



# Mar Vista Community Council



## MAR VISTA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Stakeholder Meeting

Monday, April 27th, 2015, at 7:00 P.M.  
Mar Vista Recreation Center Auditorium  
11430 Woodbine Street, Mar Vista, CA  
90066

## MINUTES

1. **Call to order and Welcome** – Chair (1 min)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M.

Quorum present: Bill Koontz (chair), Bill Scheduling (treasurer), Mitchell Rishe (2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair), John Kutcha (2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair), Melissa Stoller (secretary), Sherri Akers, Ken Alpern, Valerie Davidson, Robin Doyno, Michelle Krupkin, Michael Millman, Brad Wilhite

2. **Public Comment & Announcements** - for items not on the agenda (max 1 min each unless waived by the Chair)

- Fred Moss: trying to create Farmers' Market event for emergency preparedness modeled after WaterWise Expo
- Robin Doyno: West Mar Vista Neighborhood Association
- Sherri Akers: May 21 – Senior Scam Alert Seminar at park

3. **Funding Motions** (Public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker)

a. **FUNDING MOTION:** Ink for Venice High School printer

The Mar Vista Community Council authorizes the expenditure of up to \$350 for the purchase of ink for Venice High School's color printer.

Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern; motion carried unanimously.

b. **FUNDING MOTION:** Venice High School Spirit Campaign

The Mar Vista Community Council authorizes a \$250 neighborhood purpose grant in support of a Venice High School Spirit Campaign that seeks to raise the profile of pride and awareness in the community support following the unwanted international attention at VHS in March.

Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Melissa Stoller.

Comment:

- Ken Alpern: would like to be matching fund
- Sara Roos: Lots of groups have stood up and supported the school; "I support Venice High" buttons going fast; MVCC is among last to support

Motion carried unanimously.

c. **FUNDING MOTION:** Grand View/McBride Elementary School

The Mar Vista Community Council authorizes a neighborhood purpose grant not to exceed \$510 for the purchase of playground equipment.

Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Kutcha.

Comment:

- Sara Roos: McBride & Grand View merged; needs dual available equipment

Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Education, Arts and Culture Committee** – Brad Wilhite, Co-chair Sara Roos, Co-Chair

a. **Motion to recognize student achievement**

The Mar Vista Community Council will present appreciation certificates to selected middle and high school students at the May 12 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Bill Scheduling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Kutcha; motion carried unanimously.

5. **Mandarin Immersion Program** – Discussion and action items (public comment permitted, 1 min per speaker unless waived by the Chair)

a. **Motion in support** (submitted by Mitchell Rishe, Ken Alpern and Sara Roos)

**Whereas**, educational excellence is a right of and a benefit to all residents of Mar Vista. By supporting strong educational and financial opportunities for our stakeholders, Mar Vista becomes increasingly attractive, raising property values and increasing the flow of amenities and services catering to this ever more thriving community;

**Whereas**, the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”) owns land in Mar Vista bordered by Walgrove Ave, Victoria Ave, Beethoven Ave and Lucille Ave., commonly known as the Mark Twain Middle School (“Mark Twain”) campus;

**Whereas**, LAUSD proposes to create a Mandarin and English Dual-Language Immersion Elementary School at the MTMS campus (the “Project”), and has released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (“DEIR”) for the Project;

**Whereas**, the Project is part of an articulated instructional pathway among the Venice and Mar Vista family of schools including immersion programs at Grand View Boulevard Elementary School, Broadway Elementary School, Richland Avenue Elementary School, and the language magnets at Mark Twain and Venice High School. This initiative, and specifically the Project, will benefit all residents of Mar Vista by invigorating enthusiasm for the high quality educational programs within our own boundaries;

**Whereas**, the DEIR recognizes that the Project will result in significant and unavoidable impacts to traffic, especially along the severely overloaded “F”-rated north-south streets of Walgrove and Beethoven Avenues;

**Whereas**, the DEIR estimates that the Project will cost at least \$30 million in construction bond money and will result in the loss of up to 4 acres of open playing-field space from the Mark Twain campus;

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Mar Vista Community Council supports the Project at the Mark Twain campus, but requests that LAUSD and the City of Los Angeles join efforts to mitigate impacts not only caused by the Project but traffic impacts that have long preceded it in the extended community as follows:

A. That the Project mitigate traffic impacts to the greatest possible extent feasible, which must include: (i) extending the transportation radius significantly in order to encourage virtually all campus arrivals to be via foot, bicycle or bus, rather than private passenger car transportation; (ii) improvements to sidewalks, bike lanes and street crossings to facilitate walking, boarding and biking to school; (iii) roundabouts at the four corners of the campus; and (iv) dedication of school property to the City for street widening and creation of a drop-off zone.

