

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joey Jovanovich

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2023 02:46 PM

**Council File No:** 21-1113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Joey David Jovanovich 1:53?PM (51 minutes ago) to councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org, anais.gonzalez@lacity.org, me Dear Councilmember, I am parent at Gardner Street Elementary and I oppose the multi-level shopping complex at Sunset and Gardner Street. See below for the reasons. Some of the concerns regarding this project raised by school parents and neighbors include: - The proposed 92 rooftop parking spaces overlooking the Gardner Street schoolyard. - The visibility-restricted single driveway entrance on Gardner Street to accommodate all incoming and outgoing vehicles, including delivery and trash trucks. - The fact that this visibility-restricted driveway entrance is less than 100 yards from Gardner Street Elementary's student drop off/pick up location and must be crossed by hundreds of parents and students on foot each day. This is a major red flag considering just this week a student was hit by a car near Berendo Middle School and a mother and her 6 year old daughter were hit by a truck while walking to Hancock Park Elementary School - the mother was pronounced dead at the scene and the daughter remains in critical condition. LAUSD Superintendent Alberto Carvalho called for legislation to provide additional safety precautions and measures to ensure safe passages to schools, because it is clearly and desperately needed in our urban communities. - The fact that the proposed project would allow for the sales of a full line of alcoholic beverages during the hours that school is open. - The fact that the highly trafficked intersection of Sunset and Gardner is often congested as it is and is also the main northern route for emergency calls to FD 41. Kind regards, Joey Jovanovich Parent of a 5th and 1st grader

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Name: Korbi Ghosh  
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Comments for Public Posting: Please make sure this petition is entered into the case file. thank you!!  
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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tina Ger

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2023 09:21 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Tina Ger 842 N Hayworth Ave West Hollywood, CA 90046 To the City Council I'm reaching out regarding the multi-level shopping pavilion with restaurants that has been approved by the City of Los Angeles to be built on the corner of Gardner Street and Sunset Boulevard. As a mother of a Gardner Street Elementary student, I'm worried over what this means for our children. The amount of dust, debris, and noise is already unbearable with the current construction site on Sunset Boulevard that stretches over full three blocks. As far as I know these three buildings will be not only residential but also commercial. Looking at Sunset Boulevard/Gardner Street there is no need for extra shopping pavilions that would attract only more homeless people to an even closer proximity to the school. The situation at Ralphs on Sunset Boulevard is already dangerous enough. We have constant fires there, tent cities, bodies we are crossing on our way to school. More shopping facilities would only worsen the situation and increase traffic that is already at its limit. With the fire station right on Gardner Street more traffic seems to be rather hazardous. All in all, I hope we will be able to block this project and allow the City to reevaluate what is best approved on a property next to an Elementary school. Thank you, Tina Ger

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Salada

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2023 09:23 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Jennifer Salada Fri, Apr 28, 3:08?PM (3 days ago) to me To whom it may concern- I am writing to you today because we have just been informed this week that a project to tear down all the buildings to the west of Guitar Center on Sunset Boulevard—immediately next to Gardner’s playground—and erect a multi level shopping pavilion with bars and restaurants has been approved by the City of Los Angeles.  
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The negative safety impacts this project WILL have for the students and parents of Gardner Street School are significant. The dust, debris and sound disturbances of the construction will be a health hazard to the students who are out on the yard playing and learning in nearby classrooms. Our title 1 school is home to more than 400 students, many of whom walk across the intersection of Sunset and Gardner multiple times a day. That is already a busy intersection and adding a complex of that size will only make it worse. The proposed 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). Gardner is a narrow street which already gets backed up at school start and stop times. Putting a heavily trafficked driveway there is a bad idea in general, but even worse when you consider it is directly next door to a school. It will add to the traffic and create an incredible safety hazard for parents and students walking to and from school. This plan is just inviting tragedy. Just this week a mother was killed and her 6 year old daughter injured in a traffic accident in the crosswalk in front of Hancock Park Elementary School. I fear an accident like this is inevitable with a sole entrance to a property being put directly in the path of students. I am also incredibly uncomfortable, as a parent, knowing that this public parking lot will look down on our children at play each day. Also consider this is also the main northern route for emergency calls for FD 41 just a block away on Gardner. Blocking the route of emergency vehicles seems like a huge safety issue for the entire community. We are not against new operations or construction. But because of the intensity and scale of this proposed project at this specific site creating immediate safety issues, the school and the community need the protection of

