

Attachment 4

**Letters of support from Board members of the Simi Valley Unified
School District**

LAFCO 04-15S & 04-15
City of Simi Valley Sphere of Influence Amendment and Reorganization
Runkle Canyon

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August 19, 2004

Mr. Everett Millais
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**Reference: LAFCO Hearing – City of Simi Valley Application for the
Annexation of Runkle Canyon**

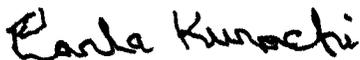
Dear Mr. Millais and LAFCO Commissioners:

I am now serving my fourth term as a Board Member for the Simi Valley Unified School District and I am writing to express my support of the City of Simi Valley's request for Annexation of the Runkle Canyon property. I have been following the positive progression of this property over the last few years and have personally met with the GreenPark management team. They have become a part of our local community and have supported our schools.

Over the past five years they have worked with us on important programs such as our recent bond measure and have supported and sponsored the Simi Valley Education Foundation with \$100,000 for grants and scholarships. They did this even though their community will produce over \$2 million in fees for our schools when the homes are finally built. Part of those fees will be generated by senior housing which comprises thirty percent (30%) of their planned community but will not generate any impact to our schools.

When you combine these factors with a property that will retain over 90% of its land as open space you create a community that has been supported by a wide variety of organizations and groups. I strongly urge you to approve the City of Simi Valley's request for annexation of the Runkle Canyon property without delay so it can become a reality for the citizen's of Simi Valley.

Sincerely,



Carla Kurachi
Board Member, Simi Valley Unified School District

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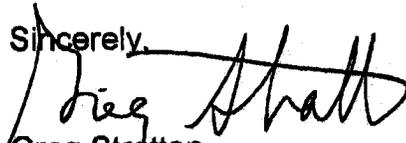
Dear LAFCO Commissioners:

I am presently a Board Member for the Simi Valley Unified School District and I am writing you in support of the City of Simi Valley's request for Annexation of the Runkle Canyon property. As a past Mayor and City Councilman for the City of Simi Valley, I believe the Runkle Canyon property reflects all of the standards and goals the Citizen's of Simi Valley hold important. The project provides Open Space, Affordable Housing, Public Recreation such as hiking and biking, Protection of Hillsides and diversified housing types including a large Senior's component.

In my current position, I have reviewed this project for its impact on our schools. The community of 461 homes will generate over \$2 million in fees for our schools. With 30% of the homes for seniors with no student impact to our schools, this project will be a plus for our district. The GreenPark Runkle Canyon management has already been supporting the Simi Valley Education Foundation with a grant and scholarship program over the past three years. In fact, last year they donated \$50,000 to these programs and pledged another \$50,000 for 2005 in matching programs to keep the programs growing. They recently supported our bond measure to help our community raise much needed funds for the repair and upgrade of our schools.

The Runkle Canyon is a logical extension of our community and is being developed in a manner that is consistent with our goals. I am strongly in support of the City of Simi Valley's request for annexation of Runkle Canyon.

Sincerely,



Greg Stratton
Board Member, Simi Valley Unified School District