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SUBJECT: A Request for Co-Ordination Between Expansion and Resources.

The city and county of Los Angeles currently promote two, apparently opposing, philosophies. One encourages continued and intensified development for both high-density residential and commercial expansion; the second encourages increasing conservation of both water and energy resources.

While both these goals may, or may not, be concurrently achievable, there does not appear to be any existing plan to coordinate the available resources, the likely future water and power supplies, and the permitted usage of these resources in view of the desired expansion.

Many small development projects below a defined number of units are approved each year without requirement for resource impact evaluation, and no current system is used to concatenate these numerous individual projects into a combined impact.

The DWP and the City Los Angeles currently strongly encourage water conservation and have imposed restrictions on usage, fines for misuse, and the Governor is demanding across-the-state cutbacks; all due to a current and persistent drought condition. Increasing population density increases demand, and there is, at this time, no way to supply that increased demand.

The *Winnetka Neighborhood Council Board* agrees that a coordinated system is needed to balance the desire for development and expansion with the resources available to support it. A protocol should be developed that balances availability of resources with planned and permitted expansion. This could serve as a barometer to inform not only general planning and capacity for development, but also entitlements for exceptions; and could serve as tool to prevent worsening of the current crisis and provide for sustainable development.

The *Winnetka Neighborhood Council* and *The Public Works and Transportation Committee of the WNC*, have discussed this conflict of goals and have moved to present this letter to interested parties to spur development of policies which will consider the current water and power resources and the anticipated future water and power resources in conjunction with the permissions for new expansion and construction in the Los Angeles area.

Signed,

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