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Next Meeting is:

**Thursday, October 2nd**

**7:00 pm - 8:45 pm**

**Granada Hills Charter High School- Rawley Hall**



**7:00** Introductions - Sign In

**7:05** Reading of Minutes,

**7:10** Community Announcements; News; Updates; Events

**7:15** OGHRC Committee Reports

Financial; Zoning & Density; Newsletter; Communication

**7:30 Guest Speaker; Reina Pereira, Project Manager,**

**Solid Resources Plan**

**8:10** Zelzah Speed Limit Proposal Update;

**8:15:** Street Faire Outreach and Booth Volunteers;

**8:20:** LaBrea Coalition lawsuit update

**8:25** New Business and wrap up;



*November meeting will be at Granada High, Thursday, November 6th*

### OGHRG President's Message

Last month I mentioned in closing that the Board had voted to join the LaBrea Coalition in a lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles. At this point there are close to 20 other resident and homeowner groups in this suit. Simply put, this suit calls on the City Council to perform mandatory annual growth and infrastructure studies, which are required by law. Said studies have not been performed since 1998. Thousands, perhaps several million building permits have been issued over the last 10 years based on data that is woefully outdated. The suit asks that the court put a halt to permitting until a new study produces current and relevant information regarding basic infrastructure such as roads, power, water, and other available public services. A court conference to set a trial date is scheduled for September 29, 2008. We will keep our membership informed of the progress of this suit.

Last month I thanked all of you who had sent in dues as a result of our plea and envelopes that we enclosed with our August mailing. We are still receiving envelopes, and for that, thank you all again for your continued support. I also want to recognize several longtime sponsors who have made this newsletter possible.

Last month I recognized Granada Hills Florist. The owner, Millie Ford, has operated her business in our community for many years. OGHRC has used her services for floral arrangements, so should you. Dr. Bob Luszczak, DDS is another long time sponsor. Dr. Luszczak lives in old Granada Hills, and has been a guest speaker at one of our meetings. Dr. Carl Melnik, O.D., is located in the Granada Shopping Village. Dr. Melnik is very active in the community, regularly attends our meetings, and also lives in OGH. Next to Dr. Melnik is Grace's Hallmark, run by Grace and Dan Lee. Check them out next time you need a card or gift. Sixty Minute Tune is located in North Granada Hills on Balboa. The owner, Dave Jackson, has also been a guest speaker. Irv Selman, owner of Postal Plus prints our newsletter and has been a sponsor for sometime. We also have several board members, past and present, who have advertised their businesses in the newsletter, Bette Biers, Your Computer Tutor, Chris Silvers, CBryan Images (photographer), John Seletos and Jim

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**Old Granada Hills Residents' Group is a non profit organization of volunteers and concerned residents of our community. In our 8th year, we are a voice well known to our elected representatives with issues that affect us all - please join us.**

# October 2008

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### Snquelling Neighborhood Council Power?

The issue of whether to allow NCs to "open" a city council file, and if so, to what degree NC board members need to disclose financial information should be the hottest issue in the city right now. That is because nobody but the well connected, not even NCs, have the right to put an item on city council's agenda without a council member's sponsorship.

All active NC board members and those who hope to make the system work should be clamoring for this power, with minimum or no restrictions. Do not forget that "opening" a file is not the same as passing legislation. Before the file matter is considered for legislation, it will first have to get through a City Council Committee. Remember that many controversial issues, such as Jamiel's Law and restriction on Sober Living Homes, are tied up in "committee" or "research" and this is one way the city council can fail to take action. Next, the file matter has to pass the full council, and then it has to be signed by the Mayor. To ask for full financial disclosure now is to put the cart before the horse.

As to what is alleged to have happened in the past i.e., NC board members failing to abstain on a vote on which they were self interested, is not persuasive here. At the time those votes took place, NCs did not have the power to "open" a council file. Those alleged incidents should be made transparent and used as teaching tools, and we should learn from them. After all, this is a new process and there is a learning curve.

