

INDIVIDUALS

LETTER NO. 7

No Date

Steve Kreynes

Comment 7.01

I offer the following suggestions

Please no buzzers or ringing bells.

Response 7.01

The suggestion made in the comment for there to be no buzzers or ringing bells included as part of the project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decisionmakers for their consideration. However, the use of chimes is, nonetheless, proposed as part of the project to signify the beginning and end of classes. Potential noise impacts resulting from the use of these chimes are analyzed in Section IV.H, Noise of the Draft EIR. As concluded on page IV.H-14, "Although the chimes would be audible when they are being used, they would not emit noise often enough to incrementally increase the aggregate hourly noise levels by five or more dBA (L_{eq}). Thus, impacts would be less than significant." Furthermore, as stated in Response to Comment No. 5.02, noise from the chimes would not be audible beyond 190 feet. Additionally, to ensure that the chimes (and public address system) would comply with the Los Angeles Municipal Code, Mitigation Measure IV.H-7 has been revised. Refer to Response to Comment No. 5.02 and Correction and Addition No. IV.H-13 in Section II, Corrections and Additions of this Final EIR.

Comment 7.02

No noise from athletics or performing arts intruding on residential neighbors.

Response 7.02

Noise from athletic and performing arts events were analyzed in Section IV.H, Noise of the Draft EIR. Events at each of the campus locations (e.g., athletics center, performing arts center, aquatics center, and campus plaza) were analyzed. The Draft EIR concluded that noise generated within the athletics center and performing arts center would not be noticeably audible at the surrounding residents. However, activities that could occur outside of these venues (e.g., people socializing as they enter and exit) could potentially emit noise levels that could be heard at nearby residences. A mitigation measure (Mitigation Measure IV.H-8) is included in the Draft EIR that would ensure that exterior noise generated during special events would be minimized at nearby residents by addressing potential problems as they arise, thereby maintaining incremental increases in noise levels at less than five decibels, which is below the level of significance. Events at the aquatics center and campus plaza would not generate significant noise levels.

Comment 7.03

Use of sound wall not a 5 ½ foot wall to block some of the noise which otherwise would intrude on the home residents. Supplement that with a bountiful use of trees and high bushy foliage.

Response 7.03

See Response to Comment No. 6.03. No sound wall is proposed along the north side of Rinaldi Street adjacent to the school and any sound wall that may be planned on the south side of Rinaldi Street is beyond the scope of the proposed project as this off-site property is not under the ownership or control of the school. Discussion of how any potential off-site sound wall should be landscaped is noted for the record here and will be forwarded to the decisionmakers for their consideration.

Comment 7.04

Schedule athletics and performing arts to completion prior to 5 or 6 p.m. to protect the residents from intrusive noise.

Response 7.04

See Response to Comment No. 6.07 concerning expected hours of operation for special events. While many athletics and performing arts events do conclude prior to 5:00 or 6:00 PM., due to the nature of such events, the scheduling requirements of a secondary school campus and the ability for friends and family to attend events after work, it is not feasible to schedule all athletic and performing arts events such that they would be completed prior to 5:00 or 6:00 PM. Additionally, a mitigation measure (Mitigation Measure IV.H-8) is included in the Draft EIR requiring that potential noise problems be addressed as they arise. In doing so, incremental increases in noise levels would be maintained at less than five decibels, which is below the level of significance. This measure would ensure that exterior noise generated during special events would be minimized at nearby residences. The comment's request that special events not be held after 6:00 PM is noted for the record here and will be forwarded to the decisionmakers for their consideration.

LETTER NO. 8

June 3, 2005

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Comment 8.01

We are very concerned about the Sierra Canyon School project impact on our Neighborhood. Foremost the noise and pollution levels will be intolerable. A school with sports activities, Art performances, swimming meets will create a lot of noise and chaos.

Response 8.01

The project's potential impacts to noise and air pollution are discussed in Section IV.H, Noise and IV.B, Air Quality of the Draft EIR, respectively. Regarding noise, as concluded on pages