B. That the Project mitigate the loss of open space caused by the Project through improvements to the remaining recreational facilities at the MTMS campus, as well as improvements to other parks and schools in Mar Vista.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Project should utilize existing buildings at the Mark Twain campus to the greatest extent feasible, and that LAUSD utilize a portion of the cost savings to improve and upgrade existing educational and recreational facilities at Mark Twain, so that the Project benefits the community as a whole, not just the Mandarin and English Dual-Language Immersion school students.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the Mar Vista Community Council requests that LAUSD upgrade and improve all existing schools within the Mar Vista community, including Beethoven Street Elementary School, Walgrove Avenue Elementary School, Venice High School, Phoenix High School, Grand View Boulevard Elementary School, Mar Vista Elementary School, Richland Avenue Elementary School, and Webster Middle School, as well as our sister Mar Vista schools east of the San Diego freeway, so that Mar Vista stakeholders are provided the educational opportunities they deserve.

Motion by Mitchell Rishe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern.

Mitchell Rishe: motion is based on DEIR; intended to prevent possibility that MI school locates at Mark Twain and Mar Vista community is not on record with what we want. Wants to make sure community has a voice

Mitchell accepts friendly amendments. Amended motion:

**Whereas**, the Mar Vista Community Council seeks educational excellence and improved quality of life for our stakeholders,

**Whereas**, the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”) owns land in Mar Vista bordered by Walgrove Ave, Victoria Ave, Beethoven Ave and Lucille Ave., commonly known as the Mark Twain Middle School (“Mark Twain”) campus;

**Whereas**, LAUSD proposes to create a Mandarin and English Dual-Language Immersion Elementary School at the Mark Twain campus (the “Project”), and has released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (“DEIR”) for the Project;

**Whereas**, the Project is part of an articulated instructional pathway among the Venice and Mar Vista family of schools including immersion programs at Grand View Boulevard Elementary School, Broadway Elementary School, Richland Avenue Elementary School, and the language magnets at Mark Twain and Venice High School. This initiative, and specifically the Project, will benefit all residents of Mar Vista by invigorating enthusiasm for the high quality educational programs within our own boundaries;

**Whereas**, the DEIR states that the Project will result in significant and unavoidable impacts to traffic, especially along the severely overloaded “F”-rated north-south streets of Walgrove and Beethoven Avenues;

**Whereas**, the DEIR estimates that the Project will cost at least \$30 million in construction bond money and will result in the loss of up to 4 acres of open playing-field space from the Mark Twain campus;

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Mar Vista Community Council will only support (and otherwise opposes) the Project at the Mark Twain campus if LAUSD and the City of Los Angeles mitigate not only impacts caused by the Project, but impacts and systematic shortcomings that have long persisted in the extended community. The Final EIR must therefore consider the following:

1. Mitigation of traffic impacts to less than significant by, among other things:: (i) extending the transportation radius significantly in order to require virtually all campus arrivals to be via foot, bicycle or bus, rather than private passenger car transportation; (ii) improvements to sidewalks, bike lanes and street crossings to facilitate walking, boarding and biking to school; (iii) roundabouts at the four corners of the campus; and (iv) dedication of school property to the City for street widening and creation of a drop-off zone; (v) on campus bus ports and across campus auto drive.
2. Giving admission preference to Mar Vista and Venice residents, to both minimize traffic impacts and to ensure that residents most impacted by the Project also most benefit from it.
3. Mitigation of the loss of open space caused by the Project through improvements to the remaining recreational facilities at the Mark Twain campus (in particular, the establishment of new recreational facilities and the final design of the project that ensures the preservation of the existing open lawn/soccer field as an essential part of the Project), as well as improvements to other parks and schools in Mar Vista.
4. Utilization of existing buildings at the Mark Twain campus to the greatest extent feasible, and consideration of any and all cost reduction initiatives to this Project, and that LAUSD utilize the cost savings to improve and upgrade existing educational and recreational facilities at Mark Twain and other underserved Mar Vista public schools, so that the Project benefits the community as a whole, not just the Mandarin and English Dual-Language Immersion school students, and converts the potential loss of open space as set forth in the DEIR into a net expansion of open space to the benefit of the greater Mar Vista Community.
5. That LAUSD upgrade and improve all existing schools within the Mar Vista community, including Beethoven Street Elementary School, Walgrove Avenue Elementary School, Venice High School, Phoenix High School, Grand View Boulevard Elementary School, Mar Vista Elementary School, Richland Avenue Elementary School, and Webster Middle School, as well as our sister Mar Vista schools east of the San Diego freeway in Westside Village, so that Mar Vista Community Council stakeholders are provided the educational opportunities they deserve.

