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**Re: April 14, 2015 Appeal Hearing – New West Charter School**

Dear Chair Huizar and Members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee:

We serve as general counsel to New West Charter School (“New West” or the “Charter School”). As general counsel, we provide New West with general legal advice, which includes the Charter School’s compliance with the terms set forth in its Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) to occupy its current school site located at 1905 Armacost Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025 (“Armacost”). New West is the Applicant for the Plan Approval (Council File 15-0038, CPC-2011-1923-CU-SPR-PA1, ENV-2011-1924-MND, 1905, 1911, 1915 Armacost [New West Charter School]), which included an enrollment increase of 75 students, from 750 to 825 students that the City Planning Commission (the “Commission”) unanimously approved on September 11, 2014.

We are writing this letter to encourage the honorable members of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee (“PLUM”) to reaffirm the Commission’s unanimous decision to increase New West’s enrollment to 825 students and to reject the appeals of Mr. Handal and Mr. Casas, as the Charter School has and will continue to fully comply with the Commission’s conditions of approval, including the strict and highly structured Traffic Mitigation and Monitoring Program (“TMMP”).

New West’s overall compliance with the TMMP remains exemplary as New West continuously strives to improve compliance through its extensive carpool and bussing programs as well as its “Walking Pass” program. Through these programs New West has substantially complied with the TMMP and continues to significantly reduce the number of traffic-related complaints associated with the Charter School’s operation.

Accordingly, we respectfully encourage the honorable members of the PLUM Committee to follow the unanimous decision of the Commission and deny the aforementioned appeals in order to allow New West to continue to provide educational

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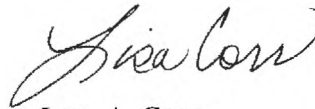
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opportunities to the underprivileged and economically disadvantaged youth of the community that New West has strived to serve since its inception.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Re: Council File 15-0038 ✓  
CPC-2011-1923-CU-SPR-PAI  
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1905,1911,1915 Armacost (New West Charter School)  
Opposing enrollment increase

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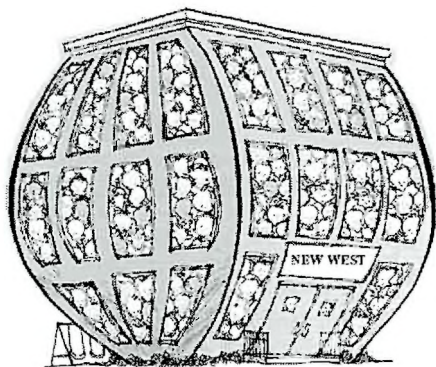
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Please seriously think of what contributions residents who own homes surrounding the school have made. They never expected 750 students "in their front yard". And my guess is they've been good about it. Now this proposal is to stuff 75 more down their throats. Please. Let's keep the promise made to them when the school's location was approved. They no longer have the peace they once had in this quiet neighborhood, can no longer consider 40-50 years of living in peaceful enjoyment.

In today's educational climate, intimate school sizes do well. Before today, before moving into the Armacost location, wasn't 750 a decided number? That's the number requested and the number approved by the PLUM Committee. Didn't NW owners produce research to find out if New West Armacost was viable for 750 students? How was that number arrived? The Pico Blvd site must have been compared with the Armacost site. Whatever that number was then isn't that what it is now? If you approve 75, will you approve another 75 (makes 150, right?) the another 75 (225) and 75 (300 is a bigger number!).

It's a poor point to finger "economically disadvantaged" children in order to push through an enrollment increase when that isn't the truth. But, if you *were* to approve 75, would Resnik agree to enroll all disadvantaged students to make up those 75 and to maintain that from now on? There are only half of one 6th graders who are disadvantaged.

My curiosity nudges me, saying the reason for a 75 increase is not educational benefits, but personal profit. Breaking promises: Lost integrity.



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