

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of the grass-roots organization, the North Hills Preservation Consortium, we hope that the City Council will overturn the LA City Planning's decision to approve the construction of a new Valor Academy charter elementary school at 15526 & 15544 Plummer Street in North Hills. This site is not appropriate for a school due to traffic, safety, pollution and environmental concerns. The City Planning Commission abused its discretion and violated the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") when it approved the Project's CUP and SPR for the Project, and in adopting the MND, Findings, and Modified Conditions of Approval in violation of CEQA and land use laws. Furthermore, construction of the school at this site will remove the opportunity for green space surrounding the new Historic Cultural Monument, a 1914 house owned by the Plummer family and located at 15526 Plummer Street. The North Hills Preservation Consortium would restore the 1914 historic house and create a museum, surrounded by open space for the entire community. The charter school plan consists of one and two-story, 26.5-foot-tall, elementary school buildings with 28 classrooms, totaling 23,538 square-feet, for grades transitional kindergarten ("TK") through 4; a 3,182 square-foot multi- purpose room, administrative spaces, corridors, storage spaces, and covered outdoor dining, and a surface parking lot with an ingress/egress driveway off Plummer Street to accommodate a maximum enrollment of 552 students. There are already 12 elementary schools in North Hills, a town of 5.5 square miles. We do not need another school. Carlos Santana Arts Academy an LAUSD elementary school is 1/3 mile from the proposed site. Building an elementary school at this site destroys any chance for the community to enjoy this historical cultural monument and a new park. The North Hills-Panorama City-Mission Hills district is in dire need of open space. The North Hills Preservation Consortium will work with the city to bring the Plummer Street Project to fruition.