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**DON KNABE**  
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT

December 19, 2006

The Honorable Steve Tye  
Mayor  
City of Diamond Bar  
21825 East Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California 91765

Dear ~~Mayor~~ Tye:

The AERA project has generated much concern and conversation over the past few years on plans to develop properties known as the Shell Properties in the southeastern portion of Los Angeles County. Although conceptual plans have been discussed, there still has not been any definitive plan presented for public review and comment.

I know that your City has previously expressed a desire to "explore" the possibility of annexation of the AERA properties to the City of Diamond Bar, and that this "**Pre-Annexation Agreement**" is on tonight's agenda. I must say that I am very disappointed with the notice and timing of this agenda item. My office did not receive notice until after the item had been formally placed on the agenda. I would have appreciated the opportunity to have reached out to my constituents to make sure they were aware of the item, particularly the week before Christmas.

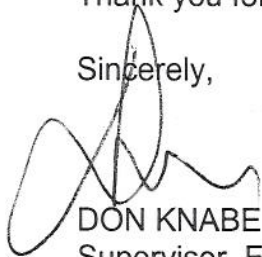
As you move forward with your plans, I would like to respectfully request that this Council do everything in its power to ensure the timely and thorough notification of these processes as they proceed, that they do not circumvent our residents of Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, and surrounding communities, and that adequate notice and opportunity to discuss in open forums are made available to one and all, so that there is a complete "airing of the AERA Project" during each stage of the annexation entitlement process.

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My position on land development remains as clear tonight as it has for years. There must be a clear balance between construction and development and the preservation of the very few large tracts of open space we have left in this part of the County. Any project that would call that balance into question, including development of the AERA land, needs thorough examination before proceeding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DON KNABE', written over the typed name.

DON KNABE  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
County of Los Angeles

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