

December 3, 2014

Councilman Mike Bonin  
200 N. Spring Street, Room 475  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: Opposition to Archer Expansion**

Dear Councilman Bonin:

My family is opposed to the huge expansion plans for The Archer School for Girls, for one simple reason: *Traffic gridlock* will be made worse by a 5-year construction/development period and the resulting ongoing traffic impact as a result of the expansion itself.

I hope, as our elected representative, that you will make sure we are not faced with additional impediments to coming and going from our homes. Our community already feels under siege by the notion of MORE traffic.

Have you or your staff driven Eastbound on Sunset Blvd from 26th street to the 405 freeway from 3-7 pm on a weekday? It currently takes 45-60 minutes to travel 2.5 miles on Sunset from Mandeville Canyon to the 405. San Vicente Blvd, Wilshire Blvd, and Santa Monica Blvd are similarly jammed from 3-7pm. Imagine what it will be like with an additional 8,000 haul trucks and twice as many events that will bring an additional 34,000 people a year into Brentwood!!

Our lives were terribly disrupted for the three years of 405 Freeway expansion, which has proven USELESS in abating traffic on Sunset Blvd. The backup is the same as it was pre-405 construction; in fact, traffic studies show it is even longer. By supporting Archer's Modified Plan, you are telling us we will have to endure another 5 years, and potentially longer, of this impossible traffic gridlock???? This is totally unacceptable! This expansion harms the Westside residents and the businesses we are unable to support in Westwood, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, etc. due to being trapped in our community from the traffic jams. It adversely affects our lives on a daily basis.

There are other locations that could be explored for Archer's massive expansion plans. The Sunset and Barrington campus currently houses both a middle and a high school. One or both of those could be relocated to a more suitable location.

It is very concerning that one school's wishes would take priority over 36,000 Brentwood residents who live here 24/7 with Sunset as their primary access to the rest of the City and their primary route home. Please consider the vote of your tax paying citizens in 90049, for a development project that will adversely affect 90049.

This is why I only can support the expansion currently allowed by the existing CUP.

Sincerely,

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. Elva Nuño-O'Donnell  
Hearing Officer  
Los Angeles Department of City Planning  
Marvin Braude San Fernando Valley Constituent Services Center  
6262 N. Van Nuys Boulevard, Suite 351  
Los Angeles, CA 91401

**Re: Archer Forward Project CPC-2014-666-VCU-ZAA-SPR and ENV-2011-2689-EIR**

Dear Ms. Nuño-O'Donnell,

I am writing to state that I **OPPOSE** Archer's Modified Plan proposed in the Final Environmental Impact Report. I believe that Archer has not made the dramatic changes Councilman Bonin requested in his October 2, 2014 letter to the community, and the impacts from the plan will be too great for our community to bear, both during construction and once an expanded campus is operational.

I agree with Councilman Bonin that the framework for looking at Archer's proposed project is to work from the current Conditional Use Permit (CUP) on up since the project is in a "residential neighborhood in a complicated locale." This is critical in considering Archer's proposed project since the purpose of a CUP is to preserve the character of a neighborhood by making sure that the proposed use is consistent with the neighborhood and does not unduly alter the character of that neighborhood.

**Archer's current CUP** effectively balances the needs of the neighbors with the School's desire to operate successfully at that location, which it has for the last 15 years.

Therefore, I support Alternative 2, which develops the Archer campus according to the Current CUP and allows for the addition of only one, 12,000 square foot Gym. According to the Comparison of Impacts in Archer's DEIR it is the only alternative, with the exception of Alt 1: No Project, that will result in less than significant or no impacts in every major category and would not result in overriding considerations.

**ARCHER'S MODIFIED PLAN GREATLY IMPACTS THE COMMUNITY**

Archer's modified plan proposes INCREASES in every category and represents a substantial change from the current CUP: construction, traffic, physical size, and operational use of the campus.

- 78% increase in the physical footprint
- 130% increase in parked cars on campus
- 83% increase in special events held on campus
- 280% increase in athletic events held on campus
- Increase in hours of operation (including every Saturday)

Additionally, Archer is asking the community to endure **FIVE years of construction** to build in an area that Councilman Bonin described as "one of the worst traffic choke points in the City." The facts of Archer's modified plan reveal that the community will experience significant impacts.

**The existing CUP works and should be upheld.**

Sincerely,

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_