

Attachment A-11

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Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 11:23 AM
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Subject: Head Royce CUP modification application
Attachments: Final Clean Version - NSC Proposal. August 17, 2015.pdf

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission, and Planners-

I live at 1 Alida Court, a home my wife and I purchased in 1997. We raised our two children here, a 15 year old Freshman and 17 year old Senior, enrolled in local public schools. I have also been a member of the Neighborhood Liaison Committee (NLC), formed in compliance with the Head-Royce School (HRS) conditional use permit (CUP), and subsequently the Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) since 1998.

I am writing to request your support of the NSC proposal (attached), which outlines a number of recommendations for how to better balance HRS' right to run its school and our neighborhood's right to have HRS's negative impacts reasonably contained. When my wife and I purchased our home, we were well aware it was near a private K-12 school which brought traffic and parking issues into our streets during school pick up and drop off hours, as well as a few events a year. What I have watched play out in the 18 years I have lived here is a dramatic expansion of the school in almost every respect, including an explosion in the number of evening and weekend events they hold. Further, I have watched the school violate the use permit perpetually, and suffer no consequence for doing so, while the impacts of these violations keep growing, and land on the shoulders of me and my neighborhood.

In 2002 or so, HRS was illegally over-enrolled, in violation of its use permit, and approached the neighborhood asking for support to "legalize" the over-enrollment and then further expand its enrollment in phases as part of a new use permit. I was a member of the NLC at the time and recall that the entire neighborhood organized to oppose the school's proposal, and HRS withdrew its plans and instead engaged in a year's worth of meetings with the neighborhood to develop what is now the neighborhood agreements embedded in the current CUP.

We did not hire a lawyer at the time of these negotiations, and naively believed we could trust HRS representations that it wanted to be a "good neighbor" and would of course abide by the enrollment limits and responsibilities it assumed in these agreements. The agreements were intended to provide predictability to the neighbors that HRS would manage its traffic and parking impacts in a way that would not be detrimental to the neighborhood. Instead, HRS immediately reneged on nearly every aspect of the CUP. Most recently in 2012, supplemented in 2013, and on behalf of the entire neighborhood, the NSC filed a formal complaint and began submitting digital and video evidence to the City planning department, along with

numerous declarations from neighbors articulating the many ways in which HRS was taking over the neighborhood and was unresponsive to neighbor complaints, including those presented to it by the NSC.

The city planning department issued notices to HRS declaring the school out of compliance with its CUP, and even “urged” the school to delay enrollment increases, but the school did not listen to the City planner, nor NSC. Until very recently, the planning department has continued to pursue HRS into compliance. Yet, it still remains out of compliance regarding its over-enrollment. The planning department has had to spend countless hours dealing with this matter. My neighbors, the NSC, and I have had to continually witness HRS' failure to manage its negative impacts on our neighborhood, to the neglect of our personal lives and our families. My wife and I did not buy a house in the neighborhood so that we could constantly have HRS disrupt our enjoyment of our home with too many students that it cannot adequately manage, poor handling of its parking and traffic needs, excessive events, summer program traffic, and its inability or unwillingness to make the necessary changes to become a "good neighbor."

The NSC has researched many CUP's across the State to find examples of how cities struck a balance between residents' need for a peaceful and quiet neighborhood and affluent private schools' desire to expand. We have found that there are 2 key components necessary to regulate a balance, and without them, neighborhoods will be left in a position to continue to fight private schools continually attempting to expand in a residential neighborhood.

1. Penalty provisions: What is the penalty to HRS in the current CUP, or the one drafted by the planning department, if the school predictably violates a newly written CUP? Based on our decades of experience with HRS, the answer is that there is absolutely no consequence whatsoever. Until there is a consequence, why should the neighborhood see any re-written use permit as anything other than a loose guideline for the school to consider, but historically disregards. Please read the email from the current HRS chairman of the board where he announces the former Head Master's resignation (see cut / paste on the bottom of my email): 5 years into a contentious fight with the planning department and neighborhood regarding its illegal over-enrollment & more, he “celebrates” the “accomplishment” of Mr. Lake in “enrollment levels reaching an all-time high.” The HRS board and decision makers are not influenced by a CUP that fails to impose a consequence for violating the very components of its CUP that most adversely impact our lives in the neighborhood.
2. Independent Monitors: HRS has made modest investments in more monitors in our neighborhood- but only after political pressure was put on them by the city when we filed our complaint. We have hundreds of photos documenting the ineffectiveness of its own monitors. It uses students during the summer program when traffic and parking violations are triple as they are during the regular school year as these families don't have time to learn the rules. The HRS monitors who though nice and friendly to neighbors, have historically had limited impact. Even this past summer I have observed over a dozen incidents where an HRS car illegally U-turns near a monitor who not only doesn't observe nor record the incident, but engages the HRS parent in a friendly exchange on their way back up Lincoln Avenue and out the neighborhood. Finally, HRS has proven to have a conflict of interest in being able to accurately report on its own compliance- only independent 3rd party monitors address this inevitable challenge. These 3rd party independent monitors need to be paid for by the school, make unannounced random visits throughout the full calendar year, and report their findings to the City.

Our proposal includes both of these components and more. Since moving to this neighborhood, it has become increasingly institutionalized- with illegal U turn signs posted everywhere, 2- hour restricted parking signs added to our streets, and now HRS holds events almost every evening of the school year and multiple

events every weekend. It is not fair that the school has been allowed to expand its footprint with no consequence and in perpetual disregard for our right to some quiet time to enjoy our families, have a place to park, and to have some stability in knowing the school's impact will stop perpetually advancing deeper into our neighborhood.

Finally, I humbly ask you to consider the message it sends to me and my neighborhood, if the only 'consequence' HRS will suffer as a result of its perpetual use permit violations this past decade, is a vote by the planning commission to support their request to legalize their over-enrollment. Without financial penalties and regular 3rd party monitors reporting findings to the city, the addition of a TDM to the CUP is little more than an outline of how HRS should mitigate its adverse impacts & HRS will suffer no consequence should they predictably fall short of complying with expectations written in it.


Thank you for your consideration-

Randy

From: "Bill Newell, Board Chair" <boardchair@headroyce.org>

Date: August 12, 2015 at 8:01:34 PM PDT

Subject: Leadership Transition



Dear Families,

We are writing to let you know that we have accepted Rob Lake's resignation as Head of School. After discussions with him about the direction of the school, we have agreed to amicably part ways after his five years of service to the school as Head.

During his time as Head, Rob was a visionary leader who spearheaded critical projects and initiatives that will serve the school for decades to come. Under his leadership, we purchased the Lincoln Child Center property and initiated a curricular re-envisioning process. He improved the academic experience for students by introducing Mandarin in the lower school, differentiated Math in the middle school, and reinvigorating our upper school STEM focus with new electives such as Engineering and Computer Science. He brought new initiatives in on-line learning and customized learning opportunities with the Global Online Academy and our two Institutes for Applied learning in STEM and Global Programs. Also, during Rob's tenure, our Annual Fund increased by more than 50% with increased giving from all major constituents. **In addition, admissions significantly strengthened and enrollment today is at an all-time high.** Most importantly, Rob's passion and focus was always on the students and his love for children and

planning for their futures will make a long-lasting and positive impact on the school.

The Board of Trustees has selected Linda Hoopes to temporarily serve as acting Head of School. Linda will return to lead the Middle School upon the hiring of an Interim Head of School. We are in the final stages of the selection process and plan to announce the Interim Head in the next several weeks. Additional details about the Interim Head of School and the Board's plan to run a search will be forthcoming.

This is not goodbye - Rob and Heather will continue to be active and supportive parents in our Head-Royce community. Their son Tucker will be entering eighth grade, while Casey will be studying in Washington, D.C. and returning next year. As part of the transition, we have asked Rob to serve as an Advisor to the Board of Trustees.

We genuinely thank him for his service and wish him and his family all the very best.

Bill Newell

Chair, Board of Trustees

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Mayor, City Council, Planning Commissioners, and Planning Staff:

I am writing regarding the Head-Royce School (HRS) application for revision of their current Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

My home is directly above (and adjacent to) the parking lot and playing field. This property has been in my family since the mid 1940s and is where I grew up. I have witnessed many changes over the years, as the sleepy Anna Head morphed into the now monstrous Head Royce. The school has become far too obtrusive for this once quiet, residential neighborhood. Not only are the administrators unresponsive to the neighbors' concerns about the school's impact on their quality of life, they are downright contemptuous towards us. Neighbors do not attend meetings, write letters, and complain for "trivial" reasons. The validity of the schools claims of "we care about our neighbors" is blatantly obvious when you consider HRS's unwillingness to work together to remedy a serious ongoing drainage issue with their uphill neighbors, or even their refusal to allow a neighbor onto the school's property in order to fix a hole in their fence unless the neighbor pays a \$25.00 fee.

Some of the ongoing HRS issues my family (and my neighbors) continue to suffer with are as follows:

EXCESSIVE NOISE- VOLUME & DURATION:

The issue that affects my family the most continues to be the almost constant loud noise generated from the parking lot and playing field. Even inside our house, with all the windows closed, we can still hear it. We almost never enjoy peace and quiet on our property anymore. The noise has always been loud but now it is worse than ever due to the extreme overuse of the facility.

The usage of the parking lot starts early in the morning and continues late into the evenings, sometimes even after midnight. A couple times there were groups of young people making loud noise in the parking lot at 3:30am and 5:30am. Usually (whatever the gathering) everyone leaves the lot at the same time while yelling and honking car horns. During games on the playing field we have to listen to repetitions from an extremely loud air horn, and frequently we are forced to listen to really obscene rap music blasting from a car in the parking lot. On the weekends sports events by non-HRS athletic groups make a tremendous amount of noise. Summer camps use multiple inflatable play structures and the generators used to power them drone on for over eight hours straight (including set up and take down). Of course besides the noise from the generators there is also screaming from a very large number of kids, and the amplified announcements. During their Walk-A-Thon's loud music and amplified announcements continue non-stop for hours.

In order to provide effective oversight of these types of problems we'd like to see a security guard stationed in the parking lot and playing field area at all times whenever games or other events are held, simply to curtail the noise.

As for "non-authorized" events, recently on a Sunday afternoon two high school age boys drove go carts into the parking lot. As the only ones in the lot with the gate closed behind them, it was obvious they had used a card (or key) to gain access. They drove the carts all over on the paved areas, the grass field, and the baseball diamond for approx. 45 minutes. The go carts were as loud as revved up motorcycles and reverberated throughout the canyon.

Normal school noise is to be expected but the examples I cited are something else entirely and the neighbors should certainly not be subjected to this.

One very important point I'd like to make is that the noise in this canyon is greatly magnified due to the noise contours. My property, which lies at the end of the canyon, is shaped like an amphitheater and magnifies sound with great intensity. This is why friends who have visited during the Greek Festival report that the noise is louder on my property than on the street in front of the church. The same thing occurs with noise from Head Royce's parking lot and playing field.

In fact, during a recent conversation with Annie Campbell Washington (our new neighbor) while standing at a distance of (at least)100 feet apart, she remarked "I can't believe how easy it is to hear you, it sounds as if we are standing right next to each other".

In regard to HRS's Noise Survey (of 10-11-13), anyone with even a rudimentary knowledge of noise contours would know that the (2) survey points that were chosen would clearly yield results of lower volume. An accurate (and thus fair) assessment would have included additional readings taken from areas within the canyon known to provide (obviously) higher volumes, such as my property.

FIRE DANGER- LACK OF VEGETATION MANAGEMENT:

Years ago when HRS cleared the land to build their playing field the result was they also changed the intensity of the winds within the canyon. Now, winds whip up the canyon with great force, while before trees and structures were able to buffer the winds. Due to this change the fire danger is now much greater than it was previously, making consistent vegetation management more important than ever.

HRS relies on goats to clear the steep north slope abutting our property, yet the school doesn't clear the highly flammable Scotch Broom, Eucalyptus bark, dead branches, and "fire ladders" that the goats leave behind. They also do not cut down the young Eucalyptus sprouts which allows them to continue to grow into even more huge, flammable trees. It appears that the only areas that HRS is

interested in maintaining are the areas that the public sees and not the more dangerous areas where if a fire were to start, could easily advance uphill rapidly (fed by the strong winds) potentially causing another firestorm and leading to loss of property, (most likely) life, and of course resulting lawsuits.

