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Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 1:50 PM
To: jlcdisp@gmail.com
Subject: I support Head-Royce School

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Julia Chin
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Sita Rosalie Davis

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From: Jami Matanky <jme1000jme@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 1:14 PM
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Subject: OPPOSED to Head Royce's Expansion proposal

To all,

I have lived at 2439 Alida St. in Oakland since May 1988, and have watched as Head Royce over the years, has increasingly had a more and more negative impact to our once quiet, enjoyable, residential neighborhood.

Over the years the Head Royce Community has thrown trash in our yards, parked in front of our driveway's, and made illegal u-turns. And even in this new school year of 2015 this has occurred. Last year, and previous years, there have been monitors at Alida Court, this school year there are none.

Currently Head Royce has impacted my daily life and caused me much stress in that I don't know if I will be able to park anywhere near my house when I get home. I have to plan my day such that I get home in time to park in front of my own house or even near it.

In addition, I am an avid gardener (a great stress reliever) and have had a year-round edible landscaped front yard for many, many years where I use no chemicals or pesticides. With the current increase in traffic and proposed future increase in traffic and it's associated pollution (due to Head Royce's request for increased enrollment and their "Loop" concept), I am very concerned about the safety of my food source.

When we bought into this quiet residential neighborhood with two young children in 1988, Head Royce was a good neighbor and concerned about the community in which they resided. This has totally changed over the years as Head Royce continues, as they have for many years, to not abide by their Conditional Use Permit, and have suffered no consequences for this out of compliance situation.

What has become obvious to me is that Head Royce no longer cares, and hasn't for many years, about their surrounding residential community. What message does this send to their students, our future leaders, about care for one's community?

In addition, Head Royce communicates that they lend/rent their facility to community groups to support the "Community". But what about supporting their local community, the community they reside in?

It has got to STOP and Head Royce needs to be accountable for their negative impact in our neighborhood. In that vein, I am writing to oppose Head Royce's expansion and urge you to ensure that Head Royce comes into compliance with their current Conditional Use Permit. Please vote against Head Royce's proposal.

I am wholeheartedly in support of my Neighborhood Steering Committee's proposal which represents a good balance for both the neighborhood and a private school.

Thank you for your support for those that live and want to live in this Oakland neighborhood.

Jami Matanky

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To: eabreach@sbcglobal.net
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Sincerely,
Emily Breach
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4090 Happy Valley Rd.
Lafayette, CA 94549

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 12:55 PM
To: brent.bamberger@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Brent Bamberger

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2397 Warren Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94595

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 12:51 PM
To: landmiller@sbcglobal.net
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Sincerely,
Will Miller
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3815 Greenwood Ave.
Oakland, CA 94602

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 11:44 AM
To: gabrieleallen@gmail.com
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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 11:36 AM
To: cvonbehren@gmail.com
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Jennifer Jones
jeneyre2002@yahoo.com
551 Santa Rosa Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94707

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 10:53 AM
To: courtneyreadcarroll@gmail.com
Subject: I support Head-Royce School

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Courtney Carroll

courtneyreadcarroll@gmail.com

1158 upper happy valley rd

Lafayette ca. 94549

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Crystal Land
cland@headroyce.org
3815 Greenwood Ave
Oakland, CA 94602

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 10:42 AM
To: kfthompson@headroyce.org
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Kristi Thompson
kfthompson@headroyce.org
c/o Head Royce School
4315 Lincoln Ave.
Oakland, CA 94618

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Lntesq@gmail.com
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Lisa Tucker

Lntesq@gmail.com

2930 Domingo Ave #219, Berkeley CA 94705

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 9:13 AM
To: michael.novogradac@novoco.com
Subject: I support Head-Royce School

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Michael Novogradac

michael.novogradac@novoco.com

244 Glorietta Blvd

Orinda, CA 94563

Klein, Heather

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 8:59 AM
To: cedric_hilliard@att.net
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Cedric Hilliard
cedric_hilliard@att.net
8801 Seneca St.
Oakland, CA 94605

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 8:57 AM
To: dwilliams@headroyce.org
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Deirdre Williams
dwilliams@headroyce.org
8801 Seneca St.
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Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 7:10 AM
To: KSagramoso@gmail.com
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Karla Sagramoso
KSagramoso@gmail.com
394 Euclid Avenue
Oakland CA 94610

