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Subject: RE: Head-Royce CUP modification application

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Subject: Head-Royce CUP modification application

Date: Thu, 22 Oct 2015 11:56:10 -0700

Dear Planning Commissioners:

I own a home at 4215 Linnet Avenue, and I am strongly opposed to the HRS request to legalize their current enrollment of 875 and reach the third enrollment phase of 906, which is not authorized until January 4th, 2021.

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If this is allowed, it would be another statement by the City of Oakland that the school, which has a long record of violating its agreements with neighbors and the City, does not need to live up to them. What will that mean in the future, when HRS builds on its newly acquired properties and again fails to keep its commitments? Please vote no and do not allow this to happen.

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including the school, could and probably did make about how to deal with the transportation problems caused by the school's operations. It is not supported by car counts, although the Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) witnessed car counts being taken by a counting company, Quality Counts. Nor has any traffic engineer analyzed the safety concerns and produced a signed and wet stamped report.

Lincoln Avenue is an extremely dangerous thoroughfare and there have been traffic deaths on the street in the past. The Planning Commission should insist on a current TDM signed off by a traffic engineer chosen by the City.

We support the recommendations made by the NSC in its "Requested Revisions to the Proposal from the City" and request that you give them detailed consideration. That document is attached.

Please help to stop the ever-increasing erosion of the quiet enjoyment of our property.

Sincerely, Donna Egan

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supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 12:49 PM

To:

joelle_stallone@yahoo.com

Subject:

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Sent:

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Jim & Susan Cavalieri
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To:

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sverges@tmgpartners.com

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From: supporters@headroyce.org

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:41 AM

To: charlie.wicke@shaw.ca

Subject: I support Head-Royce School

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Sincerely, Charles Wicke charlie.wicke@shaw.ca 2861 CHELSEA DR OAKLAND, CA 94611

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:37 AM

To:

kfelt@headroyce.org

Subject:

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Sincerely, Kiki Felt kfelt@headroyce.org 339 Taurus Ave Oakland, CA 94611

From: supporters@headroyce.org

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:34 AM

To: horreras@gmail.com

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Sincerely, Laura Ho horreras@gmail.com 447 65th Street Oakland, CA 94609

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:28 AM

To:

mtafreshinejad@headroyce.org

Subject:

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Sincerely, Maziar Tafreshinejad <u>mtafreshinejad@headroyce.org</u> 4315 Lincoln Avenue

From: supporters@headroyce.org

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 9:01 AM

To:soomasson@yahoo.comSubject:I support Head-Royce School

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Sincerely, Soo Masson soomasson@yahoo.com 6476 Valley View Rd Oakland, CA 94611

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:39 AM

To:

sbaheti@headroyce.org

Subject:

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Sincerely, Samantha Baheti sbaheti@headroyce.org 3654 Chestnut Street Unit B Lafayette CA 94549

From: supporters@headroyce.org

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:30 AM

To: juliekimbeal@me.com

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Sincerely, Julie Kim-Beal <u>juliekimbeal@me.com</u> 2825 Yosemite Avenue Alameda, CA 94501

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:22 AM

To:

suzy6658@aol.com

Subject:

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Sincerely, Suzanne Yamamoto suzy6658@aol.com 4369 Terrabella Way Oakland, CA 94619

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:10 AM

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Sincerely, Lisa Van Kirk <u>lisavankirk1@gmail.com</u> 1000 Sanders Dr, Moraga, CA 94556

From: supporters@headroyce.org

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 7:56 AM

To: tejal84@hotmail.com

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Sincerely, Tejal Patel tejal84@hotmail.com 18 Cornwall Court Oakland, CA 94611

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 7:43 AM

To:

sclark@headroyce.org

Subject:

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Sincerely, Scott Clark sclark@headroyce.org 5714 Alta Punta Ave El Cerrito, CA 94530

From: supporters@headroyce.org

Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 7:14 AM

To: lisa.alumkal@gmail.com
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Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 7:13 AM

To:bgwagener@comcast.netSubject:I support Head-Royce School

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<u>bgwagener@comcast.net</u>

5351 Belgrave Place
Oakland, CA 94618

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 5:40 AM

To:

pscott@headroyce.org

Subject:

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supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

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ericyount@sbcglobal.net

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Eric Yount
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4100 redwood road Oakland ca 94619

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, October 22, 2015 4:21 AM

To:

evann@headroyce.org

Subject:

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Eugene Vann
evann@headroyce.org
4240 Harbor View Avenue, Oakland, CA, 94619

