



COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE **CANCELLED**

JUNE 19, 2008

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS OF SUNLAND, TUJUNGA, LAKE VIEW TERRACE, SHADOW HILLS & LA TUNA CANYON:

Dear Neighbor:

You recently received an invitation from The Home Depot® to a community open house regarding our proposed store at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Woodward Avenue in Sunland. We regrettably announce that the June 24th open house has been cancelled. After some public debate about the meeting location, LAUSD requested that we withdraw our application to use Mt. Gleason Middle School as the venue for our community open house. While LAUSD publicly said that our use of the school for the open house was appropriate and that the permit to use the school was validly issued, The Home Depot agreed at their request and out of courtesy to the school district to withdraw its application to use the venue.

The primary purpose of this meeting was to provide you an opportunity to receive accurate and unfiltered information about our proposed store directly from us. Specifically, we intended to personally share our environmental studies with you and offer you an opportunity to speak directly with the technical experts who prepared the reports, which many of you have asked to see.

Unfortunately, the Sunland-Tujunga Alliance and their "No To Home Depot" unit seemingly did not want you to receive the information directly from us and applied pressure to the school district to revoke our permit. However, it is important to note that it is common practice for a private entity to use a LAUSD facility for public meeting purposes and we selected this venue to provide a location that is accessible to the community.

Ultimately, we did not want to subject residents seeking information to a hostile environment created by some people in the community. It is regrettable that some of your neighbors would prefer that you not have the opportunity to get the information about our store at a community workshop.

In lieu of this meeting, we will continue speaking directly with individuals and groups. In accordance with our commitment to transparency and free flow of information, we will post the information on our website, www.HomeDepotSunlandTujunga.com. There you will be able to see the results of these studies we voluntarily prepared, including:

- Traffic
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Economics
- Phase I Environmental Review

Your interest in this project is greatly appreciated and we look forward to your comments. You may also call the project information line at (818) 276-1280 or e-mail us at info@HomeDepotSunlandTujunga.com with any questions, comments and feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Nichols".

Jeff Nichols
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