



Santa Susana Mountain Park Association

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

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**TO: Office of Historic Resources
Department of City Planning
200 N. Spring Street, Room 620
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

**Re: Support for Nomination of the Chatsworth Old Mission Trail as a City of
Los Angeles Historical-Cultural Monument**

The **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association's** (SSMPA's) mission is to preserve and protect the Simi Hills, Santa Susana Mountains and regional open space. Our organization was formed in 1971, and since that time we have continually monitored development within our region, advocating for open space, local public health, and preservation of cultural resources.

SSMPA hereby expresses its hearty support for Dean and Darlene Wageman's application (dated 5/09/2017) for monument status of **The Chatsworth Old Mission Trail**. The trail dates back to the first decade of the Nineteenth Century and was a key connector between the San Fernando Mission and the Buenaventura Mission, via the Santa Susana Pass at today's Chatsworth. The trail is the earliest of the many transportation initiatives through the Pass over the past two centuries (wagon, stagecoach, train, auto roads, freeway, water, pipelines). The trail also memorializes the popular perception of Chatsworth as a western, equestrian corner of Los Angeles.

The Board of Directors of the SSMPA unanimously urges the Office of Historic Resources to memorialize the unique **Old Mission Trail**.

Sincerely,

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About **Santa Susana Mountain Park Association:**

Santa Susana Mountain Park Association is a 45 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.

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