I have spoken with administrators at HRS several times and the results have always been the same, a genuine lack of concern coupled with a dismissive attitude. On one occasion Dennis Malone claimed that HRS has an arborist inspect their trees every year but would not provide me the arborist's name nor a copy of his report. Afterwards I hired my own arborist and he found many problems with HRS's vegetation management in the areas directly abutting my property. He also stated "Anything that you do on your property will be ineffective unless they (HRS) also cleans up their side."

Adding to this potential fire danger, HRS often leaves the gates to the parking lot open on weekends thereby allowing easy (and unsupervised) access to anyone, not just those with ties to the school.

The East Bay Regional Parks District has ongoing vegetation management programs to remove the eucalyptus due to the high fire danger. The City of Oakland's own web site has printed guidelines for dealing with vegetation management and fire suppression. It is no secret that Eucalyptus trees and Scotch Broom are both highly flammable. To think that HRS has been allowed to continually bypass routine maintenance all these years and then only do the bare minimum to get by (only after complaints were filed with the Fire Dept. and the Mayor's office) is really quite appalling.

Due to this continual negligence we would like to see a provision added to their CUP that would require the school to remove (yearly) the young Eucalyptus sprouts, as well as keep the north slope and the area adjacent to the east side of their parking lot, free of Eucalyptus litter, Scotch Broom, and "Fire Ladders" at all times.

LACK OF SUPERVISION- PARKING LOT & BALL FIELD:

A tremendous amount of noise and other problems could be eliminated completely if HRS would take the appropriate measures to secure their parking lot and playing field. First and foremost is the gate at Lincoln Ave which should remain locked at all times. The small "path" which provides access around the outside of the gate, should of course be closed off.

We would like to see dogs prohibited on the property as it has become a problem and the school should not be allowed to be used as a dog park, as it currently is. One particular woman (assumed to be dog walker) is able to access the area by using either the path around the gate or driving in when the gate is left open. She brings different dogs on an almost daily basis and allows the dogs to run loose. Some of the out of control dogs have run loose throughout the neighborhood until she has finally been able to catch them up to 45 minutes later. On one occasion two of her dogs came onto my property and threatened me and my animals. Attempts to reason with her have failed, as she has been combative and unwilling to alter her "routine".

Often multiple cars with groups of young people drive into the lot on the weekends to blast their car stereos and socialize. Usually yelling and other unacceptable behaviors occur.

When HRS rents their playing field and parking lot, the users don't appear to have been given any sort of guidelines to follow in regard to behavior and noise. There has been very loud music, yelling, and trespassing onto neighboring properties during these events. We would like to see the school prohibited from renting out their facilities.

Even when HRS has been in session, with a coach and players on the playing field, I witnessed 4 male students climb up the steep north slope and trespass onto my property. When I called the

school office to report this (after I scared them off) the coach stated they were not his boys (despite the fact they were wearing HRS uniforms).

I am aware that HRS has security guards that walk the school, unfortunately that is all I've seen them do. During all the incidents that have happened in the parking lot or on the playing field, never once have we seen a guard respond to investigate. Because of the large amount of problems originating in this area I believe an onsite security guard should be provided 24 hours a day to respond to neighbor complaints of excessive noise, suspicious activity, trespass etc, especially since our police force is unable to respond in a timely manner.

Due to all these issues, we would greatly appreciate a requirement that HRS install a fence that would prevent access to the north slope area above the upper parking lot, playing field, and tennis courts.

LACK OF MORAL RESPONSIBILITY- QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES:

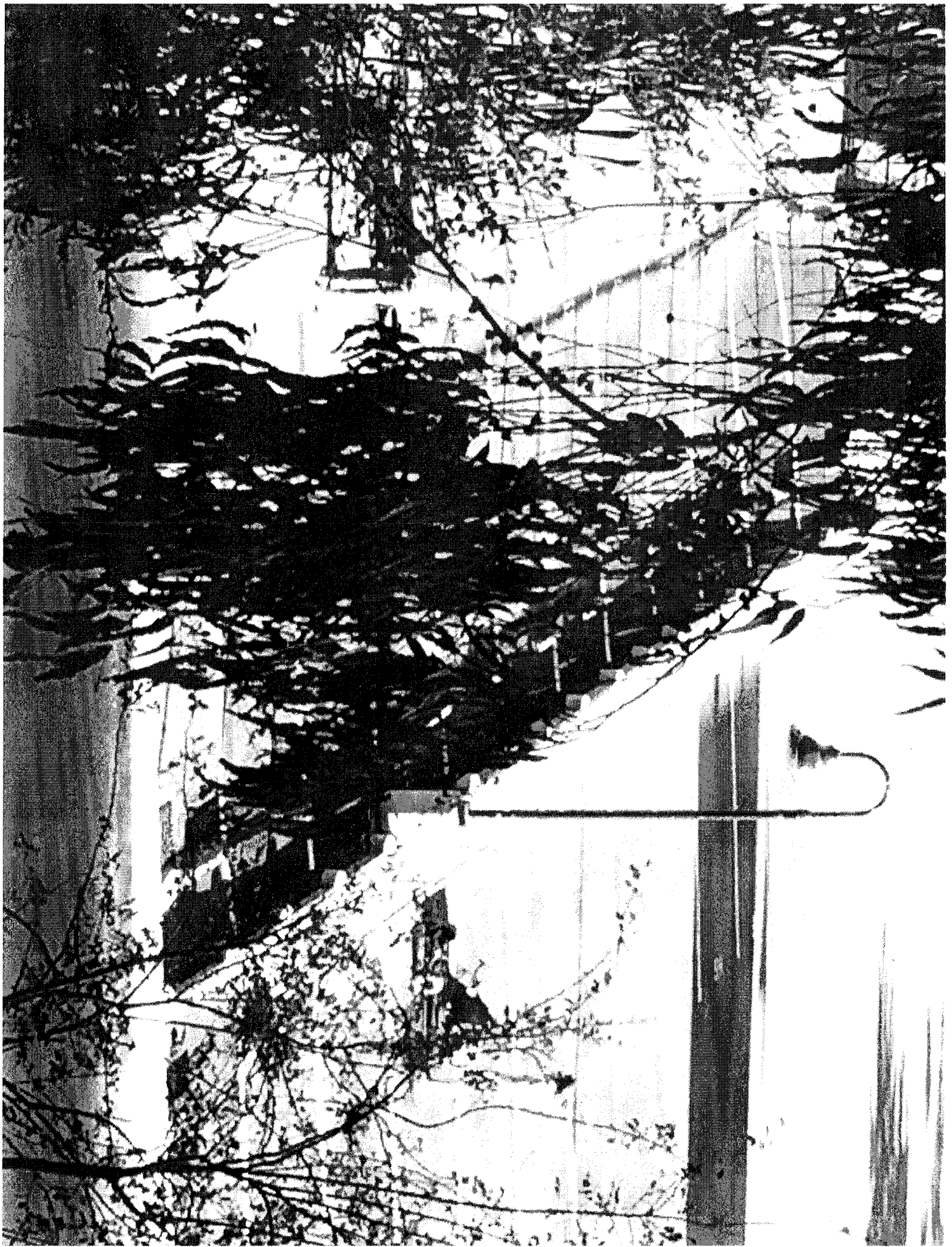
My family supports the Neighborhood Steering Committee's proposed modifications to the conditions of use and strongly objects to any increase of the already excessive enrollment of both the regular school and the summer sessions. The invasiveness of the school (constant noise, traffic, & lights at all hours) is already unreasonable and has ruined our quality of life and enjoyment of our property. As bad as it is now, the impact of adding additional students, cars, and even more (loud & echoing) noise would be truly unconscionable.

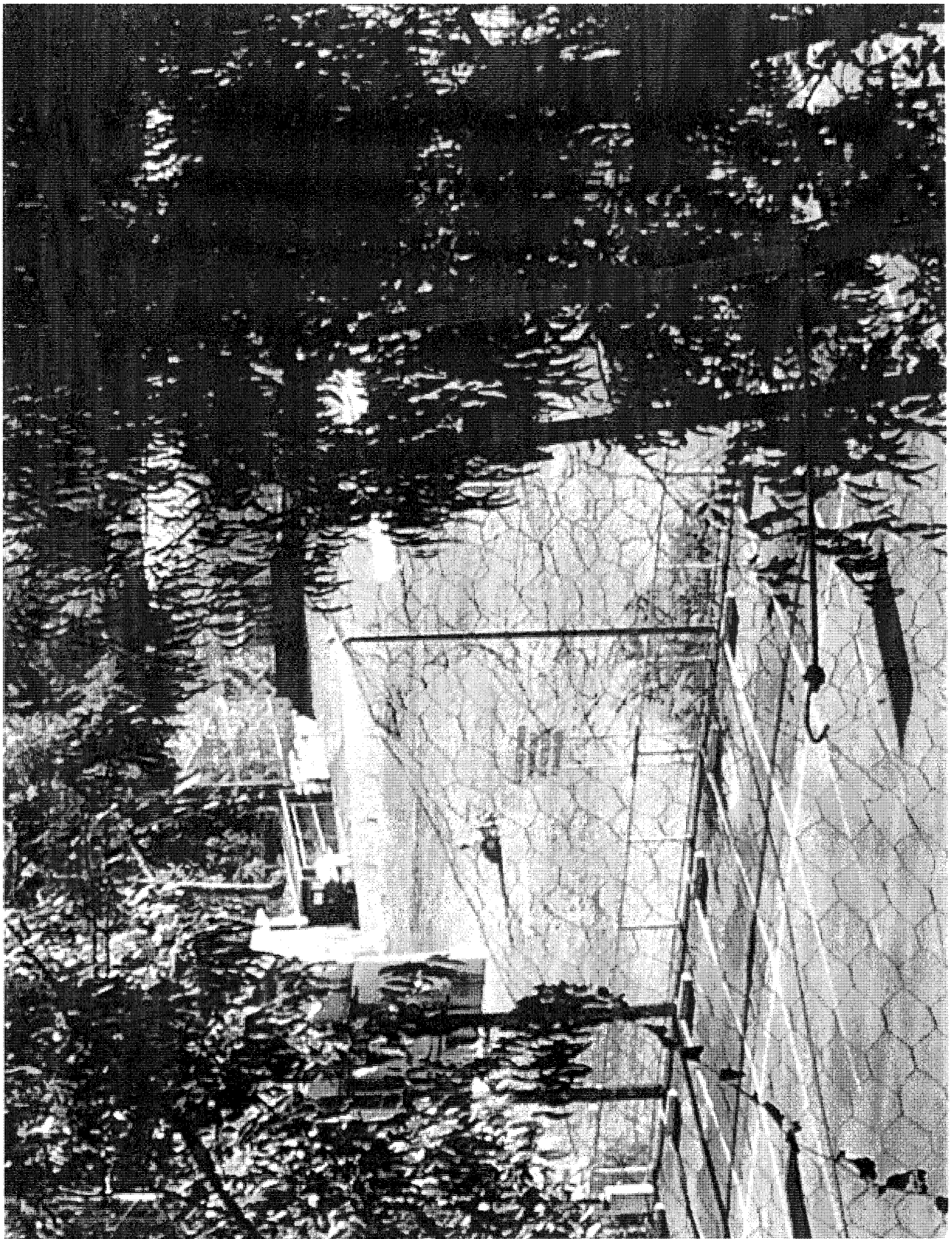
At some point you have to ask yourself at what point do you draw the line? At what point do you step in and say enough is enough and that the rights of the existing neighbors (some who have lived here for many years) need to be considered and their ability to enjoy their homes and property preserved. Remember, while everyone at the school gets to return home and relax, the surrounding neighbors have to endure this behemoth school's constant intrusion into our lives, day in and day out, 24/7, without any means of relief. We no longer have freedom of choice. We are unable to have quiet when we want (or need) quiet, as the school now dictates how we get to live our lives. This is wrong.

