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Comments for Public Posting: This project is irresponsible and harmful to the community on a number of levels. Our public schools are drastically underfunded. Children local to the community of North Hills are not receiving the quality of education they deserve. According to CREED LA, Valor is using public funds, funds that should be given to any of the 20 local schools that are in dire need of it. Funds that could be used to hire more teachers, pay them better and build new infrastructure to support the children of North Hills. Instead, children from a community outside of North Hills are getting preferential treatment. This is not the way families within a community should be treated. If Valor isn't using public funds like they claim, why take down their financial information when accused? Something is not adding up. These are families who are desperate for some green space in a sea of concrete. Instead, what may end up being the last usable plot of land for a park, is being turned into a space for people outside of the community. Valor is set to be constructed by non-union workers. In Los Angeles, this typically means a number of illegal immigrants are hired for the job. Hiring non-union, illegal workers leads to their own exploitation while simultaneously taking jobs away from workers who simply want to be paid fair wages and respected for their time. Union laborers are vetted for their expertise in the field. Their work is safe and it is reliable. I know firsthand that LADBS inspectors allow unlicensed and illegal subcontractors, as long as their general contractor is licensed and legitimate. Relying on non-union workers is unsafe for the school and the community alike. What happens if an improperly retrofitted structure collapses on a building full of students during an earthquake? What happens if an improperly wired structure is consumed by an electrical fire that's spreads to surrounding homes?