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Ms. Lisbeth Sinclair, Senior Planner
Community Studies I Section
Department of Regional Planning
320 W. Temple Street
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Subject: **Hacienda Heights Community Plan Input on New Street Development**

Dear Ms. Lisbeth:

At our last *HHIA* meeting on February 28th, concerns were brought up about new proposed developments in our community and the developers' request to make the streets within the development private. The last several proposals presented to *HHIA* incorporate the utilization of private streets. These future streets will not be constructed to county standards and the future owners of these streets or the HOAs established to monitor them will not maintain the streets properly. We have many existing private streets in disrepair and in very poor condition. This has been brought to the County's attention, but there is little they can do, because the streets are privately owned.

The *HHIA* strongly recommends that policy language be added to the Hacienda Heights Community Plan that supports the concept that new developments construct public streets that are dedicated to the County, rather than private streets. This would alleviate the future problem of these streets not being constructed to standards and maintained properly. This is an issue of public safety as well as increasing community blight.

We appreciate you considering this request at this late stage in the community planning process.

Sincerely,


John M. Eckman
President, *HHIA*

cc: Shan Lee, *HHIA* Zoning Chairperson
Dickie Simmons, Field Deputy

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