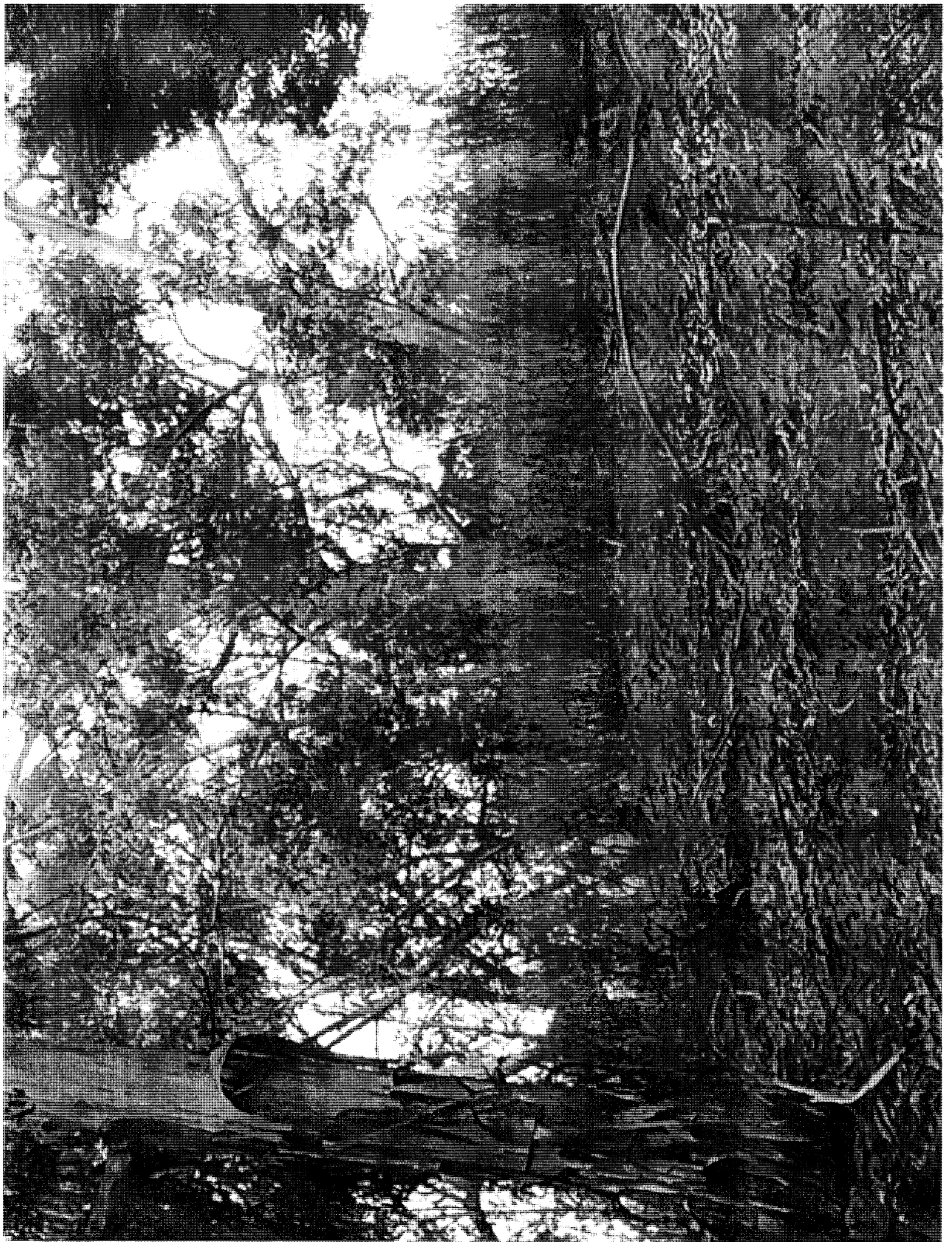
When you think about your decisions on these matters please take a moment to put yourselves in our (the neighbors) shoes. How would you feel if it were you and your family suffering with these issues? Then, and only then, will you be able to vote with your conscience, to be fair and honorable, and to do the right thing.

Thank you for your attention,

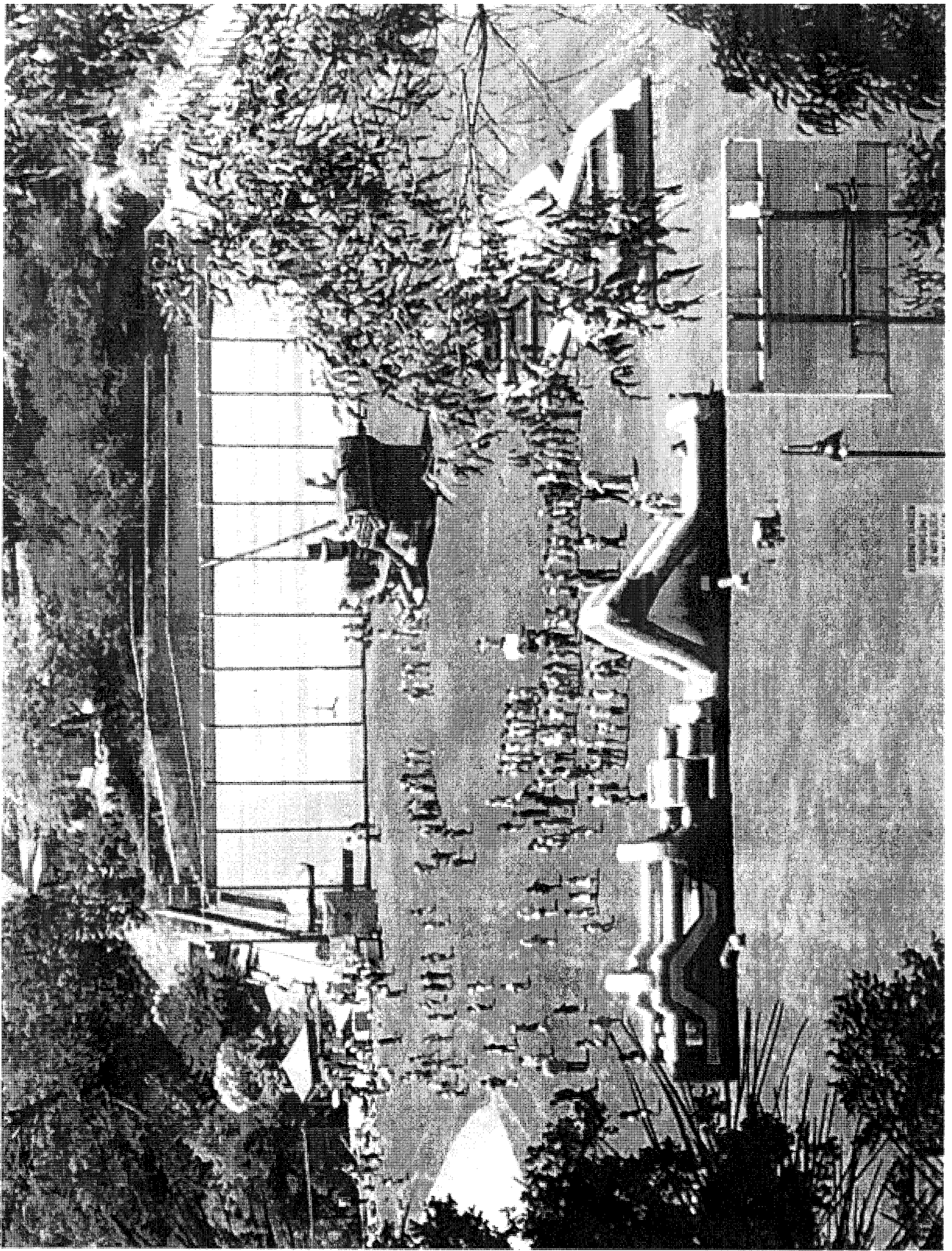
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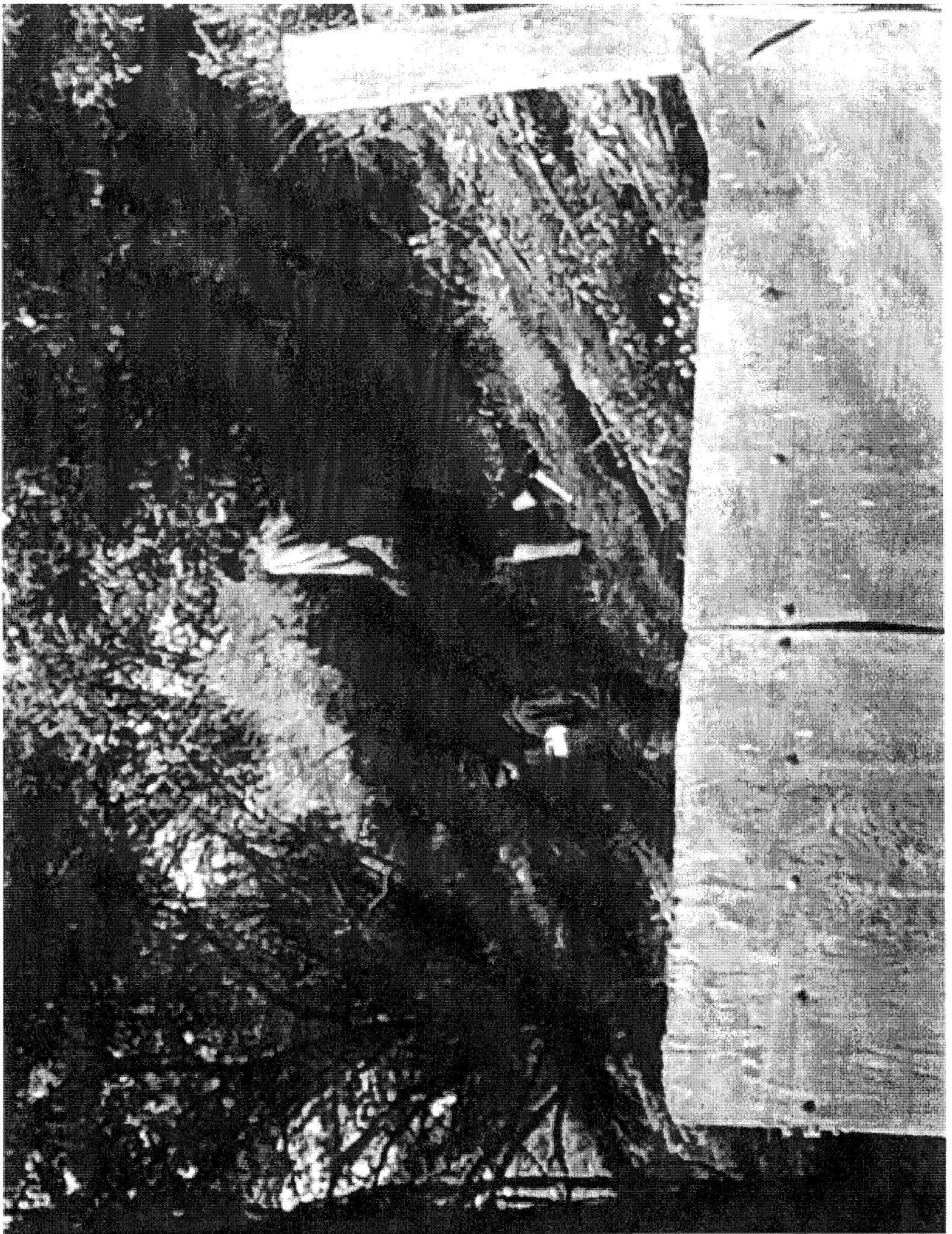














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From: Sharon Golden Linhares <slinhares@sbcglobal.net>
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To: Klein, Heather
Subject: Head Royce School expansion/non-compliance

Dear Ms. Klein,

I'm contacting you to express my disappointment with the Planning Department's 7/15/2015 COA regarding the Head Royce School development. I find it difficult to understand how Planning could make such a determination. It appears to be a one-sided decision.

I have lived at 4235 Fruitvale Avenue at Funston Place for 28 years. In 1978 the school graduated fewer than 20 students from the high school. The school was obviously much smaller, but still created havoc in our quiet neighborhood. HRS engaged in deceitful practices when they decided to purchase the then-wild open space east of the school for development. We persuaded them to meet with the neighbors; they allowed one meeting to hear our concerns, which they all but ignored.

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We are Oakland.

Sharon Golden Linhares

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Subject: Head Royce's application for a new Conditional Use Permit

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planners,

I support the NSC's position regarding any further HRS development. My wife and I have lived at 4157 Whittle Avenue for 21 years and I just retired in July. Over the years I have been frustrated by the traffic, morning and evening, on Lincoln when trying to get to Hwy 13. Also parents parking, not always well, on Tiffin and Whittle and Funston in the afternoon to pick up their kids. Also the noise level, especially if I have a window open on the front side of the house.