There are already checks in place. NC council board members have been instructed to abstain from votes which may give the appearance of impropriety. Further, DONE employees and city council staffers, and sometimes city attorneys attend the NC meetings. There is already more oversight and restrictions upon NCs than there is on city council itself.

Please do not allow the city council to take this issue behind closed doors, and as a result of this witch hunt, close the issue without a clearly posted, full notice period for public hearing and comment. DONE staffers should be sharing this information with all NC boards, who up until now, have not been kept in the loop on this issue. I do not think anyone has a problem with signing a simple statement that says "I have no conflict of interest with this vote." Requiring more than that ties the hands of the NCs that already have unreasonable restrictions.

For background, please see [www.citywatchla.com](http://www.citywatchla.com)'s 9/15/08 article "Déjà vu All Over Again: Done off on another NC witch hunt." By Greg Nelson *article submitted by Nancy Norris*

- Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the Fall harvest and black is associated with darkness and death.
- There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange, the color of pumpkin.

### President's Note - continued from front page

Summers, both with Coldwell Banker realty. Thanks to all of all sponsors, past and present for your support. Please attend the Granada Hills Street Faire on Saturday, October 4th. The Faire will start an hour earlier this year, 10:00 am to 5 pm. This will be our 8th annual faire, and will feature a huge health-screening component sponsored by Holy Cross Hospital and Lakeside Medical. OGHRG will have a booth; we will sell the "I heart Granada Hills" tee shirts, and we will be doing outreach to attract new members. Additionally, the elections for the Board of Directors for Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council will be held at the Street Faire. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Council, you can still apply as a write-in candidate until October 3rd. Applications are available on the web-site at [www.ghsnc.org](http://www.ghsnc.org).

### 2008 Volunteer Award

The California Crime Prevention Officer's Association has awarded "our own" Erica DeSmith as 2008 California Crime Prevention Southern California Volunteer of the Year. The organization honors meritorious contributions made by individuals and organizations for demonstrated leadership in the preservation of peace and public safety.

Specialist Reserve Officer Erica DeSmith and her husband flew up to Sacramento, courtesy of S.O.L.I.D., to receive her award presented by Attorney General Jerry Brown at the association's annual conference.

Erica is one of the highest ranking civilians in LAPD. She works at Devonshire Division helping to keep the station running as smoothly as possible. You may have talked with her if you called the Senior Lead Office or have been to one of the semi-annual District Meetings that she is usually instrumental in organizing.

Congratulations to Erica for earning the prestigious award and thank you to her for all she does for the community. We hope the rumor is true that she just extended her contract for 5 more years.



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## Griffith Park Preservation

Earlier this year the heirs of Col. Griffith J. Griffith, who donated the park to the City of Los Angeles 112 years ago, filed an application to designate all of Griffith Park as a City Historic-Cultural Monument. It would join New York's Central Park, San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, San Diego's Balboa Park, and Washington's Rock Creek Park (among others) as parks with historical designations. Designation recognizes the site (including existing structures, landscape, plant life, hiking trails) as important to the history of Los Angeles.

While the designation sounds like a wonderful idea to most Angelenos, powerful voices within City Hall have expressed concerns and appear to be working to derail the plan to protect the whole park. In August, on the first vote of the Cultural Heritage Commission the plan almost failed to even win approval for further study. The Cultural Heritage Commission's final vote is set for Thursday, October 2, 2008. The meeting begins at 10am on the 10th floor of City Hall.

To learn more about the wealth of historically significant elements of the park that would be protected go to [www.ggpnc.org](http://www.ggpnc.org) and follow the links to:

[The full Historic-Cultural Monument Application:](#)

[The staff report for the Cultural Heritage Commission](#)

Already about 30 civic and environmental groups have publicly expressed their support for protecting the whole park. If you believe the entire Griffith Park should be designated as a City-Historical Cultural Monument:

Send e-mails right now to: [Councilmember.Labonge@lacity.org](mailto:Councilmember.Labonge@lacity.org) & the Cultural Heritage Commission [CHC@lacity.org](mailto:CHC@lacity.org)

Attend the Cultural Heritage Commission Meeting on October 2nd to personally voice your support.

