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Attention: Ms. Brianna Menke

Dear Mr. Glaser:

**REVIEW COMMENTS
DRAFT HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AREA ORDINANCE
TITLE 22 OF THE *LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE***

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) submits the following review comments on the Draft Hillside Management Area Ordinance (Ordinance). The proposed Ordinance will amend Title 22, Planning and Zoning, of the *Los Angeles County Code* by establishing regulations for development activities within Hillside Management Areas (HMA) to ensure such activities do not unduly threaten the future existence of underlying ecological systems located therein. The purpose of the proposed Ordinance is not to preclude development within HMAs, but to maintain and possibly enhance the County's scenic and environmental resources.

The proposed Ordinance is not expected to significantly impact the Department's operations or resources. However, to the extent possible, emergency access for Department personnel, vehicles, and equipment must be maintained through HMAs in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

The Department has no other comment at this time, but reserves the right to further address this matter in subsequent reviews of the proposed Ordinance.

Thank you for including the Department in the environmental review process for the proposed Ordinance. Should you have any questions of the Department regarding this matter, please contact Lester Miyoshi, of my staff, at (626) 300-3012 and refer to

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Facilities Planning Bureau Tracking Number 12-075. You may also contact Mr. Miyoshi, via e-mail, at Lhmiyosh@lasd.org.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary T. K. Tse". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Gary T. K. Tse, Director
Facilities Planning Bureau