Be it Further Resolved, that the Mar Vista Community Council seeks a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between the LAUSD and affected stakeholders with regards to all mitigation measures enumerated and elaborated upon above.

b. **Motion Against** (submitted by West Mar Vista Neighborhood Association)

**Whereas** the Mar Vista Community and the parents of the Mandarin Immersion Program at Broadway Elementary School agree with Board Member Zimmer’s statement, and as quoted: "To find a balance for educational needs and the protection of the quality of life of the Mar Vista Stakeholders", and

**Whereas** the Draft Environmental Impact Report “Mandarin and English Dual-Language Immersion Elementary School Project” prepared for the Los Angeles Unified School District ‘LAUSD’ by Sapphos Environmental, Inc. for the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety was released for review March 26, 2015, and

**Whereas** that Draft EIR clearly states the alternative of least impact is the ‘Redistricting Alternative’,

**Therefore**, the Mar Vista Community Council asks that LAUSD and Board Member Zimmer implement "The Redistricting Alternative", and the MVCC also requests the support of Councilmember Bonin going forward, as it offers the least impacts to the community; preserves valuable open space; enhances community equity by promoting use of existing local underutilized campus facilities--thereby improving neighborhood schools; and saves the public \$30 million on a new campus that is not needed.

Motion by Bill Scheding, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Mellman.

Marcus Wagner: Vice President, West Mar Vista Resident Association, spoke in support of motion.

**Comments (motions 5.a and 5.b)**

**Public Comment (speakers)**

- Sharon Cummins: Not much soccer field space on Westside; people should email state legislators.
- Mary Bonnie Bray (Maplewood Ave): Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in car emissions is carcinogenic, affects brain.
- Cecelia Boskin (Federal): \$30mil comes at expense of preschool SRLDP program
- Lucy Dixon (Walgrove Ave): Trapped in house by traffic. Where would property to widen street come from?
- Shellie Estrin? (Beethoven St): Shouldn’t build; should close 1-2 schools. Emissions in her room from cars, too many schools in that small area.
- Steve Wallace (Coolidge): PLUM Committee co-chair..Egregious for two BOD members to put motion on agenda without attending any meetings. Steve has petition opposing the new school. It’s about another stupid Zimmer idea, not MIP. MIP principal & parents don’t want to move. Ray Cortines thinks it’s a crazy idea. Broadway will close its doors in 6 months if the move out 300 students and keep 67 at Broadway. There’ll be 1000 more car trips; mitigations will not work. Will remove half of the green space on site;
- Sara Roos (Mountain View Blvd): ECA Committee Co-Chair. Everyone is in agreement that the problem is traffic. Traffic component is addressed by including mitigation promise in DEIR. Hard to see how addition of cars to situation already untenable has big impact; should embrace situation to get what we want. Dismayed by ongoing incorrect “facts” that get repeated; actual: 70 +48 in Spanish immersion next year + English program at Broadway.
- Steve Hunt (Walgrove Ave): “Will probably do anyway” comment is wrong headed. Council needs to give 100% statement that we don’t want this in the neighborhood. Should add protected left turn at Venice & Walgrove to DEIR.
- Nancy Williams Hankocy (Rosewood Ave): need space to get out, more recreation space for community’s mental & physical health
- Sean Collins (Beethoven St): Cars speed through. Speaking as architect who builds school: can’t fit this into neighborhood, need to oppose completely.
- Dr. Marsha Epstein (Buler Ave): Retired from LA County Dept. of Public Health. School is contrary to goals of the department; need to increase recreational facilities, not cut in half

