed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Priorities List (NPL). Later that year (December 1992), EPA, the state of California, and JPL negotiated a Federal Facilities Agreement specifying how investigation and cleanup work at the site would be conducted.

During the site investigation process, JPL was divided into three operable units (OUs) to facilitate characterization of the sources, nature, and extent of contamination at and around the installation and to enable the proper design of cleanup measures. At each OU, JPL is conducting both a remedial investigation (RI) to identify and characterize the contamination and a feasibility study (FS) to determine the best methods of remediation. For OUs 1 and 3, JPL anticipates completing

Basin, an aquifer covering approximately 40 square miles which is replenished by water flows from the San Gabriel Mountains, including the Arroyo. The Raymond Basin is an important source of drinking water for many communities in the area including Alhambra, Altadena, Arcadia, La Cañada-Flintridge, Pasadena, San Marino, and Sierra Madre. Sixteen water purveyors, who are each allowed to pump a certain amount of water per year, supply groundwater from the Raymond Basin to the public. In 1944 the Superior Court of California approved the Raymond Basin Judgement, which adjudicated the rights to groundwater production to preserve the safe yield of the groundwater basin (Raymond Basin, 1998b). Under authority of a 1984 court order, the Raymond Basin Management Board, made up of representatives of the water purveyors, oversees the management and protection of the Raymond Basin (Raymond Basin, 1997a, 1997b). A total of six Raymond Basin water purveyors operate wells within 4 miles of JPL. The closest—within 2,500 feet of JPL—are four drinking water wells, directly east of the Arroyo Secco, that are operated by the city of Pasadena. Other nearby municipal wells are located in Altadena, La Cañada-Flintridge, and Pasadena (locations of nearby drinking water wells and monitoring wells are shown in Figure 3).

The climate in Pasadena is semiarid and is characterized by hot, dry summers and mild winters with intermittent rain. The average annual precipitation in the area is 22.5 inches. The local aquifer is recharged by both natural infiltration of precipitation and artificial recharge from spreading grounds located on the eastern edge of the Arroyo Secco. The spreading basins and the Arroyo Secco are used for flood control during rainy months (December to March), when the intermittent stream running through the arroyo reaches its highest levels. The arroyo drains into the Devil's Gate Reservoir located 1 mile south of JPL. The reservoir is formed by the Devil's Gate Dam, which is situated at the southern edge of the reservoir by Interstate 210. The level of the reservoir fluctuates during the year, with little or no standing water present during dry seasons. During major floods, water has risen over portions of Hahamonga Community Watershed Park to the west and the spreading basins to the east. The Devil's Gate Dam and Reservoir has undergone renovations that should result in a several-acre-large permanent pond. The level of this pond will be raised and lowered throughout the year to maintain proper flow downstream of the dam. There are no other lakes, ponds, or wetlands in the vicinity of JPL.

ATSDR Involvement

ATSDR conducted initial site visits at JPL on August 12 and August 20, 1997, to meet with JPL environmental personnel and state public health and environmental officials and to gather information pertinent to the preparation of a public health assessment (PHA) for this site. On December 2 and 3, 1997, ATSDR conducted another site visit to collect further information for

Arroyo Secco, although the direction can change, and even reverse for short periods of time, depending on seasonal variations, pumping rates of the various supply wells in the area, and the quantity of infiltration of surface runoff water in the Arroyo Secco basins (Ebasco, 1993). Groundwater elevations at JPL are generally lower between July and December and higher between January and June:

Thrust faults in the vicinity of JPL include the Mount Lukens Thrust Fault, the south branch of the San Gabriel Thrust Fault, and the JPL Thrust Fault. These faults comprise part of the Sierra Madre Fault system that separates the San Gabriel Mountains from the Raymond Basin. The JPL Thrust Fault runs along the hillside at the uphill edge of the JPL campus, and creates an uplifted, or perched, aquifer that is separate from the larger regional aquifer (Ebasco, 1993).

Groundwater Quality and Sources of Contamination

Through the RI and previous investigations, JPL has installed a total of 19 monitoring wells on site and in the adjacent Arroyo Secco to characterize contaminant concentrations in groundwater beneath source areas of the site, and to track contaminant movement (see Figure 3). There are a number of suspected contaminant source areas at JPL. Some of the source areas include seepage pits, waste pits, stormwater discharge points, and spill areas where hazardous waste may have been released indirectly to groundwater through the soil.