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 6:49 AM
To: reneepacheco@yahoo.com
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Renee Pacheco
reneepacheco@yahoo.com
747 Rosemount Road
Oakland, CA 94610

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 11:41 PM
To: mccormac@earthlink.net
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Klein, Heather

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Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 10:58 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; jahazielbonillaoklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; Pattillo, Chris; ew.oakland@gmail.com; Klein, Heather; Ranelletti, Darin; Flynn, Rachel; asimmons@oakandnet.com; rmerkamp@oakandnet.com; Miller, Scott
Subject: RE:Letter of support for the NSC suggested revisions to the Head Royce Conditions of Approval:

To: Oakland Planning Commission

From: Frank Zamacona & Bridget Bichsel, 4200 Laguna Ave., Oakland CA 94602

Re: Head Royce, November 4 hearing

Our home is located on Laguna at both corners of Alida. With the introduction of the loop, forced on the neighborhood solely to accommodate Head Royce traffic, we have seen an increase in vehicles, noise and road deterioration, with little decrease in U turns and other infractions by Head Royce parents. Alida, Laguna and Potomac are severely impacted by the loop because they are very narrow, residential streets. When cars are parked on either side of these streets, traffic is reduced to one lane with cars having to cede to oncoming traffic. Hills on these streets reduce visibility and result in dangerous maneuvering and close calls. This happens twice a day.

There has been an increase in signage and cones aimed at trying to stop Head Royce drivers from bothering residents with u-turns, use of driveways and banned parking. These signs and cones are placed in front of resident's homes not only during the day, but also for evening events. Many of us take pride in our homes and maintain our houses and landscaping to create an attractive neighborhood. The signs, cones and lines of cars deface our neighborhood and detract from its formerly peaceful atmosphere.

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There is an environmental component to this, as well. The safety and health of the elderly and very young in our neighborhood are affected by the pollution emanating from the vehicles our neighborhood is forced to accommodate. The increased traffic on these narrow streets, which are used heavily during the drop off and pick up times at Head Royce by residents including joggers, bicyclists, dog walkers, and children walking to school, is an accident waiting to happen. Emergency vehicles cannot access the neighborhood or even use Lincoln as a through street when Head Royce traffic impedes passage.

We have attended numerous meetings regarding the Head Royce purchase of additional property and their plans for expansion. Despite years of input from the neighborhoods surrounding Head Royce detailing our concerns, the school has not produced a plan to keep their traffic on their properties. The school is non-compliant with its use permit, and has not been honest with neighbors regarding its expansion plans. The school has plans for aggressive growth: a performance and exhibition center, expanding recreation space, a second athletic field, a competition-size swimming pool, expanded summer programs, and increased evening and weekend events. Presently, there is no down side to Head Royce abusing the goodwill of the neighborhood because there are no consequences for its actions. With the purchase of the Lincoln Child Center property and several homes, the school has become the dominant presence in the area. But its presence is not limited to its own properties, it expands to include the greater area via overwhelming traffic and congestion.

We want “the loop” to go because it is not effective and it is not safe. It is intrusive and interferes with our enjoyment of our homes and access to our own neighborhood. It infringes on our right to privacy and to live in a safe and healthy environment. This neighborhood was not built to handle this much traffic. We ask that Head Royce School not receive preferential treatment at the expense residents who wish to enjoy their homes and their neighborhood.

The original date of 2021 for an increase in students, teachers and events should be adhered to so that the school can implement a traffic plan that can be embraced by their immediate neighbors, the larger community impacted by traffic on Lincoln, and the drivers associated with Head Royce School.

Frank and Bridget
4200 Laguna
Oakland CA 94602

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From: K.P. <ldskat@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 10:28 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:

I live at 4282 Whittle Avenue adjacent to the school and have lived here most of my life (now age 58), as my grandparents sold a portion of our family property to the school, so that it could be built. I also attended Anna Head and then Head Royce as it is now called. However, at the time I attended this school, the campus had not expanded into its current size of a small village. I don't believe neighbors had the complications that have now developed with the school.

