

Appendix A.
Correspondence

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Dr. Ricardo Navas and Susan Navas, Esquire	May 10, 2009
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Carolyn and Scott Cutler	May 11, 2009
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May 10, 2009

Stephen L. Brinkman, Chief of Staff
Pasadena Unified School District
351 South Hudson Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109

Re: Request to Conduct a Scoping Meeting for the CEQA Assessment Concerning the Aveson Charter School.

Dear Mr. Brinkman:

The PUSD has agreed to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Aveson Charter School at the Noyes Elementary School facility. The Altadena community has requested such an evaluation for **two years**, we appreciate the fact that a CEQA study will be undertaken.


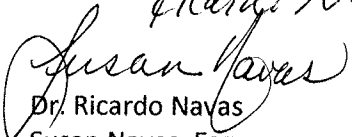
Superintendent Diaz has indicated that the community concerns will be considered and a forum granted. However, we have heard recently that the PUSD may delay public input until the environmental document has been drafted, which renders input moot.

We believe this Project may have CEQA issues that meet the "fair argument" standard indicating that an Environmental Impact Report should be prepared rather than an MND. If an MND is pursued without early public input, the decision to prepare an MND could end up *costing the PUSD additional fees and additional time*. In The Planning Center proposal they indicate that they, as an optional task, "can prepare a presentation for a public scoping meeting to be held prior to preparation of the MND." Based on the concerns expressed by the community, we believe this should be done.

We herein formally request this public scoping meeting to provide impacted residents with an opportunity to comment on the content of the proposed study to be prepared pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.).

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please make this request a part of the official CEQA Project File.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ricardo Navas
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May 11, 2009

Ms. Barbara Heyman
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Subject: A Request to Conduct an Early Public Scoping Meeting for the CEQA Environmental Assessment Concerning the Aveson Charter School K-12 at Arthur Amos Noyes Elementary School, Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD), Altadena, California

Dear Ms. Heyman,

We understand that the PUSD has engaged The Planning Center to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Aveson Charter School at the "former" Arthur Amos Noyes Elementary School. As the Altadena community has requested such an evaluation for some time, we appreciate a full and comprehensive environmental study of the full range of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) checklist issues.

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Re: Request for an Early Public Scoping Meeting for the CEQA Environmental Assessment Regarding Aveson Charter School K-12 (formerly Noyes Elementary School, PUSD, CA)

Dear Mr. Brinkman:

My wife and I are local residents of Altadena and are very concerned about the impact Aveson Charter School is having on our neighborhood. We, along with many other local residents, have attended various PUSD meetings to express these concerns ranging from increased traffic, pedestrian hazards and traffic congestion at the Altadena Dr. and Allen Ave. intersection, campus noise, and intensive land use of the elementary school campus. At the last meeting, the PUSD Board of Supervisors determined that an Environmental Impact Study should be conducted under the guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In researching The Governor's Office of Planning and Research homepage (<http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/ceqa/>), I found one of their subject headings under CEQA's Guiding Policies is "**Public Participation is an Essential Part of the CEQA Process.**" Another excerpt from their website under Initial Study reads "**...the initial study provides the analyses necessary to determine whether an EIR will be required or a negative declaration may be adopted. This determination is based upon whether it can be fairly argued, based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record, that a project may or may not have a significant effect on the environment. Even if a fair argument can be raised that a project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it will be outweighed where, at the same time, a fair argument can be raised that it will have a significant effect on the environment (Guidelines Section 15064 and *No Oil v. City of Los Angeles* (1975) 13 Cal.3d 68).**"

As local residents, it is very important that we be given an opportunity to provide meaningful and early input in the scope and direction of the CEQA review. This letter is a formal request to conduct an Early Public Scoping Meeting for the CEQA Environmental Assessment Concerning the Aveson Charter School which will allow

impacted residents an opportunity to comment on the appropriate scope and content of the proposed environmental document to be prepared pursuant to CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.).

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