We oppose any further expansion of HRS. They do not seem to be handling their current number of students all that well and more will just cause more problems. We support an enrollment cap of 875 students, total.

Traffic on Whittle has increased a lot over the years, mostly to the back gate at Head Royce. Large trucks are an almost daily occurrence now. As are parents dropping off and picking up children at the back gate or on Funston. The Whittle Ave gate into the school should be locked, preventing dropping off and picking up students. Access to the school through the four properties HRS has acquired on Whittle and Lincoln Avenues, should also be forbidden. We strongly support independent traffic monitoring, with adult monitors not employed by the school. The current student-monitors are not effective.

The school should continue to pay for the residential permit parking program - and any increase in fees - on Whittle, Funston and Fruitvale as well as Alida Ave, Alida and Linett Courts. Encouraging carpools is also a good idea.

Lastly, noise restriction. Excluding amplified sound is a good idea, Also limiting weekend events and restricting their hours is also a good idea.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Re: Head Royce School Enrollment Application and TDM

Heather:

Thanks for forwarding the 7/15/15 HR conditions of approval materials.

The traffic management goals and details are ambitious but seem to overlook a missing link - Potomac St.. 95% of all school traffic leaving the Alida St route is directed onto Potomac St for return to Lincoln Ave. This route is part of current HR policy/recommendations to drivers. No HR coordination or monitoring of this traffic pattern on Potomac St. has been addressed or provided. We have been able to terminate school bus standing/parking patterns only by contacting HR after the problem has been created. The street routinely fills with cars each morning and afternoon as buses and cars speed up the street and que to turn onto Lincoln Ave.

Please insure that any approved traffic control/management program accepted for HR also includes Potomac St. Thanks.

Paul Cowley, ASLA

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On Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 2:08 PM, Klein, Heather <HKlein@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Mr. Malone,

Staff has reviewed your revised application submitted on May 8, 2015. As discussed with you on several occasions, staff is recommending that the Planned Unit Development Permit's Conditions of Approval be revised to reflect ongoing concerns by staff and the neighborhood. Please review the attached revised Conditions of Approval and provide any comments or concerns to me by August 14, 2015. Furthermore, your

TDM should be revised and resubmitted within this same timeframe to reflect the updated Conditions of Approval for consistency.

If you have questions concerning this letter, please let me know. A hard copy of the letter is being sent via US Mail.

Best,

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From: saelion@att.net
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2015 10:52 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: NSC Draft Revisions - Head Royce Conditions of Approval

To the Office of the Mayor, Libby Schaaf, and other Oakland City Officials:

I am writing to you with regards to the City Recommended Revised Head Royce Conditions of Approval – Final NSC Draft Requested Revisions to Proposal from City, Dated August 17, 2015

I appreciate the time and effort that went into this Conditions of Approval and I do support the NSC's response. My family has live at 60 Camellia Place since 1965. We have enjoyed the peaceful quietness of the neighborhood. I have several concerns.

1. I would like to see the HRS enrollment maintained at its present level. As we know HRS has violated their student enrollment quota and this is unacceptable. They currently cannot manage their pick up and drop off in an orderly fashion. Allowing them to increase their enrollment rewards bad behavior. The traffic impact on the neighborhood is tremendous. This takes place on Lincoln Avenue and can impact emergency vehicles trying to get through. This also takes place on Highway 13, the traffic comes to a standstill on the highway. This is a dangerous situation.
2. The noise level with any increase in enrollment would cause loss of peace and quiet in the neighborhood.
3. On page 14, I appreciate the commentary that states "Any parent picking up a student will be directed by the school to the campus driveway. No child will be picked up at any other location, including but not limited to, the residential streets...". I would like to also see that egress and ingress to the school campus will never take place on or through Charleston and that Charleston (Perkins) will never be opened up through to Lincoln Avenue. If this is ever allowed it will change the completion of our immediate neighborhood overnight.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sally Aelion
60 Camellia Place
Oakland, CA 94602

Klein, Heather

From: Lori Leigh Gielegem Gregory Tiede <lgbt@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 5:56 PM
To: Klein, Heather
Subject: Head Royce School

Dear Ms Klein,

My name is Gregory Tiede, and my wife Lori Gielegem and I live at 2632 Alida St, three short blocks from Head Royce School. We attended their presentation Tuesday evening, 11 August, regarding the Conditions of Approval now under negotiation with the city. While I do not speak for the Neighborhood Steering Committee, I'd like to share some impressions as a neighbor, to illustrate why we believe much stronger language is needed to address the issues of traffic, safety, noise, parking, and wear and tear on our streets. We will not have a better opportunity than the one before us now.

First, the school has been out of compliance with their current permit for years. This condition alone causes concern as to whether the process to date has been adequate to mitigate the effect of the school on the neighborhood.

Second, the proposed conditions leave in place, via the school's Traffic Demand Management Plan, many elements, such as the Alida-Laguna-Potomac-Lincoln "loop" and teacher parking on Clemens Street, that negatively affect the neighborhood in the ways listed above. It leaves the choice of mitigation measures up to the school, requiring only that the school "work with" the city should their measures fail to reduce the Lincoln Avenue queue. It allows them to monitor themselves. It allows them to manage the process of addressing the neighbors' concerns.

Third, this "loop" was implemented unilaterally by the school, with no notice to or interaction with the neighbors. Potomac in particular is narrow, includes a steep grade in its short length, and is unsuited to regular bus and car traffic. This implementation suggests the school has responded only to specific complaints about Lincoln Avenue traffic, and that global mitigation of all neighborhood concerns will only come with city intervention.

These are only my observations; other neighbors will likely have more. I urge the city to implement stringent conditions that maintain and ensure the safety, physical condition, and character of the neighborhood surrounding Head Royce School. We residents have no power to do this by ourselves.

Respectfully and sincerely,

Gregory Tiede
2632 Alida St.
Oakland 94602

Klein, Heather

From: Lynda Penwell <lyndapenwell@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 4:13 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; comccappio@oaklandnet.com; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhane, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Cc: 'Karen Caronna'
Subject: NSC Proposal for Head Royce School

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planners,

As the owner and resident of 4098 Lincoln Avenue since 1992, I would like to express my concern about the continued development by the Head Royce School. While I do support the NSC Proposal, I also have concerns regarding traffic safety and congestion issues that impact our neighborhood. As you know, Lincoln Avenue is a main thoroughfare, as well as an AC Transit bus route. As the Head Royce School has continued to expand over the years, our neighborhood has been faced with increased school traffic and the congestion that it brings along both the Lincoln Avenue corridor and the neighboring side streets. With current and future Head Royce School expansion, traffic safety is a major concern. With the increased number of cars trying to enter onto Lincoln Avenue during the morning and afternoon hours, traffic safety issues abound as an increased number of vehicles access the 4 way stop at the corner of Lincoln, Tiffin and Ravenwood. This also happens to be one of the spots where school children are dropped off and picked up in order for the driver to avoid the congestion at the designated drop off and pick up locations at the school. Driver impatience and bad behavior flourish at this intersection.

Additionally, I oppose Head Royce's proposal to rent their facilities to the non-school public during weekends and evenings. As it currently stands, parking, noise, traffic safety and congestion are at a peak for the already approved evening and weekend school events that benefit the students. While I certainly support the evening and weekend events for their students and families, renting out their facilities to the non-school public on weekends and evenings would place a huge burden on our residential neighborhood in terms of noise, parking and traffic safety.

Please keep in mind that the school is a commercial enterprise, and as such, most of the students and parents do not have a vested interest in our neighborhood, living in communities outside of ours. Even though the school administration claims to inform students and parents of their responsibility to our community, they may have limited impact in that regard. As with any business, it is in the best interest of the Head Royce School to increase their student population and rental business, regardless of the impact that they have on the neighboring community. I am in favor of capping the enrollment at its current level, and as we move forward with the NSC proposal, I hope that you will thoughtfully and respectfully consider the preservation of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Lynda Penwell
4098 Lincoln Avenue

Klein, Heather

From: Maggie Riddle <maggieriddle@berkeley.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 4:08 PM
To: City Administrator's Office; comccappio@oaklandnet.com; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres oakplanningcommission; Pattillo, Chris; ew oakland; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: Head Royce Expansion

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planners,

I have lived at 2459 Burlington Street for seventeen years and implore you to put neighborhoods first, and support the proposal from our Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) to limit expansion of Head-Royce School. I am aware that a number of Burlington Street residents have written detailed letters that outline their concerns for safety and accessibility on our street and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

As a registered voter who has never missed a City of Oakland election, and has supported all bond issues and parcel taxes for schools and the community, I think it time for you to take a stand that favors Oakland residents, not outside organizations who seek to increase their profits at the expense of the well-being of ourselves, our children, and our community. For years, the school's expansion plans have been approved with very few conditions or limitations; this must change.

Your job as elected and appointed officials is to assure that safety and sanity prevails as Oakland takes steps to grow and prosper. Do your job; visit the community on a weekday as school is about to begin. Then, look very carefully at the HRS proposal and show strong support for the NSC proposal.

Sincerely,

Maggie Riddle
2459 Burlington Street
Oakland, CA 94602

Klein, Heather

From: Maria Poppas <maria.poppas@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 6:17 AM
To: Klein, Heather; Flynn, Rachel
Cc: Campbell Washington, Annie; Simons, Adam J.
Subject: Head-Royce application to increase enrollment: please deny

Hello City of Oakland Planning and Building Department,

I am writing in response to the request for feedback regarding Head-Royce's request to increase their enrollment. I live at the downside corner of Lincoln and Alida (4172 Lincoln); my driveway is on Alida.

Please do not approve Head-Royce's request.

I am asking you to deny this request for the following reason: drop-offs and pick-ups occur frequently on Alida. Because drivers choose to park in front of my driveway, I have often been unable to access my driveway. I am associating these cars with Head-Royce because I have seen a child with a backpack exit/enter the respective vehicle.

Please note that the measures that Head-Royce has in place to ensure that drop-offs and pick-ups do not occur below the Lincoln gatehouse are not working.

Also concerning is Head-Royce's claim that their "...traffic monitors shall wear safety vests, carry digital cameras..." (page 12 and 13 of the document we were allowed to view, but not to take, at the community meeting on Tuesday, August 11). I have weekly conversations with several of the adult traffic monitors: while they do wear safety vests, I have never seen a camera used, and I have never seen a camera. Instead, the method used to record vehicles in violation of the rules is a pen and a small notebook.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Maria Poppas

Klein, Heather

From: Sharon Linhares <4235home@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 2:19 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhane, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; Adhi Nagraj; nags98@hotmail.com; Jahaziel Bonilla; Amanda Monchamp; Jahmese Myres; Pattillo, Chris; Emily Weinstein; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott; Sharon Linhares
Subject: CUP application Head Royce School

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planners,

9/17/2015

I am writing to express my support of the Head Royce School Neighborhood committee, the Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC).

I have lived at 4235 Fruitvale Avenue for 29 years, and have been troubled by the expansion of the school. The employees and parents zip through my neighborhood, hurrying on their way to school or home. The increase in numbers of cars and trucks going to HRS is making this once quiet area into something quite different. My children were raised here and played on the sidewalk in front of our home. Now the speeding vehicles and traffic congestion present a genuine danger to all people on the streets of Oakmore, Dimond and Lincoln Highlands.

I do not want HRS to expand beyond their current enrollment of 875 students total. As a community, we just can't take it anymore; enough is enough. The school was a very small institution when I moved here, and we did not experience the great number of problems with them until they began expanding their enrollment. More students means more cars, more staff (and more cars) more driving around our small streets looking for places to park, ultimately making it more difficult for residents or our visitors to park.

I'm also concerned about emergency vehicles gaining access to our neighborhood with all the traffic congestion created by the school. Lincoln Avenue is a very steep, fast-moving street, and it connects two highways. If a fire truck was needed during drop-off or pick-up time at HRS, I fear they could not access the emergency location. The pick-up hours routinely force traffic up onto Highway 13. We try to avoid Lincoln as much as possible, but when we need to drive on this street, the hazards are daunting.