Since my property borders the school in one of its main areas, I can attest to the noise issue, which will increase with a higher student population and number of allowable events. The following are examples of some of the noises I experience:

- constant noise of tractors and pumps during construction periods, that always continue into the weekends/early mornings.
- daily bullhorns during the summer programs and special events, along with the din of the crowds
- garbage trucks lifting and dropping the large garbage bins at 5:00 AM weekly
- the leaf blower starting at 7:10 AM each morning
- bands that play during school events
- students shouting to one another on weekend mornings when working on special projects

I feel that an increase in student population, activities, summer programs and weekend rentals to outside groups, can only add to making the noise issue unbearable. The school must function and there is a certain amount of noise that goes along with any school, but I believe a measure of containment must be in place with relation to any increase in noise that effects the surrounding neighborhood.

Although Head Royce is a stellar institution of education, and in ways seems to endeavor to be a good neighbor--it concerns me when agreements are not honored. This behavior does not bode well, when new agreements are being considered. If enrollment numbers are out of compliance now, how will compliance be maintained, should approval be given for increased numbers? How will sound and traffic restrictions be monitored? These items are of great concern to me. Also, when neighbors' concerns and requests are not given heed, it creates a mistrust in relation to the entity which one is dealing with, and particularly so, if the entity is monitoring itself, without a control that is not from within.

I have also had students leave campus and go on to my property at times through the years. The fence I asked the school to put up because of this situation, seemed to curtail the problem; however recently, we saw a student come on to the property once again, from where the fence is; perhaps there is now an opening in the fence which has not been addressed.

In looking at CDE numbers for California private schools, Head Royce already has the highest student enrollment number of any non-religious private school in Alameda County. There must be a limit placed at some point, when a neighborhood is being so impacted in such a variety of ways by a private institution, due to its large enrollment.

In conclusion--I find that in general, I must concur with and support the neighborhood steering committee's (NSC) CUP proposal.

Thank you in advance for your consideration regarding my concerns, and those of other neighbors in the area.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Piccardo

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 10:29 PM
To: figure_skater@mac.com
Subject: I support Head-Royce School

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From: Kathy Simon <kathysimon@mindspring.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 10:15 PM
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Subject: opposing Head Royce School's proposal to expand enrollment

Dear Planning Commission,

My name is Kathy Simon, and I live on Alida Court, around the corner from the Head Royce School. I am impacted daily, morning, afternoon, and often in the evening, by the incredible amount of traffic that the school generates.

I am writing to **oppose** HRS's proposal to expand its student enrollment. Please vote against this proposal. I am in support of my neighborhood steering committee's proposal, which I believe will better balance our rights as neighbors.

This is not a matter of just a few neighbors opposing Head Royce's expansion. There is widespread exasperation with their continual attempts to increase their enrollment.

Please vote against the HRS proposal.

Kathy Simon
Alida Court

Klein, Heather

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Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 10:09 PM
To: jeffrey_camp@hotmail.com
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Jeff Camp
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98 Sea View Ave.
Piedmont, CA 94611

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 9:15 PM
To: karijeffs@comcast.net
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Oakland, CA 94610

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 9:16 PM
To: brian.karij@gmail.com
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Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 8:55 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: Head-Royce CUP modification applicatio

Dear folks:

My wife and I have resided on Whittle Avenue, a few doors up from the back entrance to the Head-Royce School, for over 40 years. Unfortunately, the School has not been a good neighbor, imposing severe and ever-increasing burdens on our area. During our long tenure in the neighborhood, we have watched the School constantly expand, with an ever-increasing impact on us and our neighbors. There is a constant stream of traffic on our winding and narrow streets by delivery vehicles, staff, students and parents accessing the back entrance. Trucks often impede traffic as they struggle to enter the narrow back drive to the School. Faculty park willy-nilly in surrounding streets, making passage extremely difficult. Noise from outdoor activities disturb us at all hours. During the summer, when we should be getting a respite, the School operates a for-profit camp and "school," which is even noisier. The School has been buying up houses along Whittle, thus reducing the housing stock available in the area and presenting the threat of creating a new entrance or more parking, drawing even more traffic to our area.

