



April 7, 2015
City Clerk, Room 935
City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Case No. CPC-2011-1923-CU-SPR-PA1 - New West Charter

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Divisions

Advanced Systems

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Sciences

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Scalable Systems

Dynamic Systems

Information
processing Center

Integration
Sciences

Intelligent
Systems

Silicon Systems
(MOSIS)

My name is Kristina Lerman. I am Los Angeles resident and a parent who wants high quality education for her children. On April 14th, the PLUM committee will vote on New West's plan to expand their enrollment to allow new 6th grader to enter the school next academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to express my full support for NEW WEST CHARTER SCHOOL and its plan to bring highest quality – award winning! – education to more children.

We thought we hit the jackpot when our 5th grader beat out 600 other applicants to get a spot at New West. (This year only siblings and 5th graders from Brockton - a neighborhood elementary - were admitted, and we are in this preferenced category) We have an 8th grader at the school, so we know first-hand how a high quality education can transform a young life. Our older child has bloomed academically and personally, discovered new interests and new passions. Since 6th grade, she has wanted to be an astronomer, although, this year she has become deeply interested in American history. A child most often described as "quiet", she discovered a talent for speech, and won numerous trophies at Speech and Debate tournaments.

Unfortunately, a few local residents are trying to stop families like mine from sending kids to the school. Over the last three years, we have done our best to be good neighbors, abiding by the draconian traffic policies. Our school does not have a single documented CUP violation or a police phone call from a city in the 3 years that we have been there. Our family carpools, and while it is difficult to coordinate our life rhythms with 3 other families, it is all worth it if it means great education for our kids! Our school's clean record in complying with traffic mitigation terms of the CUP is one of the reasons that we have received unanimous support for our request to expand from the City Planning Commission. It would be terrible for our city - and our family in particular - if the request was not approved. We are desperate!

This school has made a tremendous impact on my family, and is a vital institution in the local community. We are one of the most diverse and highest performing schools in the city! Our record speaks for itself - New West is a California Distinguished School and ranks in the top 1% of highest performing schools in LA! I beg you to support this important issues for families and kids.

Thank you for your time,

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April 2, 2015

City of Los Angeles
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Re: Case No CPC-2011-1923-CU-SPR-PA1
New West Charter School located at 1905, 1911,, 1915 Armacost Ave LA 90025

Dear Mr. Garcett,

As a home owner on Brockton Avenue located across the street from the New West Chart School, we are adamantly opposed to allowing an increase in enrollment from 750 to 825 students for the following reasons:

1. Currently, the traffic between 4pm-6:30pm is bumper to bumper and impossible for us to pull out of the driveway.
2. The parents of the students are not supposed to park on Brockton to pick up their child, but they ignore the school policy.
3. There have been numerous accidents on Missouri and Brockton – it is unsafe for any pedestrian let alone cars that are trying to cut through traffic. A fatality is waiting to happen. Cars honk their horns in frustration over the gridlock
4. There is a tremendous amount of traffic in the area due to the school, commercial businesses which is expanding just east of Brockton, condo & apartment dwellers, and homeowners. In addition, people who have handicap stickers park their cars on Brockton, and walk to LA Fitness. They are not handicapped, but have the stickers. They line up Brockton day and night.

Also, please do not do a traffic study over a holiday or summer when school is out.

By allowing an increase in enrollment is not good for all the taxpaying homeowners in the 2-3 block radius of this school. We urge not to approve!

Sincerely,

Michael and Elaine Lips

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