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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(3) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 08/15/2022

Type of NC Board Action: Neutral Position

Impact Information

Date: 08/16/2022

Update to a Previous Input: No

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Council File Number: 22-1111-s1

Agenda Date: 08/15/2022

Item Number: X. E. 4.

Summary: The Reseda Neighborhood Council requests that the APHEN committee request information from the Los Angeles Unified School District. Recent reporting suggests that LAUSD has forgiven a large amount of charter school over allocation debt related to Proposition 39 co-locations. In particular, changes in over allocation monies appear to have cost a school in our boundaries \$24,237 in money owed to it. The state sets the rate charged for over allocation on a per pupil basis in order to discourage charter schools from requesting more space than they need. However, some schools including Citizens of the World Charter have consistently overestimated the space needed for their students. No where in the law does it indicate that the fee can be reduced or forgiven. Please see the attached file for our full statement. This vote took place in a Brown Act compliant meeting on June 20, 2022. The vote was 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 recused, 4 absent. A second vote to place it on this council file took place on 8/15/22 and the vote 10 yes, 0 no, 3 abstain, 2 absent.



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Dear Arts, Parks, Health, Education and Neighborhoods Committee,

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Shirley Elementary was co-located with Citizens of the World 5 which led to a loss of classroom spaces and programming. This issue was contentious within our community and was further compounded by the fact that Citizen of the World charter school overestimated the amount of space needed to serve its students. When a charter school overestimates its student population, it owes the public school from which it stole the space monetary payment to make up for the loss.

However recent reporting suggests the money owed by Citizens of the World charter was reduced from \$34,625.44 to \$10,388. This is a nearly 70% reduction in fees owed to our Reseda school. Shirley Avenue elementary school students deserve the entire \$34,625.44 owed to them. That amount of money is significant and can purchase supplies and fund programming. Shirley Elementary serves a minority majority population where 80% of the students come from low income families and 26% of students are English language learners.



We would like the committee to request that LAUSD report back on these missing funds and ask that they make Shirley Avenue Elementary whole. We believe there is a fiduciary duty to Shirley Avenue Elementary that is not being honored.

Sincerely,

Reseda Neighborhood Council

CC: LAUSD Schoolboard Member Nick Melvoin, LAUSD Schoolboard Member Scott Schmerelson

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