There have been a never-ending series of assurances that our concerns will be mitigated, but these promises have been constantly broken. The School has blatantly ignored the enrollment limitation imposed by its previous application to the City, and is likely to do so again. The volume of traffic to the back entrance, despite promises to the contrary, has not been reduced. The noise continues unabated. The summer session appears to be expanding.

This must stop, now. The City should not cave in to the demands of the School, just because its staff and the parents of its students are politically powerful. We support the recommendations of the Neighborhood Steering Committee; the modification of the conditional use permit is of critical importance to the quality of life, health and safety in our neighborhood. Please do not let Head Royce continue to run roughshod over the needs and desires of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Joseph J. Brecher

Klein, Heather

From: Elayne Lieberman <lingolayne@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 8:01 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Cc: 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@oaklandnet.com; Miller, Scott
Subject: Fwd: HEAD ROYCE SCHOOL

DEAR MAYOR--Please be advised that as a life-long resident of Oakland and 67 year Resident on Potomac Street, my Mother, Anne Landau, has asked me to write this email to you asking that some sort of City intervention be made on the now out of control Head Royce School. We remember when the small private campus opened as The Anna Head School. The populace of the school at that time was somewhat minimal and perhaps this all girl campus was more respectful of the neighborhood community. Of course the traffic, as expected, increased over the years. But the drivers seemed to drive slower and the neighborhood was not inundated with large buses and disrespectful SUV drivers which are currently bombarding the neighborhood at ridiculous, unlawful and dangerous speeds.

We now understand that the Head Royce School (HRS) have plans to almost double the number of students planning to attend the School. As a small, private school back in 1960, Lincoln Avenue was able to accommodate the number of cars and buses using Lincoln Avenue as their main entrance. However, the increase in students at this time makes the use of Lincoln Blvd from MacArthur to Highway 13 unbearable on a regular basis. The two lane Lincoln Avenue is too small, too narrow, and too windy to be able to accommodate all of the increased traffic-- and now that the school has purchased The Lincoln Home, it's unbearable. Rather than use this new area to reduce the traffic jams on Lincoln, the school is planning on building new classrooms and increasing the student population almost two-fold. This is unacceptable. Regular after school programs and games, not to mention weekend games and events, makes all travel for the neighborhood unbearable. I won't even go into the torturous amounts of sink holes and the disrepair of our streets that are ever increasing due to the high volume of large buses and increased traffic that that we have been forced to endure.

I beg you, Madame Mayor, to please take note of this ever increasing nuisance and help us with reducing the number of additional students allowed to enroll at the HRS. HRS originally promised the neighbors that no new construction would be instituted at the newly purchased site. I now understand that they have absolutely no intention of honoring that promise. The powers that be at the school are now pooh poohing their original promises and are hoping Neighborhood Legal Fees will choke Residents from fighting this Neighborhood Battle. Please don't allow this to turn ugly. And let's not turn this into a Corporate Battle. The Oakland Hills are alive with the Sound of Music. Please don't let the once low key Anna Head Campus turn into a noisy, traffic infused area that the Corporate owners are trying to change simply for financial gain. If HRS needs additional space, perhaps they need to move their Campus elsewhere. We, the

Residents, moved here to enjoy the tranquility of the hills. Please recognize this ongoing problem at once so we can maintain what's left of our Residential neighborhood as possible.

Thanks so much,
Elayne Lieberman

Klein, Heather

From: Elayne Lieberman <lingolayne@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 7:46 PM
To: nagrajplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com;
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Subject: Fwd: HEAD ROYCE SCHOOL

DEAR MAYOR--Please be advised that as a life-long resident of Oakland and 67 year Resident on Potomac Street, my Mother, Anne Landau, has asked me to write this email to you asking that some sort of City intervention be made on the now out of control Head Royce School. We remember when the small private campus opened as The Anna Head School. The populace of the school at that time was somewhat minimal and perhaps this all girl campus was more respectful of the neighborhood community. Of course the traffic, as expected, increased over the years. But the drivers seemed to drive slower and the neighborhood was not inundated with large buses and disrespectful SUV drivers which are currently bombarding the neighborhood at ridiculous, unlawful and dangerous speeds.