We do not dislike the students, teachers, or parents of HRS. Having a progressive school nearby should not be a bad thing. However, the school needs to better manage their population, and try to become a good neighbor. Historically, the relationship between neighbors and HRS has been poor. The school seems to do as they wish, don't worry about operating beyond the stated enrollment, and cares little for the effect they have on our homes.

I hope you will support the proposed changes of the NSC to the HRS CUP application and help to bring the school into legal compliance. We want to feel proud of living in Oakland, and we don't wish to encourage the naysayers who think Oakland is not such a great place to live. It's time now to support the neighbors.

Thank You,

Sharon Linhares

4235 Fruitvale Avenue

Oakland, CA 94602

Klein, Heather

From: Suzanne Samuel <suzanne@suzannesamuel.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 9:22 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; comccappio@oaklandnet.com; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhane, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott; 'Karen Caronna'
Subject: neighbor opposed to Head-Royce School expansion and in support of NSC proposal

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planners:

I am a native Oaklander and a current resident of Burlington Street near Head-Royce School, where I have been an active member of the community for over six years. I am writing to endorse the NSC proposal that seeks to limit Head-Royce's expansion to mitigate the already problematic impact that the school has on our neighborhood.

Burlington is a one-block cul-de-sac two blocks from Head-Royce. We picked this neighborhood because of its diversity and proximity to a strong public school, Sequoia, where our daughter is enrolled in first grade. It's a shame that her safety is regularly endangered by Head-Royce parents as she walks to school and plays on our block.

All day long, but most especially at drop-off and pickup times, parents use our street as a high-speed turnaround. They make three-point turns in driveways, and go to the end of the street and back to get on their way quickly. It will be a while before my six-year-old and her six-year-old friend are able to cross the street to play at each other's houses because of the speed with which drivers zoom down our street. And I assure you, these are not our neighbors, or their visitors. These high-speed drivers are bunched exactly at Head-Royce start and end times (including after-care pickup between 5 and 6).

I dutifully write down license plates (for the three-point turn cars; I couldn't even keep track of all the people who use our street as a turnaround) and send them to Head-Royce, but the impact rarely wanes.

And they want to add how many more kids, and how many more drivers?

Another point that is dangerous for my child and the others on our Sequoia Elementary walking school bus is the corner of Potomac and Lincoln. That is a designated route for Head-Royce drivers. Many of these drivers only look left for traffic from Lincoln and do not look right, which is the direction from which our walking school bus is coming, right at the busiest traffic time. I am just waiting, and hoping it never happens, for a Head-Royce parent to plow into a crowd of Sequoia children walking to school. I have called Head-Royce and spoken to the Community Relations manager about this issue, but I have not seen any signage, staff, or other controls at the corner of Potomac.

And they want to add how many more kids, and how many more drivers?

I work from home, so coming to and from my house is also coming to and from my place of work. I have to plan my trips out of the house carefully to avoid coming home or leaving near 8:30 or 3:30, when the Head-Royce traffic can add 10-15 minutes or more to any drive (5 minutes just to get out of our street!). And I haven't even mentioned the parking near our house every 3 weeks when a new Head-Royce summer session starts.

I understand that Head-Royce is a fine academic institution. But it is unaffordable for our family, even for summer camp, and lacks the socioeconomic diversity that keeps us so devoted to our city.

The school is plenty big as it is, and it exerts a sufficiently negative impact on our neighborhood without commensurate benefit to our community.

Thank you for your attention.

All the best,

Suzanne Samuel
2425 Burlington St., Oakland

Klein, Heather

From: Mariesa <mariesa@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 10:05 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhane, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert
Subject: Fwd: Head Royce School and the NSC

Dear Oakland City Officials,

My name is Mariesa Ruby and I am proud to own my first home at 12 Camellia Place here in Oakland. I am writing to show my support for the Neighborhood Steering Committee. I am concerned about how increased enrollment year round will further disrupt traffic on Lincoln and impact the safety of my community. The wait times traveling Lincoln lead to aggressive driving and risky maneuvers as well as increased traffic on adjacent streets where drivers turn around.

Sincerely,

Mariesa Ruby

Sent from my iPad

Klein, Heather

From: Leila H. Moncharsh <101550@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:10 PM
To: Lisa Frost
Cc: don@eastbayrealtypro.com; Klein, Heather
Subject: RE: City Proposal

Hi Lisa,

The NSC response to the city's proposal won't go to the city before you see it. Tonight, we are making some changes to it. How about if Don or I get it to you after the changes are made? We welcome your input. Our new due date is Monday, August 17th -- we got that date today.

Also, just so you are aware, you can send your own comments directly to Heather Klein on the proposal that she drafted without waiting for us. I have copied her on this email so you can contact her directly. She is also interested in hearing from neighbors who are not on the NSC.

Best, Leila

CC: don@eastbayrealtypro.com

From: ltf1@pacbell.net

Subject: Re: City Proposal

Date: Thu, 13 Aug 2015 18:05:09 -0700

To: 101550@msn.com

You stated that you would be sending me the draft of the neighborhood rebuttal. I responded that I would read/comment. I have not seen the proposal and would appreciate reading it before it goes to the City.

I was involved in the last work with Ms Klein and the City Planning C. I have significant history with the process and the interactions of the neighborhood and HRS.

Thanks for sending me the draft

Lisa

On Aug 4, 2015, at 11:52 AM, Leila H. Moncharsh <101550@msn.com> wrote:

Hi Lisa,

I am a neighbor and the legal advisor for the NSC. I read your comments to Heather with interest. Tomorrow and the day after, I will be putting together the draft NSC response to the city's proposal and wondered if you would like to participate in that endeavor. We already put

together a list of conditions that we think are pretty good, but will need to be revised now that Heather has given us her proposal.

I can be reached at (510) 482-0390 or better yet, by email.

Thanks, Leila

Klein, Heather

From: Leila H. Moncharsh <101550@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2015 9:51 AM
To: Klein, Heather; hollisanddeborah@att.net; Campbell Washington, Annie
Cc: Merkamp, Robert; Lee, Heather HLee@oaklandcityattorney.org
Subject: RE: Status of HRS' permit app

Hi Heather,

Thank you for sending the new application. I can already see that the NSC will most likely oppose the legalization of 30 more students, and request serious and mandatory conditions if the planning department seriously considers supporting this application. The proposed TDM is woefully inadequate and perpetuates all of the exact same problems that the neighbors have been complaining about for years. Also, there are no conditions proposed by the school addressing the rest of the nuisance problems from horn blowers used during after school games on the athletic field to and including putting on events that attract huge crowds including one recent event that involved tour buses.

Can you let me know the cost of the materials submitted by Head Royce so that Hollis can bring a check?

Thanks again for your assistance and attention to our request for information,

Leila

From: HKlein@oaklandnet.com
To: 101550@msn.com; hollisanddeborah@att.net; ACampbellWashington@oaklandnet.com
CC: RMerkamp@oaklandnet.com; HLee@oaklandcityattorney.org
Subject: Re: Status of HRS' permit app
Date: Mon, 11 May 2015 15:30:47 +0000

Leila,
We will have the documents ready tomorrow at 10.

From: Leila H. Moncharsh <101550@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2015 4:26 PM
To: Klein, Heather; hollisanddeborah@att.net; Campbell Washington, Annie
Cc: Merkamp, Robert; Lee, Heather HLee@oaklandcityattorney.org
Subject: RE: Status of HRS' permit app

Thank you for the response. As soon as the documents and video(s) are ready, we will send someone with a check for the copy costs to pick them up. I understand the situation with the appeal date and we will make it work.

Thanks, Leila

From: HKlein@oaklandnet.com
To: 101550@msn.com; hollisanddeborah@att.net
CC: RMerkamp@oaklandnet.com; HLee@oaklandcityattorney.org; amudge@coxcastle.com
Subject: RE: Status of HRS' permit app
Date: Fri, 8 May 2015 23:20:00 +0000


Leila,

Thank you for your e-mail. I also received your public records request and will begin working on it immediately to get you the documents that you need in order to determine whether to appeal staff's May 5th letter to the School.

To answer your questions:

1. The status of the HRS's application for Lincoln Childcare Center has not changed. However, we have been in contact with the School and it is our understanding that within the next couple of days the School will withdraw the previous application on that property and submit an application that only addresses the third enrollment increase per Condition of Approval #39.
2. I apologize for not getting back to Hollis promptly. The School has submitted documents that address our February 11, 2014 letter. We can put these documents together as part of the public records request and have them available shortly.
3. Robert Merkamp has already addressed the appeal extension concept.

Heather Klein, Planner III | City of Oakland | Bureau of Planning | 250 Frank H. Ogawa, Suite 2114 | Oakland, CA 94612 | Phone: (510)238-3659 | Fax: (510) 238-6538 | Email: hklein@oaklandnet.com | Website: www.oaklandnet.com/planning

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From: Leila H. Moncharsh [<mailto:101550@msn.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2015 12:58 PM
To: Klein, Heather; hollisanddeborah@att.net
Subject: Status of HRS' permit app

Hi Heather,

Can you let me know the status of HRS' permit application for use of the former Lincoln property? Does the city intend to grant a permit related to that property anytime soon? If the application is moving forward to a permit, can you give me the timeline?

Also, Hollis Matson wrote an email to you recently requesting updated documents and I see that she never received anything. I will prepare a PRA request today or tomorrow, but it will not leave the NSC much time to file an appeal of the city's determination letter if we disagree with HRS' representations listed in the letter. Is there a way to get an extension of the appeal date?

Should the PRA request go to you or to the city's assigned PRA recipient?

Thanks, Leila

Klein, Heather

From: Karen Caronna <kamaca9@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 3:11 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; comccappio@oaklandnet.com; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: Letter opposing further Head Royce expansion

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planners;

I have lived on Burlington Street off Lincoln Avenue and 2 blocks away from Head Royce for 2 1/2 years. At the time I was planning to purchase this home, my realtor warned me that Head Royce was not a good neighbor and that often the traffic was problematic. I bought the house anyway. How bad could it be? Since I have been a resident I have seen it go from inconvenient to downright unmanageable in just the past 2 years. Not only is the traffic problematic, but the encroachment into the residential neighborhoods by the traffic, property acquisition, further development and just poor relations on the part of Head Royce and the student/parent population has become an outstanding issue. As such, I am in complete support of the Neighborhood Steering Committee proposal **to limit further expansion of Head Royce, put in effective traffic solutions with third party monitoring, and the imposition of penalties when agreements are violated.**

I find the following areas to be of the most concern:

- I am opposed to any further expansion, bringing more than **1,000** people into our residential neighborhood Monday-Friday and some weekends. Enough is enough. Hold the enrollment at NSC proposed levels.
- I am highly concerned about careless and speeding drivers on Burlington specifically. Burlington is a cul de sac on a blind hill. Parents speed over the hill in order to use the street as a turn around creating unsafe conditions for children, pets or other drivers on the street. I have nearly been hit by these drivers while attempting to back out of my own driveway. I have turned in license plate numbers to Head Royce to no avail.
- I am frustrated by the inability to leave Burlington turning left during peak Head Royce hours (we know it's related to Head Royce drivers as there isn't the issue when school is not in session)

- I am concerned about the degradation of the infrastructure of the neighborhood by over use of neighboring streets by large buses and unrelenting traffic. The streets are taking a beating. How will they be repaired in a city always "without funds?"
- I am concerned about the safety of the neighborhood children walking to Sequoia, the public school, down Lincoln Avenue.
- I am concerned about safety hazards including the inability of emergency vehicles to enter our street, navigate Lincoln Avenue, or residents needing to leave in an evacuation situation.
- There are too many cars on Lincoln Avenue and too many events that block the street.
- I am frustrated by over-enrolled summer programs and the attendant noise and congestion from it. Last summer was a completely chaotic free- for -all in terms of traffic and congestion.
- I am very much opposed to the proposal that Head Royce wants to rent the facilities to the non-school public during weekends and evenings as there will then be no control over the traffic, noise, parking by whomever pays for the facility. Again, enough is enough.
- I am concerned about the amount of residential properties HRS is buying in the neighborhood. There is no control over what they do with the properties which subsequently de-stabilizes property values.
- I like to walk up Lincoln Avenue as part of my exercise routine. I no longer do so during morning hours as the exhaust and pollution from the steady stream of cars is debilitating and obnoxious.
- I have friends who come to my house during "peak hours" who find the congestion appalling.