Many of these monitoring wells have screens at several different depths in the aquifer to provide information about the three-dimensional distribution of contaminants beneath JPL. Since August 1996, JPL has sampled its monitoring wells quarterly and analyzed the samples for VOCs and metals; JPL now analyzes these quarterly samples for perchlorate, as well (Foster Wheeler, 1997a, 1997b).

As part of the RI/FS, JPL has also installed five off-site monitoring wells to the south and east of the facility, in Altadena, Pasadena, and the Hahamonga Community Watershed Park (see Figure 3). These wells will help identify groundwater contamination that may have migrated from JPL and determine the horizontal and vertical extent of contamination. JPL also samples these wells quarterly.

The available data indicate that JPL is a source of VOC and perchlorate contamination in both on-site and off-site groundwater. Of the contaminants detected on site, TCE, CTC, 1,2-DCA, and perchlorate were detected most frequently and at concentrations above California maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) or action levels. The highest concentrations of these chemicals were

found in the north-central portion of the site, just downgradient from the Liquid and Solid Propellant Laboratory and the Assembly Handling and Equipment and Shipping Facility.

Much lower concentrations of VOCs and perchlorate have migrated off site. Following the current direction of groundwater flow (southeastward), CTC, TCE, and perchlorate plumes have migrated approximately 2,500 feet downgradient toward the city of Pasadena and Lincoln Avenue Company production wells. (1,2-DCA has not been observed at any off-site well over the course of the RI groundwater monitoring.) While the highest levels of these VOCs were largely found in the upper layer of the aquifer, lower levels (0.5 to 5 ppb) had extended vertically to the deeper aquifer and laterally to the city of Pasadena wells. Concentrations and direction of contaminant flow can fluctuate in response to pumping of wells and seasonal variations in groundwater elevations. *Since 1996, however, the shapes of the plumes have stayed relatively stable, suggesting that widespread or higher levels of contaminants are not traveling further downgradient and in the direction of public water supply wells (Foster Wheeler, 1998a).*

Groundwater investigations performed by JPL indicate that VOC concentrations beneath JPL vary seasonally and may indicate the presence of an off-site sources in addition to on-site sources (JPL, 1997b). One such potential source of contamination is associated with the use of septic systems in La Cañada-Flintridge, an area without sewers. According to JPL and the Valley Water Company, citizens in these areas have often cleaned their plumbing pipes by pouring solvent down their drains (JPL, 1997a; Raymond Basin, 1997a).

The groundwater investigation conducted by JPL of Operable Units 1 and 3: on-site and off-site groundwater (Foster Wheeler, 1999) developed additional information on the configuration of the contaminated groundwater plumes and the distribution of contaminants within those plumes. Although not conclusive, the evidence gathered strongly suggests that potential additional sources of groundwater contamination lie upgradient to the west, in the direction of the Valley Water Company wells. Because VOCs are used in a wide variety of commercial application, many potential sources exist upgradient for those compounds. The injection of imported Colorado River water for aquifer recharge by Valley Water Company may be the source of additional perchlorate contamination detected in local municipal wells. The source of the perchlorate contamination (recently detected at levels as high as 16 ppb) in the water of the Colorado River may be traced to two sites near Henderson, Nevada associated with the manufacture of ammonium perchlorate.

Route of Exposure

The way in which a person may contact a chemical substance. For example, drinking (ingestion) and bathing (skin contact) are two different *routes of exposure* to contaminants that may be found in water.

Significant Health Risk

Circumstances where people are being or could be exposed to hazardous substances at levels that pose an urgent public health hazard or a public health hazard; public health advisories are generally issued when urgent public health hazards have been identified.

Superfund

Another name for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), which created ATSDR.

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA)

The 1986 legislation that broadened ATSDR's responsibilities in the areas of public health assessments, establishment and maintenance of toxicologic databases, information dissemination, and medical education.