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Thanks so much,
Elayne Lieberman

Klein, Heather

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 6:47 PM
To: lrailey@gmail.com
Subject: I support Head-Royce School

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From: Thomas White <tom.joan@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 2:27 PM
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Subject: City Recommended Revised Head Royce Conditions of Approval

Joan and Tom White
2472 Alida Street
Oakland, CA 94602

October 24, 2015

To: officeofthemayor@oaklandnet.com; cityadministrator@oaklandnet.com; ccappio@oaklandnet.com; dkalb@oaklandnet.com; obolotina@oaklandnet.com; arguillen@oaklandnet.com; lmcelhaney@oaklandnet.com; ngallo@oaklandnet.com; acampbellwashington@oaklandnet.com; dbrooks@oaklandnet.com; rkaplan@oaklandnet.com; lreid@oaklandnet.com; jmoore.ocpc@gmail.com; magraplanning@gmail.com; nags98@hotmail.com; jahazielbonillaoaklandpc@gmail.com; amandamonchamp@gmail.com; jmyres.oakplanningcommission@gmail.com; pattillo@pgadesign.com; ew.oakland@gmail.com; hklein@oaklandnet.com; dranelletti@oaklandnet.com; rflynn@oaklandnet.com; asimmons@oaklandnet.com; rmerkamp@oaklandnet.com; smiller@oaklandnet.com

Dear Esteemed Oakland City Workers:

With reference to the City Recommended Revised Head Royce Conditions of Approval: we live on Alida Street, two blocks off Lincoln Avenue. We recognize Head-Royce School's high standing in the educational sphere. We wish them well as they work to build a staff and student body that looks like Oakland. We are happy to hear that HRS has sought to enroll some neighborhood children.

That said, this community has been our home for 23 years, and we've watched HRS grow. With that growth has come a challenging and dramatic increase in traffic difficulties on Lincoln and Alida during HRC's regular school year, and during its summer camp sessions.

The Conditions of Approval state that HRC will be permitted an unlimited number of "Special Events" during school hours of operation. In Section 16, paragraphs C, D, and E, it's proposed that HRC will also be permitted 140 night and weekend Special Events during the school year. HRC is not an entertainment venue, and the proposed number of events far exceed those hosted by the other schools, and institutions in the immediate area. HRC directs its traffic from Lincoln Ave. to Alida St., then down Laguna Ave. to Potomac St., and back to Lincoln. During HRC's morning and afternoon drop-off

and pick-up, as well as during its Special Events, these streets become over the years extraordinarily congested, making it difficult to get in and out of our homes. Drivers seeking to short-cut the HRC-directed traffic loop routinely use Linnet Ave. for turn-arounds. As an illustration we offer the following: We live at the corner of Alida St. and Linnet Ave. It's our experience that during HRS drivers' use of the loop we also see many drivers making an illegal and very dangerous U-turn at this corner. HRS traffic is actually degrading the pavement on the loop, and particularly at our corner – the roadbed is now disintegrating.

The community's concerns about traffic problems around HRC have been documented with photographs, videos, and vehicle counts submitted to HRC by our neighbors in many meetings. The number of Special Events proposed in the Conditions of Approval, with the concomitant increase in the number of buses and cars on these streets, is a daunting prospect indeed.

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We feel implementation of the Revised HR Conditions is premature and should be postponed until HRS presents a Conditions of Use plan for the Lincoln Childcare Center site. We recommend that the Conditions not be approved, subject to further consideration of community input.

Sincerely,

Joan and Tom White

Klein, Heather

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Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 2:28 PM
To: rachel_m_lee@yahoo.com
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Sincerely,
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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 1:02 PM
To: cjinovogradac@gmail.com
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From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 1:03 PM
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Oakland, CA 94618

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Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 12:56 PM
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From: Leila H. Moncharsh <101550@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 12:44 PM
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Subject: Head Royce Expansion & Modified Use Permit

Dear Mayor, City Council, and Planning Commissioners,

I purchased my house on Charleston Street behind Lincoln Child Center in 1993. At that time, Head-Royce school (HRS) used its driveway and parking lot for much of its drop-off and pick-up. Other neighbors can describe the problems that occurred over the years that HRS has been a neighbor. I would like to share two points:

Poor Planning of the Campus Layout: In 2004-2005 when HRS expanded its campus buildings, it also convinced the City that it had a legal right to use public streets for its parking and transportation needs. Thereby, the school saved as much of the campus space for money-generating uses and forced the neighborhood to assume the impacts of the dead overhead costs related to parking, turnaround space for cars heading back in the direction from which they came, and drop-off and pick-up. **The solution is to require a very high level of public transportation for students and employees in order to reduce their parking needs and require that the school re-open the driveway and parking lot for some of its drop-off and pick-up. (It currently is allowed to use some of Lincoln Child Center property for parking as well.)**

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On behalf of my household, I support the NSC proposal.