## Recently Sold Homes

17075 Kingsbury	\$261,000	11000 Louise	\$420,000
17430 SF Mission	\$485,000	17449 Donmetz	\$485,000
17257 Horace	\$440,000	17739 Ludlow	\$415,000
11124 Louise	\$420,000	10503 Encino	\$300,000
17427 San Jose	\$297,000	17160 Rinaldi	\$420,000

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## Singer's Zingers - Overpaid?

Usually, if one of us buys an item in a store that we later discover for sale in a newspaper advertisement for 25% less, there is a feeling of disgust with the original seller and ourselves for not "doing our homework". Also, when we contract for services we like to be sure to get our money's worth. In the work place we are expected to do our complete job for an agreed rate of pay. In most surviving enterprises, few are overpaid.

Yet in professional sports such as baseball, egregious salaries are paid to players who only get a hit once every three times at bat. US congressman and senators each receive \$169,000 per year to control spending our money but run up astronomical deficits with little or no consequence for their shortcomings. The California Assembly members receive \$116,208 plus about \$35,000 in per diem income per year. They are four months overdue in passing the state operating budget.

I don't know about you but I think that maybe some of the overpaid people that depend on the public for their paycheck need to have a "downward salary adjustment" attached to their employment contract.

## Elections

On October 4, 2008, the Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council (GHSNC) will be holding elections for the upcoming Board of Directors at the Granada Hills Street Faire from 11am-3pm. [The Faire is open from 10-5, election hours are limited]

There are 23 seats up for re-election including At-Large Stakeholders, Renters, Commercial Property Owners, Homeowners, Students, Seniors, etc. GHSNC committees include Outreach, Planning and Land-Use, Beautification, and Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Any stakeholder may vote in the election and/or run for any position on the Board of Directors for which they qualify. A stakeholder is anyone who lives, works, studies, owns property or has a connection within the GHSNC boundaries: Aliso Canyon Wash to the west, 118 Freeway to the North, 405 Freeway to the East, and Devonshire Street to the South.



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## Happenings at the Y

The North Valley Family YMCA will be holding its 21th annual Booster Club Dinner, **October 30th** at Knollwood Country Club. Since 1988, when Hal Bernson started the event, the Booster Club has raised over \$2 million for the YMCA. Funds raised go to help support childcare provided at elementary schools, to teach kids about healthy life styles, to provide exercise classes for seniors and everything the YMCA does. Many programs



are provided at no or low-cost under the YMCA philosophy that no one will be turned away for lack of ability to pay.

A truly unique event, with a casino, putting contest, live and silent auctions. Prizes include a vehicle from Hamer Toyota, ocean cruises, airline tickets, jewelry and \$12,000 in cash prizes. They expect around 350 people to attend representing San Fernando Valley's leading businesses and individuals, elected officials, and many other supporters of the YMCA. Call the Y for more information at (818) 368-3231 or check out the website at [www.ymcala.org/nv](http://www.ymcala.org/nv)

### Annual Harvest Festival.

The festival, Saturday October, 25th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the YMCA, 11336 Corbin Avenue in Porter Ranch, is expected to draw more than 1,000 eager attendees. Admission is only \$10 per family or three bags of candy.

"Every year, we hold the Harvest Festival to welcome fall and throw open our doors to the community, both for members and newcomers who want to see what the YMCA has to offer," said Jane Stanton, North Valley's executive director.



There will be a "spooky House" and carnival booths that will include face painting, hoop shooting, a dunk tank, an obstacle course, a petting zoo and an inflatable moon bounce, plus popcorn, roasted corn and other food offerings.

A signature part of the event is the "Trunk or Treat" area, a portion of the parking lot where costumed children can safely walk from car trunk to car trunk soliciting treats.

Meanwhile, YMCA staff members will be on hand to explain the types of programs and services provided by North Valley.

"The YMCA looks forward to the Harvest Festival every year, even those of us who end up in the dunk tank," Stanton said. "It's just so much fun."