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 11:56 PM

To:

atobelay@yahoo.com

Subject:

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Sincerely, Belay Wale atobelay@yahoo.com 1317 E 24th st Oakland,ca 94606

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Sent:

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Tim Ellis-Caleo
telliscaleo@mednet.ucla.edu
211 Duncan Way, Oakland, CA 94611

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 10:58 PM

To:

zografos@comcast.net

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Sincerely, Anthony Zografos zografos@comcast.net 3997 Lyman Road Oakland CA 94602

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supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

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To:

etang@headroyce.org

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From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 10:01 PM

To:

spj3@aol.com

Subject:

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Sent:

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To:

mantrarobinson@gmail.com

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Sent:

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RobinHeller1954@hotmail.com
2930 Holyrood Drive

From:

supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 9:30 PM

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To:

nvenkateswaran@headroyce.org

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Sincerely, Neethi Venkateswaran nvenkateswaran@headroyce.org 14459 Flagship Street San Leandro, CA 94577

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Sent:

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To:

jaharley3@pacbell.net

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Sincerely, JoAnn Harley <u>jaharley3@pacbell.net</u> 5630 Country Club Drive, Oakland, CA 94618

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 9:25 PM

To: kfreyre@gmail.com

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Sincerely, Katherine Freyre kfreyre@gmail.com 2940 Carmel Street Oakland, CA 94602

supporters@headroyce.org From:

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 9:22 PM Sent:

ptoppin@comcast.net To:

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Sincerely, Peggy Toppin ptoppin@comcast.net 5719 Amy Drive Oakland CA. 94618

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Sent:

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To:

randilee@comcast.net

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Sincerely, rand lee randilee@comcast.net 6001 Avoca Ave, Oakland, CA 94611

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supporters@headroyce.org

Sent:

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To:

kandace.e@gmail.com

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Sincerely, Candice Elder kandace.e@gmail.com 8601 Mountain Blvd. Oakland, CA 94605

From: supporters@headroyce.org

Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 9:19 PM

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From:

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Sent:

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To:

mzitter@zitter.com

Subject:

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From:

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Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 9:11 PM

To: lkrier@gmail.com

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From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 9:06 PM

To:

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Subject:

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Sincerely, Yohanes Admokom <u>lusocha@sbcglobal.net</u> 260 Perkins #1F

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david@hardtke.net

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Sincerely, Kevin Owen kevin.owen56@gmail.com 1451 Mountain Blvd Oakland, CA 94611

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To:

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From: Michael Thilgen <mthilgen@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2015 9:07 PM

To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina,

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asimmons@oaklandnet.com; Merkamp, Robert; Miller, Scott

Subject: Head-Royce Permit

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

I am writing regarding the Head-Royce School (HRS) application for revision to their current Planned Unit Development permit.

My home at 4324 Whittle Avenue, where I have lived for the last 25 years, is adjacent to the HRS property.

I was initially attracted to the neighborhood's narrow tree lined streets and quiet, almost rural character. After I moved in, my neighbors told me the neighborhood was a very nice place to live, but that HRS, a small but growing private school, was unresponsive to the neighbors' concerns about the school's impact on quality of life in the neighborhood. I then met some school representatives, who impressed me as friendly, reasonable people. A little confused about the mixed impressions I received in those early months, I delayed making a personal judgement on the issue.

Since that time I have had many experiences with my neighbors and with the school. In 2005, I was invited to participate in neighborhood discussions as HRS prepared its application for approval of its 15 year master plan. I was a signatory on the 2006 agreement between HRS and the Whittle Avenue neighbors. I then joined the Neighborhood Liaison Committee as one of two Whittle Avenue representatives, and subsequently participated in the Neighborhood Steering Committee until spring of this year. During that time I formed some opinions about the nature of HRS and its role in the neighborhood.

I met a number HRS administration and staff members who are deeply committed to providing quality educational services, and who expressed their sincere desires that the school be a good neighbor. Over the same time, I have recognized that the school's institutional personality is self-centered, arrogant, and concerned about the neighborhood's well-being only as an afterthought to its primary objective of continuous growth.

A clear pattern has emerged: when HRS is prepared to expand, they send representatives to meet with the neighbors. Those representatives are skilled in listening and problem solving, and they express their personal concerns about the neighbors' negative experiences. They represent the school as an asset to the community, and effectively negotiate with the neighbors to gain neighborhood support for the HRS permit application. Once the application is approved and the permit secured, HRS is slow to live up to the conditions of the deal. They sidestep, argue points of compliance with neighbors and city staff members, and deny wrongdoing. When they are ready to expand again, they send new ernest, sincere representatives to meet with the community, and the cycle repeats.