Leila Moncharsh

Klein, Heather

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 10:43 AM
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Emily Wu

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Klein, Heather

From: Monica Bien <monbien@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2015 9:38 AM
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: Head Royce School

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Added to this and of particular concern for the neighbors on Whittle Avenue is the recent acquisition by Head Royce of another residential property.

Please support the modification of the conditional use permit as outlined by the Neighborhood Steering Committee.

Sincerely,
Monica Bien,
A Whittle Avenue Resident

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2015 9:20 PM
To: jjayaratne@compasslexecon.com
Subject: I support Head-Royce School

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From: supporters@headroyce.org
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Klein, Heather

From: Wayne Robinson <waynerobin@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2015 7:07 PM
To: Klein, Heather
Subject: Head Royce School - Request planning information being presented on Nov 4

Cheers,

Wayne

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Subject: Oppose Further Expansion Of Head Royce School

NSC (Neighborhood Steering Committee) HRS (Head Royce School)

The NSC opposes further expansion of HRS because: Y the neighborhood cannot handle even one more car, Y the history of poor HRS management leading to the use permit violations over a significant number of years, Y the admitted desire to keep expanding its institution without adequate parking facilities, Y its encroachment with school traffic into narrow residential streets that were never designed to handle it, and Y the lack of leadership from the HRS board of trustees that could lead to future use permit compliance with any possible further growth. Generally speaking, the surrounding neighborhood is quickly becoming "institutionalized" by Head-Royce School which now own 22 acres, including residential properties, one of which (half-acre) was just purchased in June 2015 and is located on Whittle Avenue. Here are the "highlights" of the dispute between HRS's application and NSC's proposal now scheduled for Oakland Planning Commission Hearing, City Council Chambers, November 4th @ 6 pm.

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U NSC proposes a much lower number of total events due to traffic and noise that are inconsistent with typical schools and no events over the summer.

Klein, Heather

From: karen young <youngstearns@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2015 5:25 PM
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Subject: Head Royce School Conditional Use Permit Application

Dear Planning Commissioners and Interested Parties,

When the Planning Commission meets on November 4, please consider the voices of the neighbors surrounding Head Royce School (HRS) as you are asked to deny or accept city staff's view of the school's conditional use permit application.

I have lived on the corner of Laguna and Potomac Avenues since 1993. I live half-a-mile away from HRS and now, everyday my family and I feel the negative impact of its size. The enrollment volume and accompanying traffic and congestion generated, along with an ill-conceived plan for student drop-off and pick up has finally taken its toll on the peace, health and safety of the people living in this neighborhood well beyond the front gates of the school. As a result, I became a member of the Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC). We have been referred to "as a small, but vocal minority" in opposition to HRS's application. We represent about 385 households, and we have valid issues that deserve to be heard. We are all volunteers, who have jobs and families, and lack the paid resources and services to which HRS has access.

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Sincerely,

Karen Young

Klein, Heather

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Sent: Saturday, October 24, 2015 2:34 PM
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From: supporters@headroyce.org
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San Leandro, CA 94577

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darnell Crossland

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2942 fruitvale ave oakland ca 94602

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To: lauraplants@gmail.com
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Laura Galligan

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1624 Buena Ave. Berkeley CA, 94703

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3829 Madrone
Oakland, CA 94619

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 8:20 PM
To: absnmllee@att.net
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Rachel Concannon
rachelconcannon@gmail.com
17525 Dorson Lane
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Kelly Howard

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6110 Swainland Road Oakland, cA 94611

From: supporters@headroyce.org
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 7:57 PM
To: michelle@berkeleyacupuncture.org
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968 Bayview Avenue, Oakland CA 94610

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To: dkwon@yahoo.com
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