For more information, call Mike Greco, 818-368-3231 or log onto [www.ymcla.org/nv](http://www.ymcla.org/nv).

- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV set for 3 hours.
- Every glass bottle that is recycled saves enough

## Jury Duty

Got jury duty? You may be able to reduce some of the time spent at the courthouse.

Juror orientation is required by law and every juror must participate in the orientation process. Each time you are called for service you must receive orientation to ensure that you are thoroughly familiar with the role of juror, applicable law pertaining to jury service, and the Court's expectations while you serve as a juror.



The completion of the On-Line Juror Orientation will allow you to report later on your first day of service.

The on-line orientation will take about 1 hour and will include a variety of activities. It must be completed no later than 4:pm on the Thursday before your service week. It is not necessary to complete the orientation in one sitting, though if not completed within 8 hours of the initial login you will have to start over. The software will record your login and logout times and monitor whether you have answered all the questions. *from the LASuperior Court website. Millie Jones of Supervisor Antonovich's office made us aware of this service*

## Tire Inflation

Proper inflation of your car's tires can result in improved gas mileage. Tires are normally inflated with compressed air which can lose 1 to 2 psi of pressure per month. Oxygen molecules naturally migrate out of tires. So then you need to check and reinflate your tires every month? Probably not if you use nitrogen instead of compressed air. Nitrogen is a non combustible, non-flammable, dry gas. It's molecules migrate out of tires 300 - 400% more slowly than oxygen molecules.

Now the question is how and where do you get nitrogen in your tires. Costco Tire Centers is one tire dealer that uses nitrogen instead of compressed air.

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**Coming Events**



**Oct 2:** OGHRG Meeting; 7:00 Granada High

**Oct 4:** Granada Hills Street Faire on Chatsworth St. 10-5

**Oct 5:** Chatsworth Historical Society's Pioneer Day; 11-4; 818 341-3053

**Oct 7:** GH Chamber Gov't Affairs Committee monthly meeting; 11:45AM, Chamber office, 368-3235

**Oct 9:** Granada Hills South Neighborhood Council; 7:00 pm; First Baptist Church of Granada Hills; 11011 Havenhurst Ave.

**Oct 9:** Yom Kippur

**Oct 13:** Columbus Day

**Oct 20:** Valley Vote meeting; 6:45pm at Galpin Ford;

**Oct 17:** LAPD Devonshire Division Pasta Dinner; St, Nicholas Greek Church 5-7:30

**Oct 18:** Texas Hold'em Poker fundraiser for the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce; 368-3235

**Oct 24:** United Nations Day

**Oct 25:** Harvest Festival at the YMCA; see article

**Oct 27:** Granada Hills North Neighborhood Council; Van Gogh Elementary School; 7:00pm

**Oct 30:** YMCA Booster Club dinner; see article

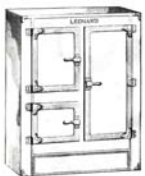
**Oct 31:** Halloween (Friday)

**Nov 1:** End of Daylight Savings - set clocks back 1 hour

**Recycle Your Refrigerator**

An old refrigerators can be one of the biggest energy hogs in your home. If you are buying a new one, consider recycling the old one.

The LA Department of Water and Power (DWP) now offers the Refrigerator Turn-in and Recycle program (RETIRE).



Turn in your old refrigerator or freezer and receive \$35 and compact fluorescent bulbs.

Pick-up and recycling services are offered at no cost to you. To qualify, the appliances, minimum of 10 cubic ft. in size, must be in working condition and located within the DWP servcie area.

Call 1-800-246-0441; information on the web:

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8th Annual  
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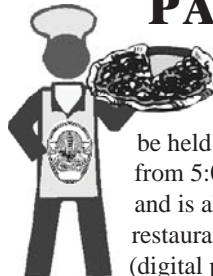
**Neighborhood Watch - 17A27**

Officer Dario Del Core is still out with his injury and it is uncertain when he will be able to return. Officer Jamie Brien has been filling in as the acting SLO. She has been impressed with the quality of community members so actively involved with keeping the area clean and crime free.

