



East Arroyo Residents Association
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Tuesday, June 10, 2008

City Councilmembers and Mayor Bogaard
City of Pasadena

Dear Councilmembers and Mayor Bogaard:

As president of the East Arroyo Residents Association (EARA,) I am writing in strong support of Chandler School. Our individual members have generally indicated strong support for their Master Plan and our Board of Directors have also voted to support Chandler School's Master Plan. Our Association's boundaries include the Chandler School and I am very familiar with the school's operation and with its proposed future plans.

Under the leadership of John Finch, Chandler School continually put forth considerable time and energy to minimize the problems which neighborhoods face when there is a school in the area. Educational needs have changed greatly since the existing middle school buildings were constructed over 50 years ago. It is essential for a school committed to quality education to upgrade its physical plant from time to time.

Throughout the process Chandler has worked earnestly with our association and has provided information, hosted meetings, listened to our concerns, and has made many appropriate changes in response to concerns raised by the neighborhood. We are particularly pleased that Chandler School has shown a keen interest in environmental considerations.

Furthermore, as neighbors we are especially concerned that improvements to the school be attractive as well as functional. Chandler has hired an excellent architectural firm so that the physical improvements to the plant will be aesthetically pleasing.

We realize that there will be challenges during construction, but Chandler has promised us that they will address problems quickly when they occur. It appears that Chandler is actively seeking to be a good neighbor during their planning process, and we expect that they will continue to do so throughout the project.

Sincerely,

Marilynne Kennedy, EARA President

cc: Interim City Manager Bernard Melekian
Antonio Gardea, City of Pasadena
Richard Bruckner, City of Pasadena
John Finch, Chandler Head of School

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