During the last ten years I have seen HRS steadily increase enrollment in advance of meeting their responsibilities as laid out in the neighborhood agreements. As the student population increased, HRS avoided neighbors' requests and delayed instituting effective controls on traffic, parking, campus access, and noise. When the neighbors appealed to the City for enforcement of the conditions, city staff identified several items of non-compliance. In response, HRS denied violation, and continued "business as usual." Now, HRS wants to break its 2006 commitment to the neighbors by legalizing enrollment of 906 students a full five years in advance of the time that was negotiated and stipulated in the agreements. I wonder what the next step of expansion will be? And after that?

In my home, my experiences with the school have centered on the management of the tennis courts, athletic field, upper parking lot, and the slope on the north side of the campus. At the outset of the school gym construction in 1995, HRS built a new concrete walk very close to Whittle neighbors' rear property lines, and routed student and staff pedestrian traffic from the upper parking lot to the main campus on that walk while the gym was built. I complained at the time that the walk had not been shown on construction drawings, and that neighbors had not been notified prior to its construction. HRS refused to modify their plan, but did promise to remove the walk after gym construction was completed.

After a year of frequent, noisy pedestrian traffic, a new walk was built within the campus, but the school reneged on its promise to remove the walk from the upper slope. As a result, the slope is still frequented by students and trespassers who use the remote corner of the campus to smoke, drink, and engage in other inappropriate activities. Neighbors' repeated requests that HRS control access to the area has been met with half-hearted measures. A low fence was constructed that partially blocks passage from the athletic level to the upper slope, but the gate in the fence is now kept unlocked, so the gesture is ineffective.

The playing field is used regularly on weekends for sports events by non-HRS athletic groups. HRS has been unresponsive to neighbor's requests that the use of the facilities be limited to HRS activities.

The summer session brings a different, but related set of impacts. There is a sizable athletic component in the summer sessions, with frequent use of amplified sound, whistles, and coordinated screaming. The organizers periodically put up bounce houses in the playing field, with generators and compressors contributing extra noise to the neighborhood. And there is the ongoing access to the upper slope.

The result of all this is that the neighbors are exposed to noise, trespass, and threat of wildfire, not only on school days, but also on weekends, not only during the school year, but also in the summer.

With HRS's purchase of the Lincoln Child Center property, it seems inevitable that the school will continue to grow from a small private school into a massive institution. If the school is allowed to grow without effective limitations, the quiet neighborhood I moved into will be lost forever. There is a real need to resolve the current conflict of values with good land use planning.

For these reasons, I support the Neighborhood Steering Committee's proposed modifications to the conditions of use. I particularly support language that prohibits all use of campus facilities for non-HRS activities, and limits the size of both regular school year and summer program enrollment. I would welcome a requirement that HRS install an effective buffer that prevents access to the north slope above the tennis courts, playing field, and upper parking lot.

Planning Commission members, please consider my views while deciding your position on this issue.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Michael Thilgen 4324 Whittle Ave Oakland, CA 94602

From: Sent: Tom Branca <tbranca@me.com> Saturday, October 17, 2015 8:07 PM

To:

Office of the Mayor

Subject:

Head Royce School concerns

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning commission and Planners,

My name is Tom Branca and I live on Ravenwood Ln., a short dead end street off of Lincoln Ave. at the intersection of Tiffin/Lincoln. I have lived in my home since 1994. In the years that I have lived here the traffic on Lincoln Ave. has increased dramatically to the point where in the mornings, and at times the afternoon as well, it is nearly impossible to leave my street and enter Lincoln Ave. Cars are either filling the intersection or at times even making illegal U-turns to the chagrin of everyone (I got flipped off recently when I blew my horn). As an aside, a skateboarder recently slammed into the side of a car also making an illegal U-turn at that intersection.

While I understand that most of the traffic are parents trying to get their children to school, I also need to get my children to school and this has become a daily annoyance which has only gotten worse over the years. Once I do get onto Lincoln it is a crawl up the hill as cars double park, park in the red, and at times simply stop all traffic to let off their children for school. While I understand it is much easier to simply pull into a red zone or double park for a few seconds to get their children off to school, the traffic backup it creates extends all the way down Lincoln and ends up completely blocking several of the intersections along Lincoln mine included! I also understand that it only takes a few to break the rules and unfortunately that seems to happen fairly regularly.