Burglary and theft from motor vehicles continue to be a problem in our area. Be sure to remove valuables, including IPods, cell phones, and GPS devices from plain view.

Officer Tim Wolleck will now be standing in for Dario Del Core. We look forward to meeting and working with him as we await the return of Dario.

**PASTA DINNER**



Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire (SOLID) is sponsoring their 12th annual Pasta Dinner, Friday, **October 17th**. It will

be held at St. Nicholas Church, Balboa and Plummer, from 5:00pm to 7:30. The cost is only \$6.00 per person and is all you can eat with food from a variety of local restaurants. There will be free child identification

(digital picture and thumb print) courtesy of Hollywood Masonic Lodge. Join your neighbors, have dinner and

speak with and support the LAPD officers and staff that are working to keep our corner of the city a safe place to live. More information? Call 818 756-9011 [www.soliddev.org](http://www.soliddev.org)

Devonshire Division Crime Stats

8/17 thru 9/13

Homicide ....0	Burglary ..... 105
Rape ..... 1	GTA ..... 52
Robbery ..... 24	BFMV ..... 154
Aggravated	Personal/
Assault ..... 23	Other theft ..99
Shots fired .. 0	Arrests ..... 366

Data from LAPD website COMPSTAT section



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“Getting Pulled Over” - Officer Don Graham, LAPD

This article was written by Don Graham, a Sergeant with the LAPD, currently assigned to Operations - Central Bureau and formally a Senior Lead Officer at Devonshire Division covering Northridge. It is interesting to read about the “traffic stop” (or in our terms, “getting pulled over”) from an officer’s point of view and maybe learn some do’s and don’ts.

Don lives in Granada Hills and as a private citizen and parent is actively involved in the community’ organizations.

The traffic stop is one of the most common ways that the public interacts with its police department. Unfortunately, this contact is overwhelmingly negative. The most common stop that a member of the public is subjected to is for traffic enforcement, which, as often as not, means a ticket. Officers will also stop a car to investigate its involvement in a crime, to inspect the vehicle for mechanical violations, or as part of a checkpoint. Understanding what an officer expects during a

stop is important to making the interaction as short and smooth as possible.

People commonly believe that officers have ESP, X-ray vision or inter-cranial access to an omnipotent computer network that allows instantaneous access to a motorist’s criminal, medical or driving record. You don’t believe me? Examine these sample quotes:

“I drive this way every day and this is the first time I have done that!” (Sorry, no ESP)

“Why are you yelling at me, I was just reaching for my registration?” (No X-ray vision)

“Why are you stopping me? I have never gotten a ticket in my life!” (No omnipotence)

“This is medical marijuana sir. Prescription, ummmm...I don’t have it with me?!” (No access to medical records)

Using the following question and answer format, we will try and get the members of the public closer to the inside of the police car.

What authority do you have to stop me?

The authority of a police officer to stop a vehicle comes from the constitutional legal concepts of reasonable suspicion/probable cause and from section 21806 of the California vehicle code. The Fourth Amendment of the US Constitution mentions Probable Cause and the courts have defined it as, “A reasonable belief that a crime has been committed and that the person arrested was the one who committed it. Reasonable Suspicion is an officer’s ability to detain and individual to investigate a crime that has just been committed, one that is in progress or a crime that will about to be committed.

Believe it or not, while most violations of the vehicle code are infractions, they are nonetheless crimes. Therefore, reasonable suspicion and probable cause apply. That justifies the detention but what about stopping your car.

Section 21806 of the vehicle code requires that , “the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to the right-hand edge or curb of the highway, clear of any intersection, and thereupon shall stop and remain stopped...”

By the way, this means that if an emergency vehicle (police car, ambulance, fire truck, or any authorized vehicle with a solid red forward lamp and a siren) comes up behind you, you don’t stop, you don’t pull to the middle lane, and you don’t slow down and coast. It’s bad for all involved.

What should I do in the car when I get stopped?

