

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Diane Bonfils [diane.bonfils@mayfieldsenior.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 10:13 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Streater, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; vgordo@citofpasadena.net; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; Kerrin Pittman; Nicole Haims
Subject: Mayfield Senior School Report

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

My name is Diane Bonfils, and I am very proud to be a member of the faculty at Mayfield Senior School. I know that all of Pasadena can take pride in this very special place, an educational jewel that has for decades offered the finest preparation for young women to become contributors in all aspects of life, including their communities.

I urge you to vote in favor of Mayfield's Master Plan to allow our school to remain in the forefront of institutions in both academics and the arts.

With our current limitations in space, we simply cannot provide the best-equipped classrooms or art studios that distinguish the finest schools. The Mayfield Master Plan will give us those much-needed facilities, while at the same time accommodating the interests of our neighbors.

Mayfield's Master Plan will ensure that we offer the very best to our girls, who in turn support the City of Pasadena in so many ways, making it the jewel of a city that it is.

Sincerely,

Diane Bonfils

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Debby888@aol.com

Sent: Friday, November 03, 2006 6:49 PM

To: Bogaard, Bill; Streater, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; kerrin.pittman@mayfieldsenior.org

Subject: Mayfield Senior School - Support

November 4, 2006

Mayor Bill Bogaard

Dear Mayor Bogaard;

We have a daughter who is currently a sophomore attending Mayfield Senior School and want to take this opportunity to urge you to vote in favor of the Mayfield Master Plan.

I am sure that you are aware of the number of ways in which this plan would benefit both the school and at the same time address the majority of concerns that have been voiced by the school's neighbors in the past. One area of the plan that I feel strongly about is that it will eliminate the shared auto/pedestrian road through our campus. We had one of our younger daughters hit by a car at another school while trying to navigate the transportation area and would like to assure that this does not happen to any other family!

Surely you will agree that the plan will serve both the needs of the school's neighbors as well as its students - who are such talented and giving young women. Their academic records are only surpassed by their continued commitment to community volunteerism and support.

Thanking you for your time we remain,

Sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. Juan F. Casillas

CATHY CHANG

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April 20, 2006

Mayor Bill Bogaard
City of Pasadena
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

Re: Mayfield Senior School - SUPPORT

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

My daughter is a student at Mayfield Senior School. On behalf of her and all the other current and future students of this extraordinary Pasadena institution, I urge you to support the Mayfield Master Plan and all of its particulars.

A school of this caliber is dependent not only upon excellent teachers and outstanding students, but upon a physical environment that properly accommodates them. The Mayfield Master Plan will preserve the look and feel of the fine community around it, and achieve the infrastructure the faculty and students need.

In particular, the 484 Bellefontaine property is the lynchpin to the success of the school's Master Plan. It will preserve the appearance of a residence, keeping all the mature trees, and simultaneously accommodate the staff offices that need to be relocated from Strub Hall to provide classroom space.

I'd also ask your support of the proposed on-campus "turn circle." We parents believe this improvement will enhance the safety of our children and reduce traffic congestion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cathy Chang

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Anton Chovit [anton.chovit@mayfieldsenior.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 1:43 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; kerrin.pittman@mayfieldsenior.org; Nicole Haims
Subject: Mayfield Senior School – Support

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

My name is Anton Chovit, I live at

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and work in Pasadena at Mayfield Senior School. I have worked at Mayfield Senior School for almost 15 years and have come to truly appreciate what a wonderful learning environment and growing experience Mayfield offers young women. Mayfield Senior School is an institution fostering a diverse student body who will go on to become valuable, contributing members of our society. The school has been operating for 75 years and the proposed Master Plan is crucial to ensuring that Mayfield's facilities can continue to support the enriching experience that is so central to our mission.

The Master Plan strives to maintain the legacy of Pasadena's rich architectural history and accommodate the concerns of our neighbors. Several proposed facility expansions focus on improving security and traffic safety while minimizing impact on the neighborhood. One of the most important expansions involves significant modifications that will drastically reduce the impact of school-related traffic in the area and markedly improve pedestrian safety on campus. These modifications include creating an on-campus drop-off/pick-up circle, incorporating an additional drive path for parking off Grand Ave., and eliminating shared pedestrian and motor vehicle pathways.

I believe that this Master Plan is a sound, balanced approach proposing improvements that will benefit all involved, adding to the value Mayfield represents to the school community, and to the neighborhood and Pasadena at large. When this matter comes before you, I ask that you consider the importance of education and the significant role it plays in the development of our youth and urge that you vote in favor of Mayfield Senior School's Master Plan.