Head Royce is touted as having a fine academic reputation but it is not a neighborhood school as evidenced by the very small percentage of students enrolled that actually live in the vicinity. As such, the staff and parents have no vested interest in maintaining the peace, accessibility, and safety of the community. It is unfortunate that Head Royce sustains another reputation, as voiced by the realtor, of being an unconcerned neighbor dedicated to development over good relations. Because of the detrimental effect on my ability to navigate my own neighborhood, enjoy the peace and tranquility of my home, and unsafe conditions imposed, I am opposed to further expansion by HRS and support the proposal of the NSC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,
Karen Caronna
2455 Burlington St.

Klein, Heather

From: karen young <youngstearns@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 12:53 PM
To: Schaaf, Libby
Cc: Cortes, Audrey; Nosakhare, Shereda; Moss, Tomiquia; Nichols, Matthew; Campbell Washington, Annie; Klein, Heather; Paul Cowley; <apurcell@sbcglobal.net>; Hollis Matson and Deborah Royal; Cheryl Brown; llgbt@earthlink.net; Leila H. Moncharsh
Subject: Meeting Request- from NSC regarding Head Royce

Hello Mayor Schaaf,

I writing to you on behalf of the Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) that represents about 380 households in the residential area of our city that surrounds Head Royce School (HRS).

On November 4, the Oakland City Planning Commission has scheduled a hearing on granting or denying an HRS application to modify its conditional use permit to raise student enrollment to 906 students and institute a transportation demand management plan (TDM).

The NSC would like to request a short meeting with you to discuss the issues regarding the HRS use permit and neighborhood growth and infrastructure concerns.

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Klein, Heather

From: karen young <youngstearns@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 10:31 AM
To: City Administrator's Office
Cc: Woo, Winnie; Daniel, Christine; Cappio, Claudia; Hom, Stephanie; Flynn, Rachel; Klein, Heather; Paul Cowley; Hollis Matson and Deborah Royal; Cheryl Brown; Lori Leigh Gielegem & Gregory Tiede; apurcell@sbcglobal.net; Leila H. Moncharsh; Elsa Ortiz; cpeeples@actransit.org; gharper@actransit.org; Campbell Washington, Annie
Subject: Meeting Request - with NSC regarding Head Royce Conditional Use Permit

Hello Ms. Landreth,

I writing to you on behalf of the Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) that represents about 380 households in the residential area of our city that surrounds Head Royce School (HRS).

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Klein, Heather

From: Kathy Simon <kathysimon@mindspring.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2015 3:07 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhane, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: Head Royce School Conditional Use Permit

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission, and Planners,

I live at 14 Alida Court, around the corner from the Head Royce School. I've lived here for 18 years. Over that time, I've seen a very big increase on the impact that Head Royce has had on the neighborhood, and I'm sad to say that it has been mostly negative.

I'm writing to express my support for the Neighborhood Steering Committee proposal and to let you know that **I oppose any further expansion of Head Royce.**

Getting to and from my home on Alida Court has become increasingly difficult as Head Royce has expanded over the past several years. For a couple of hours each day, it is hard to get from Alida Street onto Lincoln Avenue, and it feels unsafe. The evening events cause more noise and traffic jams. The cars on the pick up and drop-off loop bring way more traffic than these small residential streets are designed to hold. Despite the "no U-turn" signs, Head Royce parents regularly use Alida Court as a turn-around, often moving fast.

The idea of these problems increasing, instead of getting better, will really impact the quality of life in this neighborhood. The school is big enough!

Thanks for your consideration, and I hope that you will move in favor of the NSC proposal.

Warmly,

Kathy Simon
14 Alida Court
Oakland, CA 94602

Klein, Heather

From: Kimi Kean <kimikean@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 4:54 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; lb@oaklandnet.com; Bolotina, Olga; an@oaklandnet.com; gs98@hotmail.com; kplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Phantom Admin; Miller, Scott; Klein, Heather
Cc: lhoopes@headroyce.org; Bill Newell, Board Chair
Subject: Support for Head Royce School Expansion

Dear City Leaders,

As a neighbor of Head Royce School, I am proud to have such an outstanding education institution in our neighborhood. It is incredibly sad to me that some of our Oakmore neighbors have a "not in my backyard" attitude about a great institution that provides an outstanding education, free access to neighbors to their outdoor facilities and so many opportunities for under-served Oakland youth to access educational programming and support. Year after year, Head Royce engages students in community service learning and produces well prepared graduates who are posed to become leaders and contributors to our community.

What an asset to our neighborhood to have such a rich educational experience provided nearby! As a reminder, our streets are public property. Who cares if teachers park on them? We have more than enough spaces and this is such a small inconvenience.

As a public educator in Oakland for the past 16 years, I am well aware of the benefit to our larger neighborhood, community and to the future of our nation that an outstanding school provides. We need more seats at Head Royce School, not fewer.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide more information or support!

Kimi Kean
Proud Head Royce neighbor and parent

Klein, Heather

From: KWong55@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 11:54 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: Conditions of Approval to the Head Royce School Application

Dear Honored Officials:

My name is Karen Wong and I live at 65 Camellia Place, Oakland, CA 94602 and have lived there since 1988.

This is to notify you that I support the Neighborhood Steering Committee's proposed response to the Planning Department's Conditions of Approval to the Head Royce School application.

Traffic on Lincoln Avenue during commute times is rather difficult due to the back up of traffic and it is rather perplexing to turn left onto Lincoln Avenue from Alida.

My main concern is that if Head Royce were allowed to increase enrollment, the traffic situation would worsen and an emergency vehicle could not get onto our streets. The noise by increased enrollment would cause a stressful situation and loss of peace and quiet in our neighborhood.

The proposal identifies that Head Royce School will be increasing student enrollment to 906 students and I support the NSC's recommendation of maintaining its present enrollment of 875 students.

The proposal has HRS increasing the summer enrollment from about 500 per session to 780 students and I support the NSC's recommendation of maintaining its present summer enrollment of 500 students per session.

The proposal would prevent renting, loaning, partnering, lending the facilities for special events and I support the NSC recommendation that that no lending or renting be applicable at all times.

Thanks for your time and attention in this matter of great concern to the neighbors of Head Royce School.

Sincerely,

Karen Wong

65 Camellia Place

Oakland, CA 94602

Klein, Heather

From: Ellen Strunin <ehmstrunin@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 07, 2015 9:57 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: Head Royce Project

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Staff:

As a resident of Whittle Avenue in Oakland for over 25 years, I am writing this letter to you in support of our Neighborhood Steering Committee's (NSC) proposal concerning Head Royce School's application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the City of Oakland. While I have observed that many of our neighbors have expressed unqualified support for Head Royce's track record in the neighborhood and of its proposed CUP, and I certainly appreciate the school's efforts to respond to neighbors' concerns, I feel it is important to provide the city with a fuller picture the "neighbor's-eye-view."

Although some neighbors have congratulated Head Royce on its efforts to be a responsible neighbor, those who have more recently moved here may not realize is the substantial amount of work and involvement it has taken over the years by longtime residents to assist Head Royce in doing the right thing. This has not always been the school's initial inclination. Specifically:

- Much effort was put into developing traffic calming measures for student drop-off and pickup on Lincoln, and diligent follow up with the school was necessary to insure this did not occur on Whittle Avenue, a narrow residential street behind the school with no sidewalks. For many years parents and students did not follow the established rules in this regard.
- All told, the school has purchased a total of four residential properties contiguous to the school grounds, three of them on Whittle Avenue, and it has been necessary to hold Head Royce to clear limits on the use of this property for residential purposes only, or risk destroying the unique character of this lovely Oakland street. Head Royce must honor this agreement in perpetuity, and the residential zoning of this street must be maintained. It has been disturbing to hear rumors over the years such as the school's intention to build a 35-space parking lot with an entrance on Whittle Ave, as mentioned above, a narrow residential street. I can only hope that this was a simple rumor and not Head Royce's true intention. I also sincerely hope the school does not continue to purchase additional properties in this way, or at some point our neighborhood will cease to be a friendly Oakland community and instead will become an institutional Head Royce one. I would also like to differentiate the purchase of homes from the purchase of the former Lincoln Child Center site, already institutional and on a busy thoroughfare.
- I've also noted many comments from neighborhood residents who do not live directly bordering school grounds, and thus do not bear the brunt of issues such as noise and traffic. It is important for everyone to be sensitive to the need for peace and quiet on most days after school hours, even those not directly affected; I support the NSC's request to maintain the current limitations on after-hours school events.
- Finally, my next door neighbors have tried to press the school to maintain a safety perimeter on school property so that students do not hang out on the hill behind the school and adjacent to our properties. I was very disturbed to hear that evidence of lit matches had been found at the school perimeter. Given the extreme fire conditions in the Oakland Hills, I trust the city should be concerned about this. The school has repeatedly failed to follow up on maintaining a locked gate in this area to prevent student or public access.

Given that Head Royce has not always adhered to the agreements contained in their CUP (their new proposal includes a request to increase student enrollment, but they have already exceeded the enrollment caps of their existing CUP without seeking approval from the city), it is important for the city to continue to closely monitor the relationship between Head Royce School and its neighbors. Head Royce is capable of both maintaining their agreements with neighbors and being a top quality institution. I hope the city can understand and make a concerted effort to accommodate a diversity of neighborhood concerns. It is in everyone's best interest: the neighbors, the school and the City of Oakland.

Sincerely, Ellen Strunin,
Whittle Avenue neighbor

Klein, Heather

From: janmgoodman@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 3:48 PM
To: City Administrator's Office; comccappio@oaklandnet.com; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres oakplanningcommission; Pattillo, Chris; ew oakland; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: Impact of Head-Royce Development on Burlington Street Neighborhood

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planners,

I have owned my home at 2459 Burlington Street since 1991. I love living in the City of Oakland. However, I am very concerned about the expansion plans that Head-Royce has, once again, proposed, and request that you take action to protect our community. When I moved here, the Lincoln Avenue area was a fairly busy street, but not as busy as Fruitvale or MacArthur. However, the nearby streets were peaceful and safe. Head-Royce was a small school, and there were not too many cars that used Burlington as a turn-around street. There was only occasional congestion for me when I left for work between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., and families felt that it was very safe for our children to ride bikes up and down the cul-de-sac, because the street was primarily used by its residents, our families, and guests.

Over the past 25 years, there have been significant changes on Burlington Street and Lincoln Avenue. Due to the city-approved expansion of Head-Royce, the streets surrounding the school are now congested, unsafe and often inaccessible for residents and pedestrians, particularly between arrival and dismissal times. I know this is true because when the school is not in session, the traffic on the Lincoln Avenue is significantly reduced and the adjacent streets are no longer thoroughfares for hundreds of drivers who use them to make U-turns or find shortcuts to avoid the congestion on Lincoln Avenue which the school traffic has caused. Only 1% of Head Royce's 875 students live within walking distance of the school, and the HRS website proudly states that "students come from Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Orinda, and over 30 other communities in the East Bay and beyond to attend." The influx of hundreds of cars is not only a nuisance; it is a hazard.

I have just retired after 40 years as a public school teacher and principal. Now that I am home during school hours, I see, first hand, the impact of traffic on and around my own street. Buses and cars travel up and down Lincoln and its neighboring streets, between Carmel to Alida, and Burlington, Tiffin, Forest Hill, Whittle, and Fruitvale. If I need to leave my house at the time that HRS students begin to arrive, I must build in up to 10 minutes of wait time in order for me to exit left on to Burlington Street, and to turn right to reach Highway 13, I must navigate stop and go traffic that results in a long delay to travel less than 1/2 mile to the freeway. While doing yard work in the mornings or afternoons, I see a continuous stream of cars that turn on to Burlington, drive well over 30 mph on a small residential street, and use the cul-de-sac to make U-turns, despite street signs and HRS staff stationed at the corner who "monitor" the traffic and do nothing to stop the influx. When we attempt to confront the drivers, we are usually ignored or treated rudely. During the summer program, this problem worsens considerably, with hundreds of students, many new to HRS.

