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Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains

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Senator Fran Pavley
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Dear Senator Pavley:

The Santa Susana Mountain Park Association thanks you for inviting us to your office in Calabasas on Monday, October 28, 2013, to discuss our campaign to find a way to **guarantee** that the lands of the Santa Susana Field Lab will be **protected as open space and parkland after their cleanup has been certified as complete.**

We sincerely appreciate your interest in the future of the SSFL, and your concern to understand our position clearly, as evidenced by the pertinent questions you asked.

In addition to our request to help us find a way to **defuse the GSA disposition threat** to the NASA property, we would like you and your colleagues to consider revising the **target completion date** for SSFL cleanup.

We fear that to continue working toward the current, overly optimistic date of 2017 will result in an incomplete and unnecessarily destructive cleanup. For example, all rocket engine **test stands are expected to be demolished** by early 2014 to accommodate requirements of the 2017 target completion date. These properties are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and we think at least one of these properties should be preserved as a record of the remarkable history of rocket engine development at the site. Under Section 106 and NEPA, and perhaps CEQA, such structures would normally not be destroyed unless a complete evaluation was made.

We suggest a revised target date of **2020**, to allow for responsible completion of all the planning and execution that still needs to be done.

Next to last, we asked you to consider **approving a proposed web page article** that we would use on our website (ssmpa.com), confirming that SSMPA and you and your staff have had a discussion about the future end use of SSFL lands after cleanup is complete. A proof copy of such a piece is included as the last page of this document. Please review and let us know if we can use it. Of course, we are willing to work with you on modifications if needed.

Finally, during our meeting we touched lightly on the question of Boeing Company's intentions for end use of its large pieces of SSFL property. Here are two examples that suggest Boeing's public position (emphasis added).

"In an effort to preserve this vital wildlife corridor, Boeing initiated discussions with government agencies, community organizations and conservation groups on a land use plan to preserve its 2,400 acres of land at Santa Susana as open space and voluntarily donate it to serve the public for future generations."
http://www.boeing.com/boeing/aboutus/environment/santa_susana/future.page

"As the site transforms to open space parkland, Boeing is working to preserve the thriving ecosystem of native plants and animals."
http://www.boeing.com/boeing/aboutus/environment/santa_susana/mail_list.page

Senator Pavley, we truly appreciate your demonstrated willingness to listen to and work with community-based organizations like Santa Susana Mountain Park Association, and your ongoing support of open space preservation in key areas.

Sincerely,



Teena Takata
President, Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

About Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 42 year-old non-profit organization based in Chatsworth, Los Angeles, California.

We represent approximately 700 members and concerned citizens, and we partner with many organizations to promote ecological and recreational quality in Southern California.

SSMPA's mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains, and surrounding open space.

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[Senator Fran Pavley](#)

California State Senator, SD 27

Senator Pavley serves as the Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. She also chairs a Select Committee on Climate Change. The Senator has been a long-time opponent of the sale, purchase and use of anticoagulant rodenticides that are sickening and killing pets and wildlife.



Sen. Fran Pavley

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SSMPA visited **Senator Pavley** on October 28, 2013, to discuss our campaign to arrange responsibly for the future of the former Santa Susana Field Laboratory.

Our campaign urges the National Park Service to step forward now to arrange to take over the 450-acre NASA-administered piece of the SSFL, after NASA completes its cleanup, and preserve it as open space and parkland forever.

Senator Pavley supports future use of SSFL properties as open space and parkland after the cleanup is completed.

SSMPA thanks the Senator and her staff for helping to expand the conversation about future end-use of this federally-owned land with other key elected officials.