- Nikki Hariton (Wavecrest Ave, Venice): Taught at Mark Twain for 4 years, other schools as well. It makes no sense for magnet to only offer 1 target language. If you grow up speaking Spanish & English, you'll be very employable. The edible & flower growing on campus is beneficial.
- Roy Morgan (Walgrove Ave): Traffic is horrible. MIP at Mark Twain is really bad idea
- Steve Morris (24<sup>th</sup> St, Santa Monica): FC LA soccer club has 300+ players. It took over maintenance of Mark Twain field, providing a quality, cared for field. Eleven soccer fields for population of 200,000 is inadequate.
- Lynette Halverson (Redwood Ave): Grew up on Redwood and has been there 66 years. Sweet Mar Vista is rapidly turning sour. Ridiculous school idea needs to move to Playa Vista—it is still being built, can accommodate.
- Lawrence Tolhurst (Greenwood Ave): Has been soccer coach. Use existing schools, no new building.
- Tom Ponton: We forgot lessons from fighting Playa Vista: can't beat back EIR without legal action. Motion doesn't belong on table, not vetted by committees. Drop motions and say what the communities want.
- Alicia Reyes (Armacost): Uses sports facilities. Webster is losing students and teachers. We need STEM program—that would really benefit our children.
- Jeff Loo (McCune Ave): Chinese American. Disheartened by comments coming from community. DEIR is garbage, has divided the community. We need to be prepared, think about other alternatives.
- Fred Moss (Minerva Ave): 10 year Mar Vista resident. MVCC has no legal or advisory power, just deciding how will complain up the chain. People should contact assemblyman, those with power.
- Patricia McPherson (Greenwood Ave): LAUSD need to mitigate problems they've already created; buses are causing problems, wants mitigation now. MVCC & press have power to make our voices heard. New school is taxpayer waste. DEIR doesn't address traffic in MV, is wacked.
- Zak Danielson (Moore St): Part of MI program. DEIR is a fraud, has blatant errors. Team was asked to go after Zimmer's objectives in gathering facts. There will be more traffic.
- James Garrett (Greenwood Ave): Traffic is crazy, getting rid of green space is crazy. Kids will end up playing in street and someone will get hurt. Bill Koontz response: Mike Bonin is working behind scenes to have Walgrove designated "Residential" street.
- Steve Alpers: Tried to slog thru DEIR; it didn't mention classrooms available as alternative. MIP sounds great, can easily find space with vacant rooms.
- Stephanie Tokar (Rosewood Ave): CEQA is supposed to enhance community involvement, but DEIR didn't involve the community: residents didn't receive DEIR, weren't notified of scoping meetings. 500 residents came to April meeting; most don't like idea of loud construction, dust and pollution. Why this location?
- Marcus Wagner (Meier St): They tried to sneak this by; when people found out, 500 people showed up at a meeting last week.
- Riva Goldman (Barry Ave): Ditto to Dr. Epstein. Is currently a school nurse and worked at MDR Middle school when they thought program would go there. Issues: recreation space, shared space. Programs over time take over; any classroom that doesn't have class is considered empty space even though may be in use.
- Rick Selen (Glyndon Ave): Was teacher at Mark Twain for 25 years, Mark Twain teachers don't want the school and are disturbed about plan to bring 3rd-5th grade kids there next year to Twain—concerned about their safety. School should never be built.
- Lyndon Pham (Rosewood Ave): MVCC mission statement: have power to advocate. It's very clear what the community wants; MVCC has enough information.
- Julie Olds (Rosewood Ave): DEIR is faulty. A strong school with involvement needs parking and there's no mention of how parents will park. It's not reasonable for residential streets to be parking lot. Plan is not well thought out.
- John Stern (Rosewood Ave): DEIR talks about building a new school as objective, which makes scoring options faulty. Classrooms are available at Mark Twain
- Bob Elliott (Ashwood Ave): DEIR undercounts Mark Twain car trips and over counts Broadway car trips. Roundabouts are suicide circles. There will be out of area/district students.
- Sylva Saunders (Glencoe): What is really behind this is deals by electeds with construction people.