After you pull to the side of the road, you should turn off the engine. This tells the officers that you are not going anywhere. Next, turn on the inside cabin light at night (we’ll deal with light in a second). Finally, put your hands on the steering wheel and have your passengers keep their hands visible. Again, this signals the officers that you and your passengers are not a threat. Do not reach for your wallet, purse or glove compartment. The officer will ask for your license, registration and proof of insurance. Tell the officer where the items are that he is asking for and then only reach for them after the officer tells you to. Remember, you are being detained for a criminal investigation so the officer does have the right to tell you what to reach for and when.

When I refused to sign the ticket, the officer threatened to take me to jail!

When you sign a citation, it indicates that you promise to appear in court at a later date. It DOES NOT mean that you are admitting guilt. You do have the right to be taken immediately before a magistrate. In the county of Los Angeles, this means getting booked into County Jail.

To be continued next month with; red cars, quotas, tail lights, and more...



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“Texas Hold-Em Poker Night”

Saturday, October 18th

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ALERT

Coyotes have recently killed pets in our area and have been spotted as far south as Devonshire. Coyotes come out at any time of the day or night but are most active at night and during the early morning and late evening hours. Although they might be seen in a family group which can contain 4 or more, it is the urban coyote that is often seen alone.

Coyotes are medium sized animals belonging to the dog family. Most adults weigh between 22 and 25 pounds on average. with males being the larger gender. With large erect ears, slender muzzle and bushy tail, they resemble a small collie dog. Coyotes are tan brown in color with streaks of gray. They make noises consisting of various howls, high-pitched yaps and occasional dog-like barks. Their diet consists manly of rodents, small mammals and insects.

When hunting in packs, they will go for larger prey. They also eat fruit vegetable matter and trash. Being opportunists, they will not hesitate to kill cats, small dogs, sheep, goats and have been known to attack humans.

Coyotes are capable of jumping or scaling fences close to 6 ft. high but will dig under to gain access.

SEE A COYOTE:

Do not turn and run (they can sprint at up to 40 mph) but try to scare them. Make yourself appear larger by raising your arms and waiving them. Stomp your feet, clap your hands and yell in a loud low tone. When out walking wear colors with striking colors and carry a walking stick or colorful umbrella . Be sure to keep dogs on leashes.

WHAT TO DO:

Garbage can lids should be secured at all times. Spray ammonia occasionally in the trash to cut down on food odors. Pets should be fed during daylight hours and all unused pet food and water bowls removed before darkness. Gardens should be harvested frequently and windfall fruit should be picked up daily. Cats and small dogs should not be left alone after dark unless in a coyote proof enclosure. Do not feed wild animals. Not only is it unwise, it is against the law.

Close off crawl spaces under porches, decks and sheds as

coyotes use the spaces for resting and raising young. Clear dense vegetation to reduce hiding places.

Report attacks, people feeding the coyotes, and sightings to Los Angeles Animal Services at 888-452-7381 and for further information; www.laanimalservices.com/aboutani\_wildlife.htm

Don't expect the city or county to remove these animals from the area. The California Department of Fish and Game prohibits trapping and relocation of any wild animal!!!

source: County and City websites

Public Records Act

If you want to research documents our officials use and generate to make decisions, getting them is a matter of using the state's Public Records Act. The California First Amendment Coalition (www.cfac.org) maintains a website that will explain your rights and provides information on how to request documents.

The website also discusses Sunshine Laws and the Brown Act.

Kohl's

The Granada Hills Alliance for Smart Growth, with local residents, and the Old Granada Hills Residents' Group are now opening the way for discussions regarding a possible settlement with Regency Centers and the City of Los Angeles concerning a proposed commercial overbuilding of the Granada Village Shopping Center. The proposal by Regency Centers was to allow for a warehouse-type retail store greater than 60,000 sq ft "Big Box" Kohl's to be built, exceeding the current expansion limit by about 30,000 sq ft. Among other entitlements requests is a reduction in parking, exceptions from the Granada Hills Specific Plan, as well no full EIR requirement. The opposition to the proposed Big Box Kohl's, files a lawsuit earlier this year with the Los Angeles Superior Court. See: www.granadahillsalliance.org

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