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## LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN GREIG SMITH

### Las Lomas Lawsuit Defeated in Court, a Victory for the City & the Community

**Los Angeles** - A Judge has thrown out the lawsuit by the developers of the Las Lomas project that would have forced the City to re-open review of the massive 5,500 home mini-city, marking another resounding defeat of Las Lomas.

“I am delighted that after six years of fighting this ill-conceived project, it appears to be finally dead,” said Councilman Greig Smith, who led a broad coalition of community members and groups, Neighborhood Councils, elected officials and environmental advocates who opposed the massive development.

The developers proposed building 2 million square feet of commercial space, a 300-room hotel, and over 5,500 homes in the north San Fernando Valley where the 5 and 14 Freeways converge. The site is an environmentally sensitive area that is a huge traffic bottleneck for the region.

“This victory is a great holiday gift for the community,” Smith said.

A 10-to-5 majority of the City Council sided with Councilman Smith’s position that Las Lomas would have been disastrous for the community, for public safety, for traffic, and for the environment, and voted to reject the Las Lomas project.

After the defeat in Council, the Las Lomas developers sued the City for \$100 million and tried to force it to reopen review of the project. The Judge in the case rejected every aspect of the lawsuit on Friday, Dec. 12, effectively ending this last-ditch effort by the developers.

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