September 2, 2009

Public Works Committee
Councilmember Jose Huizar, Chair
Councilmember Richard Alarcón
Councilmember Greig Smith

Re: Item 3, 09-1060, Central Region Elementary School No. 21

Dear Councilmembers,

I ask that you approve the City Engineer’s report with the Bureau of Engineering’s recommendations. Additionally, I ask that you amend the City Engineer’s report and remove condition 5 (a) which requires the widening of Central Avenue to meet secondary highway standards.

Right now, I am working with the Planning Department, the Department of Transportation and the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles on the Southeast Los Angeles Community Plan update. There are many actions taking place within the community plan update and one of them is the downgrading of Central Avenue to a modified highway. A modified highway standard would not require the widening.

Central Avenue is a historic corridor and will be downgraded in order to improve the pedestrian environment and to respect the scale and character of the Avenue. Again, I ask that the widening condition be removed so this section of Central Avenue is consistent.

Sincerely,

Jan Perry
Councilmember, District Nine

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