I now read that they (Head Royce) is coming before the planning commission to fully implement and legalize their current enrollment of 875 and then be able to go to 906. I am perplexed at the fact that this seems to say that they have been out of compliance for...? I do not favor fast tracking them to 906 as every student can be another car and if they were out of compliance for years why are we rewarding them with an enrollment increase? I also saw they want to remove neighborhood agreements? Not sure what the agreements were and if in fact they were truly enforced but this also does not sit well with me. There are several schools located in Urban Areas which have neighborhood agreements and

I think we should read those and see what could work for our neighborhood.

I would truly appreciate putting the brakes on here and working with neighborhood groups to find a solution that feels slightly uncomfortable for all.

Thanks for your time!

tom

Tom Branca
Chair, Landscape Horticulture (Retired)
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From: Hollis and Deborah hollisanddeborah@att.net>

Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2015 12:45 PM

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Robert; Miller, Scott

Subject: Conditions of Approval for Head Royce School

Dear Oakland Decision-Makers:

We are writing for two reasons:

(1) to encourage the denial of the Head Royce School application to "legalize" its over enrollment, allowing up to 906 students at this time rather than in 2021. The school's consistent non-compliance with its use permit has caused years of time and effort on the part of neighbors to discourage the ever-increasing institutionalization of the neighborhood. The number of students, the traffic and event problems, noise, deterioration of streets due to increased traffic, the turning of Lincoln Avenue into a twice-daily traffic nightmare and the decrease in our quiet, peaceful enjoyment of our homes and neighborhood have convinced us that the school has never wanted to be a good neighbor unless they want something. In this case, they want more students, so they are presently "behaving themselves" and will go back to their former disregard of the neighbors when they have them.

(2) to strongly encourage the consideration of the proposal for a new set of conditions of approval, written by the Neighborhood Steering Committee and presented to the Planning Department. The differences are important ones and we will name only a few: Aside from the increase in enrollment, the City proposes a large number of events that the school may have, including 85 evening events during the school year, 55 Saturday daytime and 10 Saturday evening, and 10 Sunday events during the school year. This allows doubling events on many Saturdays and doesn't leave many Sundays free during the school year either, making the neighborhood the "host" for hundreds of people almost every weekend, and decreasing our enjoyment of our own neighborhood. The City has not included the elimination of the traffic loop which sends hundreds of vehicles, including private and City busses, around a block of 200 homes twice a day. Drivers disregard No U-Turn signs, turn in our driveways, speed down narrow streets and endanger themselves and others; the Neighborhood Steering Committee (NSC) has proposed that all drop-off and pick-up of students occur on school property. Since its purchase of 7 acres of land across Lincoln Ave, the school cannot possibly argue that there is no space to get traffic off our streets. The City proposes that 20% of students and employees walk, bike, bus or carpool to the campus; that is an extremely small proportion and the NSC proposes a much larger number. Most vehicles are single-student occupancy at this time; especially since it is so proud of its "greens," Head Royce should be mandated to much greater ride-sharing.

We live at the corner of Alida St and Laguna Ave, which is the single busiest corner in the traffic loop made by HRS vehicles. There are many choices of travel at this corner and few traffic signs. Huge busses and high vehicle numbers increase the danger to neighbors trying to get to and from their homes. We have lived in our home for 22 years and have watched traffic increase every year (while observing more drivers on phones, or talking to children over their shoulders or speeding) that Head Royce has increased enrollment within or outside of the use permit.

We are, quite reasonably, tired of the institutionalization of our neighborhood. And we urge members of the planning staff, the planning commission, and the city council to consider, very carefully, the NSC proposal which allows Head Royce School to be a good academic institution as well as a good neighbor.

Hollis Matson and Deborah Royal 4191 Laguna Avenue

From:

zebragalt@aol.com

Sent:

Saturday, October 17, 2015 8:04 AM

To:

Klein, Heather

Subject:

Re: Public Hearing on Head Royce before the Planning Commission on November 4th

Heather,

One more point I'd like to mention is the fact 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 while the Greek Festival is in progress report that the noise is louder on my property than on the street in front of the church. The same thing happens with noise from Head Royce's field and parking lot. This point (along with others) will be included in my official letter which you will receive before the 10 day cut off for the meeting on November 4.

Best Regards,

Terry Tobey 4549 Lincoln Ave.

In the age of information, ignorance is a choice.

There is no person more hated in modern society than someone who tells the truth.