Sincerely,

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Kathryn Clifford [kcliffo@tulane.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 8:00 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Streater, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; kerrin.pittman@mayfieldsenior.org; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: re: Mayfield Senior School- SUPPORT

April 26, 2006

Mayor Bill Bogaard and Pasadena City Council Members P.O. Box 7115 Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

RE: Mayfield Senior School - SUPPORT

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members,

My name is Kathryn Clifford. I was raised at 2055 Ashbourne Drive in South Pasadena where my family resides. I graduated from Mayfield Senior School in 2002 and currently attend Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. I am writing to you today about a subject that is very near and dear to my heart, my Alma Matter. I am aware that Mayfield is in the process of trying to improve its campus and is having difficulty getting approval from the city of Pasadena. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my thoughts and support for Mayfield to grow and continue to offer young women the same extraordinary opportunities I was offered just a few years ago.

Mayfield Senior School is an institution dedicated to the education and development of young women to guide them to their futures as smart, impassioned, ethical, driven, and special women. I know I might sound biased but after four years in higher education with many different students who had very different experiences from mine I would argue that Mayfield played a big role in shaping me into the woman I am today and I want that for other young women.

I urge you to vote in favor of the Mayfield Master plan and I ask you to keep in mind these factors as you review the master plan...

- The renovation of Strub Hall is to enrich the academic curriculum at Mayfield. The Master Plan guarantees the preservation of Strub Hall's historic areas. This is a benefit to the students, faculty, and staff as well as a promise to uphold the historical tradition of the building.
- The Plan calls for an on campus drop off/pick-up turn circle, as well as an in/out drive for parking off Grand Avenue. Traffic studies show that by separating drop-off vehicles from parking, overall traffic flow will be greatly improved. As a former student I can attest that the traffic in and out of the school is not ideal and with the Master Plan trying to alleviate the issue I would imagine it would benefit students, faculty & staff, as well as neighbors, which has been a sore issue on Bellefontaine for ages.
- The Master Plan offers an exciting new Fine Arts and Music Building worthy of the school's renowned Conservatory for the Arts. The multi-story garage structure immediately to the east of Strub Hall will be replaced with a state-of-the-art facility, allowing students to develop their technical skills and creativity. As a four-year participant in the Dance Conservatory I urge you to take this proposition seriously. This new building has the potential to offer so many young women the remarkable experience of Conservatory. Through Conservatory I truly believe that young women are able to truly express and develop their true selves along with developing a strong talent and life-long passion. The Art Conservatories are an enriching experience and this building would help it be that much more of an experience for young women.

I cannot properly articulate to you what my experience at Mayfield has done for my life but I can tell you a few things. Being allowed the opportunity to attend Mayfield Senior School is a gift I thank my parents for all the time. It is a place of self-discovery, a place for young women to learn and to find themselves, and it is a loving environment and one that I miss very dearly. The improvements proposed by the Master Plan are improvements

to afford the future generations of Mayfield Senior School just as superb an education as many women before them have been afforded.

I ask you to mind these factors as you review the Master Plan and to keep in mind not only my letter of support but the hundreds of others you receive that speak to the same issues mine does. We are looking to further enrich our tradition of all-female catholic education and to continue making this world a better place one Mayfield Woman at a time. Thank you for your time and I hope you do vote in favor of Mayfield's Master Plan.

Sincerely Yours,

Kathryn M. Clifford '02
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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Kathy Dooling [kathy@dooling1.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2006 6:51 PM
To: Haderlein, Steve
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Mayfield Senior School

I would like you to consider a yes vote on Mayfield Senior School's Master Plan. Mayfield has maintained the property in pristine condition and has saved one of Pasadena's great old mansions. They will continue to do so with the 484 property. The neighbors should be thankful that Mayfield is there. Please support our schools. Even the independently hired consultant for the planning commission said it was a good plan and would not have an adverse effect on the neighborhood.

Rodriguez, Jane

From: MGertmenian@GERTMENIAN.COM
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 9:34 AM
To: Madison, Steve
Cc: Bogaard, Bill; Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; kerrin.pittman@mayfieldsenior.org
Subject: Mayfield Senior School-SUPPORT

Dear Councilmember Madison,

I am a neighbor of Mayfield Senior School, living on South Grand Avenue, and a former teacher of English there, now retired. I think it very important for the City Council to approve the entire Mayfield Master Plan.

The plan answers to real academic needs: many teachers and students, especially in Math and the Arts program, have long deserved more classroom space, which the new Arts building and the removal of administrative offices from Strub Hall will provide. As I know from experience teaching English in equipment-filled Science labs, and in basement rooms, oddly shaped, with a tiny strip of windows near the ceiling, teachers and students have been adapting to less-than-ideal conditions for years -- with a good will! But it is not right to ask people in a fine school, which needs to stay competitive, to be good sports about cramped space forever.