- Lisa Zwarych (Walgrove Ave): Daughter is at Beethoven. DEIR is false on air quality; students eat outside and construction will release silica particles (carcinogen) into air. How can young children focus with constant jackhammering, trucks?
- Lanina Sipivy (Walgrove Ave): If it looks like corruption, it is.
- Claire Burns (Ashwood Ave): Community is enraged: too many schools, building another is bad.
- Azadeh Hawkins (Beethoven St): Supports MI program, but need to utilize existing underutilized schools.
- Margaret Turner (Greenwood Ave): Taught at Broadway for 30 years, now retired. Broadway has 52 students in English program, total of 72 in Spanish immersion program. Concerned about traffic.
- Cindy Mattson (Walgrove Ave): Lived on Walgrove over 30 years. Endorsing MI at Mark Twain is misguided. MVCC voice says a lot, needs to speak on community's behalf.
- Tim Brown (Beethoven St): Come spend a night at his house—smell the smells, hear the traffic. We can't stand another car on Beethoven
- Laurie Laythen (Maplewood Ave): Supports MIP, faults LAUSD for pitting us against each other. Shouldn't build \$30m school next to one that is underfunded and neglected. Can't allow 13 year old to walk the dog because of traffic danger.
- Kathy King: Teaches at Mar Vista. Traffic has increased horribly since was a little girl. Need to say no to traffic, no to building school. MIP is a wonderful program; if its having problems at Broadway, why move to another location where there are problems. ADHD is handled with exercise in addition to medication. We need more green space and can't afford to lose 1 inch of exercise space.
- Emma Ramey (Walgrove Ave): Wasn't aware of project. MVCC has power, is our voice. She can't park in front of own house.
- StopCommuterSchool.com: Has letters, tells how to make comments. Community has raised \$12,000.
- Wen-Chia Parker (Maplewood Ave): Beethoven parent, architect and master gardener. Point of LAUSD is to provide safe & good learning environment. Zimmer is moving grades 3-5 into Mark Twain this summer whether or not project is approved. What he's doing to the children and community isn't right.
- Joyce Keeler (Maplewood Ave): Got meeting notice—faulty notification, but they made some measly attempt. Is against project.
- Silva Flores (Walgrove Ave): Will they widen the street? Response: Yes, on Mark Twain side.
- Barry O'Brien: Echoes Marcus Wagner: will take legal action. Please communicate that community is organized and will not go away.
- Andrew Welch (Walgrove Ave): Scared to think that one person could push this through without consent of residents in area. Scared of potential of air pollution, noise pollution and traffic. Cars & dogs have been hit, it's not safe.
- Danica Mello (Walgrove Ave): Can't raise children because of traffic. Need to think of value of field.

**Written Public Comment (submitted at meeting)**

- Against MI at Mark Twain: Carmen Landau (Moore St); Pat Karasick (N. Park Ave); James & Molly Melt? (Walgrove); Silver Saundors-Friedman (Glencoe Ave, Venice); Maggie Tanored (Walgrove); Paul Mattson (Walgrove Ave); Elizabeth (Beethoven St); Geetika Lizardi (Rosewood Ave); Keith Walker (Maplewood Ave), Christopher McKinnon (N. Park Ave).
- Steve Albers (Greenwood Ave): With all the unused classrooms and unmaintained school facilities in this area, it seems imprudent to spend \$30M on another facility that won't be maintained. The Mandarin Immersion program is wonderful, but let's integrate it into existing facilities (i.e. MDR).
- Katherine Leighnor (Rosewood Ave): Traffic is horrendous! Do not waste precious fiscal funds when there are schools with under enrollment. And do not destroy the open space that the entire community uses!

**Written Public Comment (submitted via email; summarized)**

Note: names omitted due to concerns about animosity expressed toward MI supporters.

