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October 12, 2015

Re: CEQA Reform

Dear Mr. Calfee:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 45 resident and homeowner associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains. The Federation's mission is to protect the property and quality of life of its over 200,000 constituents and to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the hillside and mountain areas in which they live.

We have reviewed the detailed comments prepared by Chatten-Brown & Carstens LLP addressed to you on behalf of the Planning and Conservation League dated October 12, 2015. We whole-heartedly agree with these comments and strongly encourage you to heed the suggestions and proposals that are made there.

We rely upon the California Environmental Quality Act to protect the environment and the role of the public in public decisions. We ask that you ensure the changes to the Guidelines will promote both of these functions of CEQA by following the suggestions set forth in the Planning and Conservation League letter.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge
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