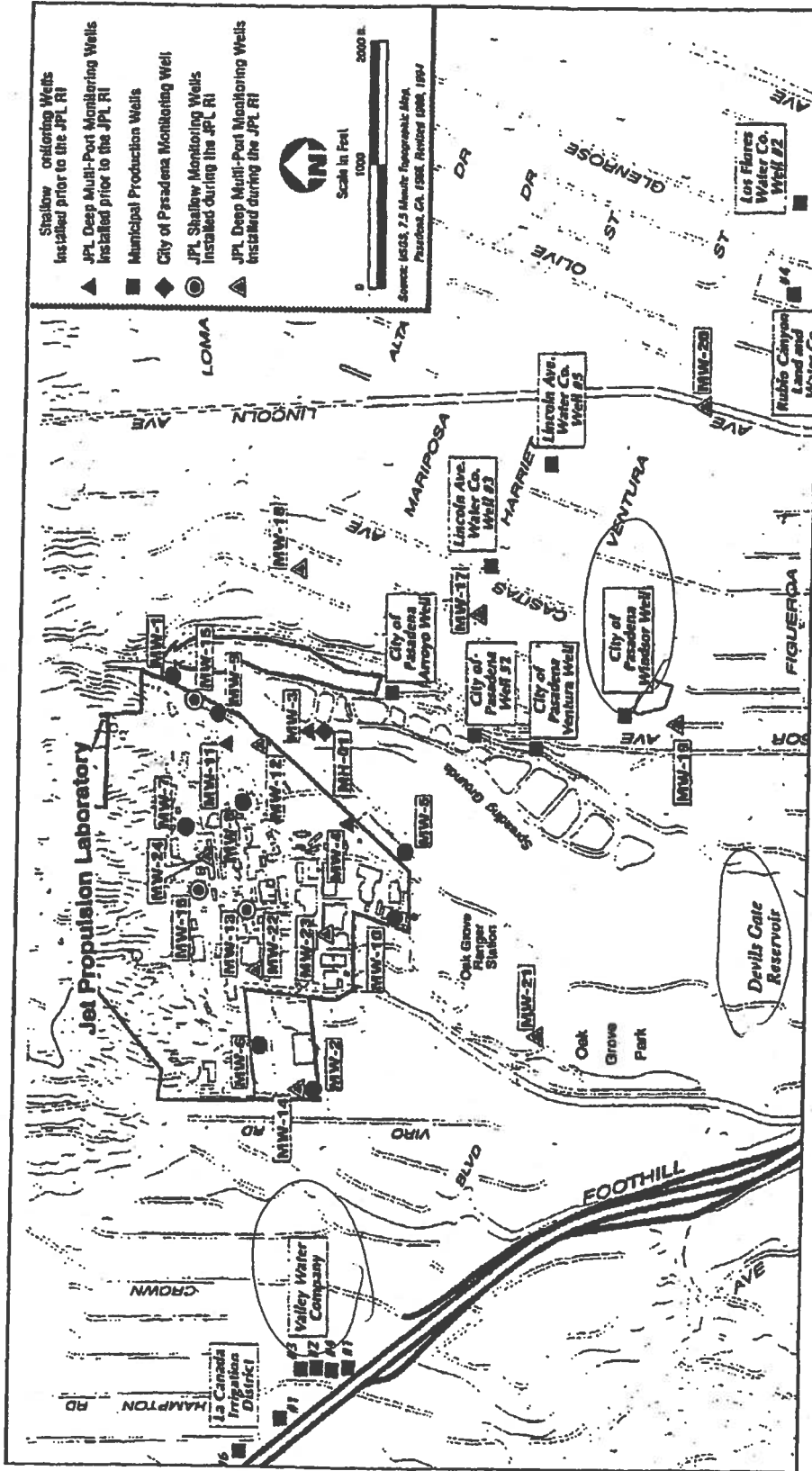
Toxicological Profile

A document about a specific substance in which ATSDR scientists interpret all known information on the substance and specify the levels at which people may be harmed if exposed. The *toxicological profile* also identifies significant gaps in knowledge on the substance, and serves to initiate further research, where needed.

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)

* Substances containing carbon and different proportions of other elements such as hydrogen, oxygen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, sulfur, or nitrogen; these substances easily become vapors or gases. A significant number of the *VOCs* are commonly used as solvents (paint thinners, lacquer thinner, degreasers, and dry cleaning fluids).

Figure 3. Locations for JPL Groundwater Monitoring Wells and Nearby Municipal Production Wells



Source: Foster Wheeler, 1998a