The plan is interconnected: the real academic needs cannot be met if administrative departments remain in Strub Hall, and are not permitted by the city to use the house at 494 Bellefontaine Street. Such a house is most fitting as a place to greet visitors, perhaps especially to the Admissions Office. Prospective students and their parents should meet the school in a place as home-like and gracious as the school itself is.

The plan as it faces Bellefontaine Street is modest and considerate of neighbors. The proposed drop-off pick-up circle will handle only about half the cars presently using the street to approach the school; the other half will use a new entrance and exit from South Grand Avenue. The look of the school from the street will be the same as now, with lawns and trees, like the entrance to a gracious home. The exterior of the house at 494 Bellefontaine Street will be preserved. The school has shown its sensitivity to historic architecture by its treatment of Strub Hall.

The school has also shown proper concern for student safety by planning to eliminate cars driving right through the center of its campus. If traffic on South Grand Avenue increases because of a concern for student safety, it is well worth it.

I urge you to vote in support of the entire Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Meg Gertmenian
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Teacher at Mayfield Senior School, 1998-2005

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: nhaims@charter.net
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 11:28 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura
Subject: Support: Mayfield Senior School Master Plan

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

My name is Nicole Haims. I have been a teacher at Mayfield Senior School since 2003. I have called the Pasadena area my home for my whole life, and I am writing to you because Mayfield Senior School deserves unanimous City Council approval of its Master Plan without costly restrictions. Both my parents worked for the Pasadena Unified School District. My father taught for over 30 years at Pasadena High School. I attended public schools through the eighth grade. But when it came time for me to go to high school, my parents chose to send me to one of the best private co-ed high schools in the Pasadena area.

My alma mater changed the direction of my life. However, if I had known about the benefits of the all-girls Catholic education offered by Mayfield Senior School, I might have chosen to spend my high school years on Bellefontaine Street. Mayfield offers an education that can't be compared to any of the public and private schools in the area, not even my alma mater.

At my high school, I learned discipline and critical thinking. I learned that I had to do my best if I expected to be the best. Mayfield Senior School teaches these values as well, but it does something else. Studies conducted for the National Coalition of Girls' Schools show that 83% of alumnae of girls' schools consider themselves better prepared for college than females who attended co-ed schools. In regards to leadership, 93% of alumnae from all-girls schools agree that their high schools provided greater leadership opportunities than co-ed schools. In fact, 80% of these alumnae took on leadership positions after high school.

But Mayfield Senior School is more than a great all-girls' school. As a part of the daily curriculum, students at Mayfield Senior School are taught that their activism is crucial to resolving social injustices. Mayfield students dedicate over 10,000 service hours a year to hundreds of organizations in the Los Angeles area.

In addition to teaching at Mayfield Senior School, I have worked for two years as a member of the school's Admissions Committee. One of those years was spent as the Assistant Director of Admissions. I have seen with my own eyes the hard work that is done to attract an ethnically and economically diverse student body. The school is 43% ethnically diverse and nearly a third of Mayfield students receive scholarship assistance. To sum up, Mayfield draws from a diverse base to produce focused, academically prepared female leaders who want to give back to the community.

Mayfield has a 75-year history as a school whose educational philosophy revolves around being a good neighbor. Mr. Mayor, be a good neighbor to Mayfield. Don't just pass our plan; make sure that it's passed without costly restrictions. Make sure that the educational mission of the school continues, and that that mission reaches the most diverse body of young women possible.

Sincerely,

Nicole Haims

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Caroline Halili [andycaroline@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 9:37 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; kerrin.pittman@mayfieldsenior.org
Subject: Mayfield Senior School – Support

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

My name is Caroline Halili, an alumna of Mayfield Senior School.

I urge you to support the Master Plan of Mayfield Senior School. Mayfield has graduated nearly 3,000 students who have gone on to make meaningful contributions in society as a whole and the local Pasadena community.

The current students are recognized nationally for their academic excellence, athletic prowess, and artistic insight. Locally, they are known throughout the community for the thousands of hours of service.

Please allow Mayfield to continue its tradition of educating young women to the highest standards by voting in favor of the Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Caroline Halili

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November 15, 2006

Honorable City Council member
PO Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

Regarding: Mayfield Senior School Support

Dear City Council Member;

I have been a resident and business owner in the Pasadena area for over twenty years. Our city is rich with tradition and values. Mayfield Senior School has continually developed young ladies who have made valuable contributions to our city and the community.

It is my strong recommendation that you favorably support the Mayfield Master Plan. With your support the Mayfield Senior School will continue to expand its contributions to our wonderful community in Pasadena.

With appreciation for your continual efforts,

Bill Harris

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Wendy Hunter [wysshunter@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2006 10:32 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; Kerrin Pittman; Angela Howell; Nicole Haims
Subject: Support - Mayfield Senior School

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

As a friend of Mayfield Senior School, I am writing to urge you to support the school's Master Plan expansion project.