a full environmental review. The fact that the city and the developers would try to bypass this step is absolutely outrageous and, as a parent, I am deeply upset. This project can not move forward as it stands. It is harmful to the community that it wants to be a part of. Thanks you, Jennifer Salada Parent to 3rd graders at Gardner Street Elementary

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michael Slenske

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2023 09:25 AM

**Council File No:** 21-1113

**Comments for Public Posting:** Emergency appeal for CEQA evaluation of proposed development adjacent to Gardner Street School Inbox Michael Slenske Sun, Apr 30, 4:07?PM (17 hours ago) to councilmember.soto-martinez, anais.gonzalez, bcc: me Dear Council Member Soto-Martinez, I am writing to you in regards to the multi-level shopping pavilion that was recently approved, without review, by the City of Los Angeles adjoining the Gardner Street School. This development, which will be filled with bars and restaurants, should not move forward not at all and certainly not without a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) evaluation, because this multi-level development with 92 rooftop parking spaces will be overlooking the students of Gardner Street School on their playground as well as all of the surrounding neighbors. Not only will the noise, dust, and overall environmental impact be detrimental to the development of the children at Gardner, our seven year-old daughter included, the traffic congestion that this project will create will simply be untenable for the neighborhood. The Sunset Square neighborhood is already completely over-crowded with the cars of Gardner parents, Runyon Canyon hikers, Hollywood rush hour traffic, and the central northern route for emergency calls to FD 41 on a daily (and nightly) basis. To add to that number of cars in a neighborhood with an elementary school is simply reckless and unwarranted. We do not need any more bars or grocery stores in the neighborhood and the developers could have rented the current development to plenty of would-be tenants. Instead, they have spent the past five years evicting tenants, including our long-term dry cleaner and a yoga studio, both of which were beloved services for the neighborhood. As I'm sure you are aware, LAUSD Superintendent Alberto Carvalho recently called for legislation to provide additional safety measures for safer passages to schools in the wake of a 14 year-old being hit by a car near Berendo Middle School as well as a mother and her 6 year old daughter being hit by a truck while walking to Hancock Park Elementary School. That mother was pronounced dead at the scene and the daughter remains in critical condition. Allowing more venues serving alcohol—and potential drunk drinkers—into another residential neighborhood abutting an elementary school is craven and irresponsible. We need to stop this development and ensure that a thorough environmental

review will be allowed to move forward rather than letting another categorical exemption for an unnecessary development be approved. Thank you for serving this community and its children.  
Sincerely, Michael Slenske

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Donald Wasson

**Date Submitted:** 05/01/2023 12:49 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Donald Wasson 4/29/2023 Council File No: 21-1113 Comments for Public Posting A resident of this neighborhood for almost 4 decades, I offer my strongest support for allowing our CEQA appeal to move forward. It is nearly impossible for me to imagine that anyone actually familiar the corner of Gardner and Sunset, it's traffic patterns, and the Gardner Elementary School could think the proposed plan makes sense or is workable. I am particularly concerned about the environmental impact on the parents, teachers, staff, and children at the Gardner Street Elementary School. This project will, if successful, obviously create more air pollution (and noise pollution) in and around the school and neighborhood. I worry that building a 100 car parking lot overlooking the school playground could damage the health of the schoolchildren. It is very important to assess these issues carefully. To do that we need you to support our request for the CEQA appeal.