I am concerned that the City of Oakland has had a "laissez-faire" attitude when it comes to the expansion of HRS, and now the school has requested approval for continued development that will exacerbate conditions an already over-burdened infrastructure. The school's plans are vividly clear that they seek to continue to expand their program and their profits, regardless of the impact it has on the families that live nearby. Here's their version of Neighborhood Manifest Destiny:

1. HRS wants to expand their enrollment to 1,000 students. Statistically, one or two of 125 new students will be able to walk to the school; the others will come in cars and other vehicles.
2. HRS has entered the real estate market to take over nearby properties. In addition to the recent purchase of Lincoln Child Center, HRS bought four residential homes, three on Whittle and one on Lincoln, adjacent to the school, with no indication of how they plan to use these properties. On a related note, local realtors now issue a warning to interested buyers in our neighborhood that it will become increasingly more congested over the years, and at least one realtor has advised clients not to move here for this reason.
3. HRS intends to create a Community Center on Lincoln Avenue, and have requested usage of the center on weekends and evenings, not only for the school, but also to rent out for other venues. Thus, our few weeks of solitude and safety in the summer, evenings, and on school vacations, are in jeopardy.

When is this going to stop? I support the NSC proposal to limit the expansion of Head-Royce School, and so should City of Oakland officials. I invite the Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planners to visit the neighborhoods that surround HRS, talk with residents, and see for yourselves what the impact your decision will have on those of us who live here. Please visit during arrival and/or dismissal times, but be sure to leave your home early, because there's going to be traffic.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Jan M Goodman
Retired Education, Registered Voter and Long-Time Oakland Resident
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Klein, Heather

From: JOAN E MCCLOSKEY <j_mccloskey@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 1:00 PM
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Subject: Head Royce Project

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission and Planning Staff,

I am a concerned Oakland resident, who lives on upper Whittle Ave, the road in back of Head Royce School. I am recently hearing that HRS is desiring to expand their yearly enrollment as well as their property.

I lived on Lincoln Ave, right across from HRS, for over nine years, and currently have lived in my Whittle Ave home for over one year. I loved my home on Lincoln Ave, except for one thing, all of the traffic and noise from HRS. There were so many times I was not able to even get into, nor leave, my garage on Lincoln Ave. It was blocked by HRS parents' cars, parked in my driveway on my property, as well as in the street blocking my driveway. This occurred both day as well as many nights. Not only horrific traffic and noise pollution came from HRS, but air pollution from parents' cars hauling up and down steep Lincoln Ave as well. The front of my house, as well as the plants in the front yard, facing HRS, were covered with black "soot" from this traffic. I knew that the school was across from my house when I bought it, but never imagined the growth of the school, and the problems that came along with that.

When I bought my current home on Whittle Ave., I believed I would be safe from all of the above. What I'm hearing now, is that we may not be safe in this neighborhood. HRS has already taken over Lincoln Ave with it's gross traffic, over-abundance of students, and all of the noise, other pollution and other issues that come along with that. Do not allow them to ruin the rest of the neighborhood and our homes, with any further growth, and movement onto upper Whittle Ave.

Regarding upper Whittle Ave, beginning at Tiffin Rd - it is a humble yet charming narrow, one lane, windy road, that is basically a dead end except for only one small side street, Funston Pl, which is very narrow and steep. Whittle is as steep as Lincoln Ave, running parallel to it. Whittle is currently like a peaceful country road. It's inhabited by families of dear, turkeys, skunks and the like who are very often roaming this little street, right down the middle, as well as inhabited by our own pets, children, and the elderly. It has been a safe quiet place for us all. If HRS expands, traffic on upper Whittle would be horrific. Not only would it make our road unsafe, but it would reduce our privacy and the value of our property. Because of it's narrowness, it would be impossible for firetrucks, ambulances, and police cars to access our homes when there would be traffic from HRS.

There is already the safety issue of HRS students trespassing on our properties, leaving garbage, and abusing our homes. If HRS expands, so will these issues. So will the noise from all aspects/areas of HRS - students, staff, parents, sports and other events, events outside of normal school hours. HRS is already over-

enrolled. We need boundaries and protection from the current use of HRS. HRS needs to leave the neighborhood alone. It is already large and invasive enough.

If HRS wants to expand that greatly, they need to have two campuses like Bentley School has, such as in the Oak Knoll area. Let them expand there.

The neighborhood already has to battle daily with the HRS traffic, and all of the other issues, on Lincoln Ave and the surrounding streets. Don't allow the already enormous HRS to increase these problems here in our neighborhood. They are already like a small city within the city of Oakland. I have already endured over 10 years of their huge traffic, etc.

My family consists of four generations who were all Oakland born. I was born on upper Fruitvale, bought my first home on Lincoln Ave across from HRS, and my last home is here on Whittle Ave. I have always been proud of Oakland, but not if our own government supports such destruction of our neighborhoods. I cannot afford to move again. Whittle has been our peaceful beautiful sanctuary. Please don't allow HRS to turn it into their driveway. Combating an increase of all of these issues on Lincoln Ave, and then to endure on Whittle Ave as well, is not do-able.

Please come and drive, or walk, upper Whittle Ave and come see for yourselves what we want to protect.

I oppose HRS's desire to expand enrollment, throughout the year. I support our Neighborhood Steering Committee's version of the CUP proposal, and to reduce the number of events and hours of use of the school after normal school hours.

Sincerely,

Joan McCloskey

Klein, Heather

From: jodi lerner <mslemieux.marilyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaneey, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: Head Royce School

My name is Jodi Lerner. My husband and I have owned the house located at 24 Camellia Place, Oakland, CA 94602 for over 15 years.

I am writing to inform you that I support the NSC's response to Head Royce School's request to increase enrollment.

Since we purchased the house, traffic congestion on Lincoln due to Head Royce School has increased significantly, making it difficult to travel on Lincoln during morning commute hours as well as in the afternoon when the school lets out. Further, it is both difficult and dangerous to make a left from Alida onto Lincoln during morning commute times, which is when I go to work. Additionally, I am concerned about the ability of emergency vehicles to get through this traffic; I would think emergency vehicle response time would be slowed considerably.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Jodi S. Lerner

Klein, Heather

From: Arthur Fogelman <ajfinoak@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Cc: Arthur Fogelman
Subject: Objection to Head Royce Expansion

Dear Oakland City Officials;

My name is Arthur Fogelman and I reside at 2580 Charleston Street in Oakland. We own our home and have been residing here for over 18 years. I support the local Neighborhood Steering Committee's recommendations previously submitted to the City. I strongly encourage you to not increase Head Royce's enrollment beyond 875 students and that Summer enrollment be limited to 500 students. Head Royce should not be permitted to lend or rent their facilities outside of their organization.

I do not know if you regularly travel up and down Lincoln Avenue during school drop off and pick-up hours. It is a nightmare and traffic backs up in both directions. And this is at the current enrollment levels! Aside from a major inconvenience for those of us who reside in the area there is a safety concern for local residents as well. Any emergency vehicles heading in either direction would certainly lose valuable time in responding and the fire station is above highway 13 which would require vehicles to travel past the school and its congestion.

I understand that Head Royce has attempted to improve the situation utilizing security guards, etc.; however, Lincoln Avenue only has 1 lane of traffic heading in each direction so there is no alternate route. The street cannot even handle the traffic now without the increase in enrollment. School buses and parents of the students are utilizing our local streets as other routes of travel greatly increasing congestion and raising more safety concerns for our neighbors and their children.

Additionally, the increased noise which would result from an expansion of the school's census would only further undermine the ability to enjoy our residential neighborhood.

I urge you seriously consider the quality of life and safety of those of us residing in the neighborhood on both sides of Lincoln Avenue.

Thank you,
Arthur Fogelman

Klein, Heather

From: barbsa9509@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Campbell Washington, Annie; Flynn, Rachel; Klein, Heather
Subject: upcoming planning commission hearing nov 4 on head royce expansion: neighbors

hello - as a neighbor of head royce school, wanted to provide some input on their request for expansion/increase in allowed number of students.

as a private school that does not necessarily serve local students, there are multiple problems existing (unresolved) related to the dropping off and picking up of head royce students. there is a neighbor group working with head royce now and do not want to interfere with that process.

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the point is that we neighbors would like the school to take responsibility and as a for-profit institution, find the funds to adequately address their transportation issues before being allowed to expand.

thank you - barbara sanders
2401 rampart street
oakland

Klein, Heather

From: Don Dunning <don@eastbayrealtypro.com>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 11:16 AM
To: Klein, Heather
Subject: FW: Head-Royce School, Complaint No. 0906270
Attachments: Steering Comm ltr to Planning 05-13-2015.pdf

Hi Heather,

Please confirm you received this email.

Thanks,
Don Dunning

From: Don Dunning [<mailto:don@eastbayrealtypro.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 5:14 PM
To: Heather Klein (HKlein@oaklandnet.com)
Cc: rflynn@oaklandnet.com; acampbellwashington@oaklandnet.com; lschaaf@oaklandnet.com; patillo@pgadesign.com; jmoore.ocpc@gmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; michael@mbcarch.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; ew.oakland@gmail.com; dkalb@oaklandnet.com; aguillen@oaklandnet.com; lmcelhaney@oaklandnet.com; ngallo@oaklandnet.com; dbrooks@oaklandnet.com; lreid@oaklandnet.com; atlarge@oaklandnet.com
Subject: Head-Royce School, Complaint No. 0906270

Ms Klein,

Please see attached PDF regarding Head-Royce School and confirm that you have received it.

Regards,
Don Dunning, for the Neighborhood Steering Committee

May 13, 2015

Dear Ms Klein:

The Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) has reviewed the Planning Department's Notice of Determination sent to Head-Royce School (HRS) on May 5, 2015. After careful consideration, our committee has determined that we will not be filing an appeal. Looking back on many years of the school's failure to comply with conditions of the use permit, and suffering no consequences for it, we do not see any advantage to the neighborhood in organizing our efforts this way.

Neighbors agree the current use permit is written in a way that benefits the school and is detrimental to the neighborhood. Instead of filing an appeal, we respectfully ask the City to renew efforts to rewrite the use permit, as was the original plan.

Some years ago, in good faith, we dropped our request for an administrative hearing officer to oversee a revocation hearing for HRS. This was in exchange for the school's commitment to work in collaboration with neighbors to rewrite use permit language. With the City's support, and after nearly a year of meetings between neighbors and the school, we reached an impasse, after which HRS and neighbors separately submitted draft language to the Planning Department.

We requested City assistance in moving forward with changing use permit language to make it clearer, quantifiable, enforceable and to include penalties against the school for future violations. Nothing ever came of this. Meanwhile, as we later learned, HRS had developed a plan to increase student enrollment to a number not authorized by the use permit until 2020.

The school has recently submitted a request to legalize their enrollment levels. This is an incontrovertible aspect of the current use permit where HRS has been determined to be out of compliance. It is disappointing, but predictable, that the school would defy this requirement and ask, long after the fact, that the rules be changed for their benefit.

HRS has been out of compliance with aspects of its use permit for decades, but, due to many ambiguous clauses, it manages to disregard the rights of neighbors without penalty. We believe that, until the current use permit is properly rewritten, this behavior will continue to demand unnecessary hours of neighborhood and City staff time.

The revised use permit needs to be rewritten with clearly defined expectations, will require third party monitoring for compliance and must include meaningful financial or other penalties. Otherwise, the school will continue to expand its footprint and contribute further to the institutionalization of our residential neighborhood.

Finally, we ask that the City provide at least three months of time for community review, input and comment before the Planning Commission considers Head-Royce's application. In 2005, problems with the current use permit arose in great part because neighbors were provided an inadequately short time frame to peruse applicable documents and meet to discuss details.

At the time, neighbors were told they needed to either sign agreements prepared by HRS or forego any opposition to the application. This is what has lead to many present problems with the use permit and we do not want a recurrence of this failed process.

It is our understanding that Head-Royce has been in discussions with the City for many months. The TDM is not new to HRS, but it is new to the community. With hundreds of homes impacted by the school's desire to continue expanding and its history of use permit noncompliance, our request for sufficient time to participate meaningfully in the City process is reasonable.

Cordially,

Don Dunning, for the Neighborhood Steering Committee

cc:

Rachel Flynn

Annie Campbell-Washington

Libby Schaaf

Planning Commission

City Council

9/18/15

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning commission and Planners,

My name is Judy and I've lived at 26 Alida Court since October, 1998. The back of my property borders the former Lincoln Child Center parking lot. I'm writing to inform you that I support the NSC proposal and oppose any further expansion of Head Royce School.

