

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We ask for your support on May 2 to allow our CEQA appeal to move forward rather than allowing a categorical exemption. We ask that you please visit this site before the hearing to see first-hand the negative safety impacts this project WILL have for the students and parents of Gardner Street School, the environmentally sensitive parcel abutting this project. The title 1 school is home to approximately 400 students, and it is now an Arts Integration Magnet. Selma Avenue Elementary was folded into Gardner in 2020 due to declining enrollment. Please consider this during your visit or imagine: • The project calls for 92 rooftop parking spaces with all ingress and egress flowing through a single driveway on Gardner (not to mention delivery and trash trucks). • Look at this visibility-restricted driveway and then look less than 100 yards to the North at the student drop off/pick up area on that same sidewalk. • Think of the kids and parents walking across this ingress/egress driveway twice each day. The proposed hours of operation are from 7 am to 11 pm. • Look at the bump out on the NE side of Sunset/Gardner and how it narrows the road at this already highly trafficked intersection. • Consider this is also the main northern route for emergency calls for FD 41. We are not against new operations or serving alcohol per se. Here, we know the intensity of this proposed use at this specific site will create immediate safety issues. The school and the community need the protection of a full environmental review.
Laura Grenfell Gardner Street Resident