

Council File 23-0340

Charles Johnson – Appellant

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Councilmembers,

The matter today is not about whether children and parents like the school, the matter today is about the two appeals filed in March 2023 asking the City to take care and order a full EIR to thoroughly examine the environmental impact that this project may bring to the young children attending, staff who will work at and residents who live nearby the proposed school. By Federal, State or City standards, 440 feet from a freeway is too close. City Planning did not adequately respond to the issues in my appeal or did not address them at all. For example, City Planning ignored the issue of why the Pollution Burden Results for this area is comparable or worse than an area that has five times the traffic, it did not respond to the issue of Mission Mile Sepulveda Project being completely left out of the traffic impact study. the Applicant must include in the traffic study how the over 1200 ADT that the school project will bring to the area will have an effect on traffic and the environment once or two lanes of traffic on Sepulveda are removed to widen the median. City Planning feels that removing mature trees and an opportunity for open greenspace is mitigated by adding new trees and shrubs which will take years to mature and artificial turf...artificial turf might be green, but it doesn't help the environment. City Planning only focused on Plummer Street as a safe street for students to walk to school, ignoring all of the surrounding streets that do not have continuous sidewalks, if all of the students will be living on Plummer then I guess it doesn't matter, there are too many issues not addressed or properly mitigated, no part of this project should move forward until a full EIR is completed and publicly reviewed.

I'd like to add that after being informed weeks ago that the over 3 foot weeds are a fire danger, much of 15544 Plummer remains overgrown and dry (someone cut some of the weeds but left dry cuttings behind as well) after if the current state of the project site is any indication of how the property owner/applicant feels about the effects this project will have on others, then we should all have reason question their assessment on the safety of this site.