

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Just because you can, doesn't mean that you should. As of January 1, if you're in a hurry and don't want to walk up to the crosswalk, you can cross the street without using the crosswalk and you will not be breaking the law. However, if you are on a busy street and you have your young child with you, wouldn't you carefully consider your surroundings and look for dangers that might put your child in harm's way? If someone shouts to you, "Look out, a car is speeding this way!", holding your child's hand, wouldn't you slow down and stop to look and wait until there are no cars coming or dangers in your path to then guide your child safely and if there are too many risks, wouldn't you then choose to walk to the crosswalk? It seems to me that these appeals are shouts of warning about allowing this school project to move forward with the Determination that City Planning approved because the risks and possible dangers have not been carefully considered or mitigated and that the City should slow this down to examine the issues raised. I realize that the applicant paid for expedited processing, but I think that after looking at the concerns listed in the two appeals, EVERYONE, City Council, City Planning, Brightstar, parents, students and residents will want to take the time to carefully consider each issue brought up, conduct a full EIR for this site and re-evaluate the Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit. The excitement of a brand-new elementary school facility may have caught supporters up in the rush to move this through, but those responsible for approving and establishing this school for young children must look past the excitement and heed the shouts of warning. No one wants to be responsible for ignoring the warnings if things go wrong, increased pollution of dangerous toxins in the air resulting in asthma, respiratory or heart problems, trouble concentrating, death or injury walking to school because of inadequate sidewalk access because a careful and thorough examination might take too much time. Los Angeles was once again just rated the most ozone pollution region in the nation, despite efforts to clean up the air. Shouldn't we take that seriously before building a school perilously close to the 405 freeway, under the flight path of the Van Nuys airport, one half of a block from Sepulveda Boulevard with an ozone level of 95 (according to OEHHA)? A square peg might not fit into a round hole, maybe the peg needs to be shaved

off to fit properly but after taking a good look at the situation, the conclusion may be that it's just the wrong peg. An elementary school at this site might be the wrong peg for this site or it might need reshaping, but unlike a peg, people could get be negatively impacted or hurt without careful and deliberate consideration of the issues that have been raised and not examined. Thank you Jill Akahoshi

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wil Negrete

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I have lived in Sepulveda for 35 years and have never had this opportunity to have a park or open space for this community. Now a corporate entity wants to destroy our neighborhood with a hundred cars for year round classes on Plummer St. Traffic is horrible around 3-5pm, and now days I need travel an alternate route to get home. With the new school it be worse than it is now. There are many schools nearby, three grammar schools within one mile which be a sufficient amount for the kids in this area. I approve the appeal to reject this project and hope L.A. city council can bring a nice park or a desperately needed library for ALL to use. The k you

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**Name:** Linda

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members and City Council Planning and Land Use Management Committee Members, Please reject the Letter of Determination issued by City Planning, support the appeals filed and order a full EIR to be conducted before anything is reviewed or approved for this project.