----Original Message-----

From: Klein, Heather < HKlein@oaklandnet.com>

Sent: Fri, Oct 16, 2015 4:19 pm

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Best,

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From:

zebragalt@aol.com

Sent:

Friday, October 16, 2015 10:37 PM

To:

Klein, Heather

Subject:

Re: Public Hearing on Head Royce before the Planning Commission on November 4th

Heather,

Thanks for sending the notice.

Can you please clarify the locations highlighted below in red?

Does "East" refer to the LCC lot? What is the "parking level extension"? Is this in lieu of the multi-level parking structure they were going to build originally? Are they still attempting to build this extension on the East side of the existing lot below me? If so, I <u>strongly</u> advise against allowing any raised structure of this type to be built. The invasiveness of the school (constant noise, traffic, & lights at all hours) is already unreasonable and has ruined my quality of life and enjoyment of my property. As bad as it is now, having my remaining (partial) view and privacy completely destroyed by having to look directly into a parking structure filled with cars, kids, 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 since <u>before</u> the school was built) need to be considered and their inalienable rights preserved. Remember, the people at the school get to go home, while the surrounding neighbors have to endure this behemoth school <u>constantly</u> disrupting our lives, day in and day out, without any means of relief.

Terry Tobey 4549 Lincoln Ave.

Approved Use.

Ongoing

The project shall be constructed and operated in accordance with the authorized use as described in the application materials, attached staff report, the preliminary PUD plans approved January 4, 2006, final PUD approved plans dated October 29, 2007 the approved plans dated July 28, 2009, and the plans submitted on September 11, 2014 to correct striping and make other minor improvements on existing parking spaces. Any additional uses or facilities other than those approved with this permit, as described in the project description and the approved plans, will require a separate application and approval.

- 1. a) The action by the City Planning Commission (PUDF07-520) which includes:
 - i. Approval of a Final Planned Unit Development ("FPUD") for the Head Royce Master Plan PUD, under Oakland Municipal Code Section 17.140.
 - ii. Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for 20 tandem parking spaces on the **parking** level extension.
- 2. b) The action by the City Planning staff (DS09-224) approving construction of parking improvements to the **existing east parking lot** at the Head Royce School to accommodate 126 parking spaces (including restriping, paving, grading, and construction of retaining walls, and construction of a drilled pier supported retaining wall for tandem parking approved by the Planning Commission as part of PUDF07-520).
- 3. c) The action by Building Permit PZ1400021 to provide an additional 31parking spaces on campus for a total of 157 spaces.

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From: JOAN E MCCLOSKEY < j_mccloskey@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2015 5:05 PM

To: Office of the Mayor; City Administrator's Office; Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; Bolotina,

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Subject: Addendum: Head Royce Project

I just wanted to add that I just heard HRS bought the property of 4180 Whittle Ave, and just completed a project of building a large circular driveway in front of the existing structure. Why is this? I can only imagine that this will be for delivery of goods and students to the school from Whittle Ave. This needs to be nipped in the bud, and stopped immediately.

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 overenrolled. 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

From: Sent: April Shoemaker <aprilshoe26@gmail.com> Wednesday, September 09, 2015 11:00 PM

To:

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Robert; Miller, Scott

Subject:

Letter to City regarding Head Royce Permit Application

Dear Mayor, City Council, Planning commission and Planners:

I live with Linda and Chet Burgess at 2441 Burlington St, as a helper to their household and when I attempted to get a permit was not allowed as they didn't trust that I had my real address on my driver's license (which is hard to believe since you need evidence of your residence and it would be a serious crime to lie on your Driver's License) and wanted me to make a false rental agreement instead. Thus, I have to move my car during the day to avoid tickets. I have lived at this address since October 2014.

A month ago my car was not working and I left on the street while trying to figure out how to pay for the repairs, not thinking about the parking rules, and got an \$82 ticket for parking outside the house I live at, and where I've parked my car for 11 months. The home owners were surprised I got a ticket as school was out for the summer at this time.

The traffic is a problem from the schools as the drivers are not considerate of letting us out of our own street. They get mad if you force your way into their line of cars. Also, one of our dogs almost was run over by a driver going very fast on Burlington, doing a U-turn, and barreling down the road again, ignoring the homeowner who tried to speak to him. Why is no one giving them tickets?

I support the NSC proposal, oppose any further expansion of HRS, and request an increase in control of the HRS drivers, and stop punishing people who live here.

Thank you, April Shoemaker

April Shoemaker 510-355-4668, Masters in Guidance and Counseling.