



Save Our Forest Association, Inc.

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Mr. Tom Hudson, Director
Land Use Services Department
San Bernardino County
385 No. Arrowhead Avenue, 1st Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0187

Dear Mr. Hudson,

The Save Our Forest Association, Inc., (SOFA) supports the approval of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for the opening of SkyPark at Santa's Village, as soon as possible, while the environmental documentation for the entire project is being completed.

SkyPark Project Manager Bill Johnson has been an incredibly positive force in addressing the challenges in rehabilitating a long closed historical amusement park and cleaning up this site from years of timber processing. As Bill has communicated to me, "The TUP will have mitigation in it to protect the public on traffic and the environment with "no use" of the meadow or bike park until CEQA is finished."

SOFA has written two previous letters to Senior Planner Kevin White supporting the project : one on 24 September 2015 responding to the notice of preparation of a draft EIR, and a second letter on 21 July 2016 responding to the completed draft EIR. In each letter we have encouraged the County of San Bernardino to move forward in completing the EIR as efficiently as possible so SkyPark can be brought before the Board of Supervisors for a vote on the Conditional Use Permit.

Your direct action in granting the Temporary Use Permit will allow SkyPark to open for this holiday season. Thank you for your efforts helping to continue moving this highly significant project forward toward an economically and environmentally sustainable outcome benefitting our local residents, tourists and our County.

Sincerely,

Hugh A. Bialecki, DMD
President, Save Our Forest Association, Inc.

cc: Mr. Kevin White, Senior Planner
Land Use Services Dept - Planning Division

Ms. Janice Rutherford, Second District Supervisor

Mr. James Ramos, Chair, Third District Supervisor

Mr. Bill Johnson, SkyPark Project Manager

Mr. Harry Bradley, Publisher, The Mountain News