

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To Mayor Bogaard and Members of the City Council,

RE: Chandler School Master Plan Amendment

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I regret not being able to attend the meeting tonight due to a prior commitment. Instead, I am submitting this letter in support of the request by Chandler School to amend the Master Plan that the Council initially approved in 2008.

The School is now requesting the allowance of project phasing and off-site parking for faculty and staff in Lot B at the Rose Bowl. These changes will not affect the neighborhood in any new or substantial manner.

As a neighbor and former Chandler parent, I see no problem in phasing the construction. Rather, I accept this circumstance and understand that it is a consequence of the current financial constraints encountered by so many institutions.

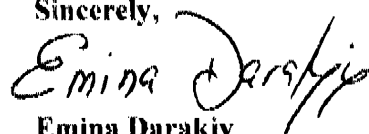
Chandler School already uses off-site parking and shuttle service for staff and faculty members; this system works very well and alleviates on-street parking that would normally congest both Armada Drive and Prospect Boulevard. The School also deters parents from parking on Prospect Boulevard with the placement of green cones marked "No Parking" along the street.

Since 2007, the School met with its neighbors on Prospect and Armada several times and invited us to review draft and final copies of the construction plans. From the beginning, I feel as though the School treated its neighbors as stakeholders and afforded them many opportunities to comment on the scope of the project.

Furthermore, the School welcomed my suggestions about their landscaping plan, particularly regarding dozens of new trees to be planted at the completion of Phase I, this will greatly enhance the appearance of the new structures and provide more screening from the adjacent neighbors.

In summary, I urge you to approve the Staff's recommendation.

Sincerely,



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