Over the years, the size of HRS' physical plant and student enrollment has increased significantly, negatively affecting the neighborhood. Increased traffic, noise and new restrictions have changed the character of living here in an undesirable way. Student drop-off has made it difficult to access Lincoln Avenue to, and from, Alida Street and has significantly slowed down traffic on Lincoln Ave. Parking in the LCC lot for evening and weekend events has resulted in noise from car doors slamming, people talking loudly to each other, car radios, and from horns honking that can be heard clearly through my closed bedroom window. HRS' efforts to control traffic by placing adult security/traffic guards on Alida Street, directly across from Alida Court, compromises privacy and is ineffective. The addition of cones, often placed in the street or on the sidewalk, added regulatory signage, students standing on corners with "no u-turn" signs, and the requirement of resident parking stickers is restrictive and controlling. What may have been designed to improve traffic has significantly changed the quiet, residential feel of this neighborhood and, potential, decreased property values. I am deeply concerned that HRS' plans to expand even further will continue encroaching on this neighborhood, strongly impacting quality of life for our residents.

Sincerely,

Judy Sigars

Klein, Heather

From: Karen Caronna <kamaca9@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 3:19 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; comccappio@oaklandnet.com; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; Guillen, Abel; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: Scanned Letter regarding Head Royce school expansion
Attachments: Image091515223256.pdf

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning commission and Planners;

I am sending the attached, scanned letter on behalf of a neighbor who has been having difficulties with technology and navigating email. If needed, I can mail the original.

Thank you for your consideration.
Karen Caronna
Burlington St.



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To: "Karen Caronna" <karnaca9@gmail.com>

Cc: Mayor Libby Schaaf, etal

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Subject: Head Royce School

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Plain Text

I am writing in opposition to the proposed expansion of Head Royce School. I am retired and live at the highest elevation of Burlington at 2416. I have lived here for 23 years in a direct line from the schoolyard and this year observed the noise level to be lessened and that is a positive. Perhaps some trees have grown.

What has been an increasing source of annoyance is the heavy traffic morning and afternoon generated by the school. It is impossible to make a left hand turn on to Lincoln during these hours and access by emergency vehicles is definitely limited. It should be noted that fire trucks regularly use Lincoln. Also, I have had to caution contractors not to use Highway 13 to come here during morning or afternoon while the school is in session. Along with heavy traffic are the large number of vehicles using Burlington for Uturns. These cars invariably speed and are a hazard to children playing and residents walking. The school claims to have instructed parents not to use Burlington. I would like to see some appropriate signage and a Head Royce Free Zone.

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If you have a \$500,000 portfolio, download the guide by *Forbes* columnist and money manager Ken Fisher's firm. It's called *The Definitive Guide to Retirement Income*. Even if you have something else in place right now, it still makes sense to request your guide!

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I have a suggestion, There is a large parking lot behind Peets on Fruitvale extending to Dimond. A school bus or two could be stationed there to pick up children coming from the West in the morning and safely return them in the afternoon. I realize some ID might be required of parents or guardians.

I am in support of the neighborhood NSC proposal which is sound. We certainly do not need more involvement in our lives from the school.

Very truly yours,

Claire B. McDowell

Klein, Heather

From: Leila H. Moncharsh <101550@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 2:44 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina, Olga; arguillen@oaklandnet.com; McElhaney, Lynette; Gallo, Noel; Campbell Washington, Annie; Brooks, Desley; Kaplan, Rebecca; Reid, Larry; Moore, Jim; magraplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott
Subject: FW: Head Royce project - Invitation to Planning commissioners
Attachments: 1-4-06_staff report and conditions re Head Royce.pdf; Att E_Nhood Agreements.pdf; 5-4-15_HRS Application to Amend Permit Enrollment.pdf; Att 1_Transportation Demand Management.pdf; 7-15-15_City letter to Head Royce.pdf; 7-15-15_ Att A_City Proposed conditions - compare version.pdf; 8-17-15 NSC Response to Proposal. August 17, 2015.pdf

Dear Planning Commissioners:

Over the last few weeks, you may have received some emails from concerned neighbors regarding Head Royce's application to increase its enrollment now to 906 students instead of in 2021 as required in their 2006 use permit. Below is as neutral a description of the issues as I could find. It was prepared by a neutral person living outside of the "eye of the impacts" and who happens to also be a city planner other than in Oakland.

There is now a Planning Commission hearing scheduled for November 4, 2015 and so this is the appropriate time to provide documents to you for your consideration.

In a second email, I will send you a clean copy of the neighbors' requests with the "highlights" of what they are requesting of your commission.

This is also to invite you to a meeting with representatives of the neighborhood, which I will describe in the second email.

To give a quick summary of the history and the attached documents:

- 2006: The City approved a Master Plan for Head Royce which allowed new buildings to be built and the enrollment to increase by 180 students (from 700 - 880 with a 3% enrollment variation) over a 15 year period (2006 – 2021). The final 60 students would not be permitted until 1) 15 years after approval of the Master Plan and 2) certain conditions outlined in the Conditions of Approval had been met. Condition 33 refers to signed agreements with neighborhood groups that were attached to the report as Attachment E.

- Today: The buildings have been built and Head Royce wants to be able to enroll at the maximum capacity allowed (880 +/- 3%) now instead of waiting until 2021. The school submitted an application on May 4, 2015 to modify the Conditions of Approval, and included a Traffic Demand Management (TDM) Plan to call out the traffic issues on Lincoln and suggest ways that they could be addressed.
- In the meantime, there have been many neighborhood concerns about how Head Royce is meeting the conditions which allowed the additional buildings and increased enrollment. Most of the concerns seem to be about traffic, noise and the use of the property for events (school-sponsored and otherwise) during non-school hours.
- City planning staff have responded to Head Royce's request with proposed changes and additions to the 2006 Conditions of Approval. The Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) reviewed the Planning Department's proposed changes and has suggested their own modifications to the conditions (August 17th, 2015).

The following documents are attached:

1. The **January 4, 2006 staff report** and Conditions of Approval for Head Royce's Master Plan, which allowed it to build new buildings and increase its enrollment.
2. **Exhibit E of the January 4th staff report**, which contains the agreements with the neighborhood groups.
3. Head Royce's **May 4th, 2015 application** to Oakland's Planning Department to modify the 2006 Conditions of Approval to allow the enrollment to increase earlier
4. **Attachment 1 (Traffic/Transportation Demand Management Plan)** of Head Royce's May 4th application.
5. The Planning Department's **July 15th, 2015 response** to Head Royce
6. **Attachment A of the July 15th letter**, which shows the City proposed changes to the 2006 Conditions of Approval (in a track changes format), designed to respond to Head Royce's request and to clarify 2006 conditions and make them more enforceable.
7. The **August 17th, 2015 Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) response** to the Planning Department's proposal (in a track changes format to a clean version of the City's changes).

The city planner who has been assigned to Head-Royce's projects long term is: Heather Klein, at hklein@oaklandnet.com.

Thank you for reviewing these documents and for your attention to the neighborhood input,

Klein, Heather

From: Lisa Frost <ltf1@pacbell.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2015 9:26 PM
To: Klein, Heather
Cc: Don Dunning
Subject: Re: Head Royce School Enrollment Application and TDM
Attachments: HRS comments 07_15.docx; ATT00001.htm

Dear Heather,

Thank you once again for all the careful consideration and planning you put into this document.

I have reviewed the documents and have made comments and observations and asked questions. I used Attachment A with the additions and deletions because there are still unresolved concerns from the last PUD.

I look forward to your response and insights, thank you.

Take care,

Lisa Frost

Attachment A

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:33 PM
To: owetsu@pacbell.net
Subject: I Support Head-Royce School

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Sincerely,

Akiko Tsuzuki
owetsu@pacbell.net
1451 Mountain Blvd
Oakland, Ca 94611

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:30 PM
To: barrow210@gmail.com
Subject: I Support Head-Royce School

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Lisa Barrow

barrow210@gmail.com

4284 Howe street oakland ca 94611

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3482 Marques Court
Castro Valley, ca 94546

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To: abimsnaiwo@hotmail.com
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Alameda, CA 94501

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 7:36 PM
To: stephanie.dawson@yahoo.ca
Subject: I Support Head-Royce School

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stephanie.dawson@yahoo.ca
10 Julie Highlands Ct
Lafayette, CA 94549

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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6:36 PM
To: charmaineme@gmail.com
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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6:07 PM
To: julie@redoakrealty.com
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To: baseball@pacbell.net
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Oakland, CA 94611

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:53 PM
To: rita.mclean@gmail.com
Subject: I Support Head-Royce School

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To: suzanneminokoga@gmail.com
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5721 Hermann Street
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To: juancuriel33@gmail.com
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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:45 PM
To: ali.jefferson@gmail.com
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Alison Jefferson
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840 Santa Ray Ave

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:37 PM
To: adriana.gomes@live.com
Subject: I Support Head-Royce School

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Piedmont, CA 94611

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To: kaltman130@yahoo.com
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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:33 PM
To: KSagramoso@gmail.com
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394 Euclid Avenue
Oakland 94610

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:31 PM
To: piedmontkongs@yahoo.com
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Piedmont, CA 94611

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:22 PM
To: nfeidelman@gmail.com
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Nancy Feidelman
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523 Kenmore Avenue
Oakland, Ave 94610

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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:20 PM
To: mbarrett@headroyce.org
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mbarrett@headroyce.org
658 Santa Ray Ave
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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:12 PM
To: john.maxey@gmail.com
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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:03 PM
To: ad12ianna@me.com
Subject: I Support Head-Royce School

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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:59 PM
To: sutapa.balaji@gmail.com
Subject: I Support Head-Royce School

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:57 PM
To: vsabnani@gmail.com
Subject: I support Head-Royce School

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my full-throated support for Head-Royce School.

For 50 years, Head-Royce has provided high-quality K-12 education to young people in Oakland. In addition to being one of the best independent schools in America – education we’re extremely lucky to have here in our community – Head-Royce provides a great education that’s accessible. The School offers a robust financial aid program that helps working families to the tune of over \$4 million annually, subsidized bus service, and a culturally-competent education in a vibrant urban community where students of color make up over half of the student body.

And Head-Royce works tirelessly to be a good neighbor:

- **Head-Royce contributes over \$10,000/year** to neighborhood security patrols – in addition to providing 3 full-time security guards that enhance neighborhood safety.
- **Head-Royce dedicates trained monitors to direct and streamline** drop-off and pick-up traffic – and worked closely with the City to install “NO U-TURN” signs.
- **Head-Royce imposes strict driving rules** on its visitors – using cameras to enforce rules that are a contractual condition of enrollment and employment.
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Still – like the neighborhoods around many schools – there are impacts. That’s why Head-Royce’s application before the Planning Commission comes with a host of new rules, regulations, and conditions that represent a significant, new community benefit.

For example, the School has engaged professional transportation planners at Nelson\Nygaard to prepare a Transportation Demand Management Plan designed to ease traffic. The firm recently conducted traffic counts, which showed that the School adds approximately one car per minute to neighboring streets during the busiest periods of drop-off and pick-up. Though this number is fairly small, Head-Royce is committed to reducing single-occupancy vehicle traffic – which is why it has invested over \$1 million in subsidized bus service for students and worked closely with AC Transit to protect public bus routes that serve its students.

Head-Royce recognizes the impacts of being on an already-busy thoroughfare, takes proactive steps to lessen it, and works hard to dialogue with concerned neighbors. The School has engaged in longstanding community outreach, and also held a community meeting recently, which I appreciated. And it has promised to continue

this kind of productive communication with neighbors.

Ultimately, Head-Royce is actually a relatively small school – much like their fairly routine request to responsibly, slowly grow by adding just 31 additional students, with new enrollment spread out over several years. (Though Head-Royce is a K-12 school, nearby Montera Middle School has over 1000 students for just three grade levels.)

Head-Royce is a significant community asset that Oakland needs, and one that should thrive. Like many others, I urge you to approve the School's use permit amendment – and the new City staff-recommended rules that will improve the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
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To: micheledase@aol.com
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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:46 PM
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Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 3:22 PM
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Subject: I Support Head-Royce School

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