Mayfield Senior School has been a positive force in the City of Pasadena for 75 years, 56 of those years on Bellefontaine Street. The school has graduated over 2700 fine young women who are making important contributions to society. The school offers a rigorous academic program, and is deeply committed to scholarships that make that education accessible to those who could not afford it otherwise. Mayfield is about much more than academics, however - it's also about teaching values. This, I think, is what sets Mayfield apart from other academic institutions.

The school's facilities desperately need to be upgraded and expanded in order to meet the needs of the academic program and Conservatory for the Arts.

I know the plan well, as I was the school's Director of Communications from 1999-2006. All the studies show that the proposed changes will have very little impact on the neighborhood, yet would greatly benefit the school and the students - who then graduate and make their impact on society. I encourage the City to support the Plan and Mayfield's continued success as one of Pasadena's finest college preparatory schools.

Sincerely,

Wendy Hunter

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jain, Abha [Abha.Jain@wmg.com]
Sent: Saturday, May 13, 2006 10:51 PM
To: Little, Paul
Cc: Streator, Joyce; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; 'kerrin.pittman@mayfieldsenior.org'
Subject: Re: Mayfield Senior School-SUPPORT

Dear Councilmember Paul Little,

My name is Abha Jain and I live in your district at 1495 Topeka Street. I am writing to express my support for Mayfield Senior School's Master Plan. My daughter Suparna Jain attended Mayfield from September 1997-June 2001. Mayfield has provided and continues to foster the development of bright young women in many ways. While it has a challenging educational program and a renowned fine arts conservatory, there can certainly be an improvement in the physical structures of the school.

With the desire to better serve its students' educational needs, the school would like to move its administrative offices to 484 Bellefontaine, the property purchased by the school in 2002. This move would allow the school to house five of the seven academic departments, as well as a new math wing in the original Strub Hall. This could only be achieved by rezoning the 484 Bellefontaine property from a Single-Family Residential to Public and Semi-Public District Use.

One of the other points of the Master Plan is to improve the traffic flow and ensure student safety. This could be facilitated by separating the auto and pedestrian paths by having an on-campus drop-off/pick-up turn circle and an in/out drive for parking off Grand Avenue.

Our daughter has greatly benefited from the education she received at Mayfield. Approving Mayfield Senior School's Master Plan will provide the institution with the means to continue fostering the educational and spiritual development of young women. It would mean a lot to us if you would please vote in favor of Mayfield's Master Plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Abha Jain

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jenal, Jim [JJenal@OMM.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 4:33 PM
To: Streator, Joyce
Cc: Bogaard, Bill; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; kerrin.pittman@mayfieldsenior.org
Subject: Master Plan for Mayfield Senior School -- SUPPORT
Importance: High

Dear Councilmember Streator --

I am writing to urge your support as my Councilmember for Mayfield Senior School's Master Plan.

From 1982 through 1988 I was fortunate enough to serve on the faculty of Mayfield Senior School, teaching both Math -- and what was then nearly unheard of at the secondary level -- Computer Science. Mayfield students were the first high school students in the country to have access to the Internet by way of a connection to what was then known as Usenet. Mayfield students were among the first group of students ever to take the A.P. Computer Science exam. In short, Mayfield was a place of extraordinary achievements.

The Master Plan will enable the school to continue its role of providing an outstanding education to young women. As the father of a daughter -- Julia, a fourth grader at Mayfield Junior School -- I look forward to the day when she will be able to avail herself of all that an expanded Mayfield Senior School has to offer her and her peers. There is no greater need than to educate our children in an exceptional manner so that they may competently and courageously face the challenges ahead. Mayfield Senior School is a place where such education takes place, and with your support, it will be able to enhance that mission.

I urge your unqualified support.

Very best regards,

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: GiniaJones@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2006 11:13 AM
To: Tyler, Sid
Cc: Bogaard, Bill; Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Rodriguez, Jane; Dahl, Laura; kerrin.pittman@mayfieldsenior.org
Subject: RE:Mayfield Senior School - SUPPORT

Dear Sid,

I am writing to urge you to approve the Master Plan for Mayfield Senior School. This new, improved plan addresses so many important issues for the school, i.e. much needed classroom and office space, student safety, and enhancing the beauty of the property, to name a few. And it also addresses the major concern of the neighbors by not using the house next door on Bellefontaine.

Mayfield is graduating the leaders of tomorrow. They are young women who receive an excellent education and with a sense of responsibility to make their world a better place.

This school is truly one of Pasadena's jewels. It deserves to have this plan approved. As an alum, parent of alums, former board member, and former member of the planning committee, I would be happy to answer questions you might have about the plan and/or the school. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Virginia Jones
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