

RE: ARCHER SCHOOL FOR GIRLS:

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Department of City Planning
City of Los Angeles

Attn: Adam Villani – via email to adam.villani@lacity.org

Re: DEIR (ENV-2011-2689-EIR) – ARCHER SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has long been concerned with traffic congestion on Sunset Blvd. and surrounding Brentwood streets, including San Vicente Blvd., which negatively affects thousands of Palisadians on a daily basis. Sunset is one of two primary routes of ingress and egress in the Palisades, the other is Pacific Coast Highway; it is the most direct route to Brentwood, the 405 Freeway and areas north/east for many community members who travel that route regularly to and from work. Traffic at peak travel times on Sunset, San Vicente and neighboring streets is extremely congested creating potentially stressful driving conditions for commuters.

In reference to traffic conditions, PPCC notes the conclusion of the Department of Transportation (DOT) that six locations will be significantly impacted under certain scenarios by the project and that these impacts cannot be mitigated (DEIR Appendix P2, 2/7/14 DOT traffic assessment letter, pp. 3, 5-6).

We are concerned in light of the conclusion that the project as proposed may lead to further increased levels of traffic congestion and negative impacts not only on Brentwood but also on Pacific Palisades including potentially increasing the already delayed emergency response during peak hours.

We request that the final EIR specifically address:

1. potential traffic impacts on Pacific Palisades and whether or not any such impacts can be mitigated;
2. the accuracy and/or validity of the DOT's conclusions that six locations will be significantly impacted, which impacts cannot be mitigated; and
3. the cumulative impact of the proposed project along with impacts generated by the operations of nearby schools, including Paul Revere Middle School, St. Martin of Tours Elementary School, the Sunshine Preschool, the Brentwood School (lower and upper schools) and other nearby religious schools and facilities.

Sincerely,

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Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc: Councilmember Mike Bonin, CD11
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