- MI parent, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Research shows that language proficiency requires continued study and practice, ideally through middle school. Therefore, partnership with Mark Twain's World Languages Magnet will be boon for both programs. Now is the moment to support this impressive program and to show that Los Angeles can be a model of public education and bilingual learning. The MI community is committed to helping with the transition, from fundraising to campus beautification to walking and biking to school for traffic mitigation.
- MI parent: This initiative is a golden opportunity to lay the foundation and strengthen our public education system in our local communities. Investing to improve public education benefits all homeowners in a community. If we can improve the school ratings and attract families back to Mark Twain and Venice, family funds that would have been spent on private education can not be reinvested in our neighborhood public schools, booster clubs and the local economy. Traffic and safety is a top concern with our without this new school. We are environmentally conscious citizens that will strive to mitigate traffic in a meaningful way. We already have many sibling in the program and many families already live or plan to live in Mar Vista.
- MI parent: Educational excellence is a right of and benefit to all residents of Mar Vista. The presence of the MI program on the Mark Twain campus will increase enrollment and lay the foundation necessary for a strong K-12 dual immersion pathway. Families have moved from all over the city and, in some cases, from other places in the state and country for the opportunity to have their child attend this school. A strong public education correlates to increased property values.
- Mar Vista resident, MI parent: The "motion in support" is well informed and a constructive step that seizes the opportunity to address long-standing issues that seem to be feeding the animosity. The "motion against" does not, and is misleading as well: it falsely asserts that the current MI parents support redistricting. Nobody at the DEIR meeting wanted to close their neighborhood school, just somebody else's; that was tried to the dismay of the Broadway neighborhood.
- MVCC Zone 6 residentt and 1<sup>st</sup> grade MI parent: Wholeheartedly in support of the MI school, wherever it is located. Supports the measure that supports building a new school and implementing mitigating traffic measures. Traffic and parking affects can be mitigated. Currently carpools with a MI family on Stewart and would love to ride bikes to the new school location. Buses are another option wince over 60 MI families live in the Mark Twain footprint. Believes this stellar program will be a gem of Mar Vista schools. Many MI families have already purchased homes in Mar Vista based on the current and projected school location.
- Mar Vista resident and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MI parent: These are responses to 10 misleading comments by the group opposing MI at Mark Twain: sufficient legal notice has been provided (she received all the notices); there is no evidence that home prices have decreased due to increased traffic and much evidence that having great schools in your neighborhood increases home values; if the MI program doesn't take over the space on Mark Twain's very large campus, it is very likely that a charter school will come in; development in Playa Vista and other places is likely the underlying cause of increasing traffic and not building the MI program will not address these traffic concerns; the DEIR states redistricting is an "environmentally superior," not *the* superior option and that traffic could be worse with redistricting; residents who purchase homes witin block of a school should not complain about parents dropping their kids off at school; the only way to stop cuts to public school budgets is to get more families back to our neighborhood schools; increased enrollment will mean more federal funding for Mark Twain revitalization and more parental involvement and fundraising; MI parents have already started collaborating with LAUSD and Mark Twain on creating an MI curriculum and are excited that the MI students will be integrated with other students for English, science and math; wonders what the social implications of the Mar Vista community asking the English-only and SI families leave Broadway so that Mar Vista community can have their green space and more parking.
- Mar Vista resident and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MI parent: Currently no options on Westside for Mandarin language instruction in middle/high school. Mandarin will be offered as elective in the overall middle school curriculum. Allocating bond money for a new school demonstrates that if parents demand better specialized programs and commit to enroll in local public schools, LAUSD will work with them; Mandarin program is so popular that application far exceed spaces available. Political reality is that LAUSD won't redistrict Broadway and move lower income disadvantaged Latino families. The impact on traffic of the new school is being overblown and can be mitigated.

**Board comment**

- Michael Millman: MVCC board has power. Opposes MI program at Mark Twain. Believes in neighborhood first. Let Mike Bonin know, Michael will let Mayor Garcetti know Mar Vista won't be run over. No surrender, no retreat.
- Valerie Davidson: Against school being built at Mark Twain. Use funds to rebuild existing schools. We will fight & win, get school closed down. Traffic is major problem with or without school. Lets all get together, get mitigation.
- Robin Doyno:  
Friendly amendment to 5a: LAUSD consider on campus bus ports and across campus auto drive  
Amendment accepted.  
Motion: MVCC finds the DEIR to be somewhere between fraudulent and flawed.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Alpern. 5 aye, 5 nay, 2 abstentions (Michelle Krupkin and Sherri Akers);  
motion not passed.
- Ken Alpern: Fought other projects. Motion 5a is about not just what were against, but also what we're for. It's our obligation to respond to DEIR. Wants more immersion programs in Mar Vista. Okay to change 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph of motion.
- Mitchell Rishe: Don't support redistricting—it pushes off problem to another community. If MI program can't stay at Broadway and we can bring in to our community, it is tremendous asset. Redistricting alternative doesn't address open space problems. Tried to address what we want, not just what we don't want in the motion. This is opportunity to get the mitigation.
- Melissa Stoller: Hears the community: we need traffic mitigation. However, finds it difficult to support redistricting another community's school and also creating more traffic for them. Think we should say what we support. If the MI program must move, would love to have it in the Mar Vista area.
- Bill Scheduling: Can't imagine why we'd support motion 5a; Steve Zimmer won't enforce the conditions. Prefers 5b, but has problems with that also.
- John Kutcha: Motion 5a is in good faith, but Steve Zimmer is not operating in good faith. Reusing existing empty space is the thrifty, right thing to do. It's critical to contact state rep on this issue; stopcommuterschool.com is place to throw money at this. It's a reminder how important it is to vote in LAUSD elections.
- Brad Wilhite: Stands with the community, will represent this voice to the board.
- Michelle Krupkin: Your vote in LAUSD elections really matters. Contact assembly member—we need mass emails. Make your voice heard at stopcommuterschool.com—good resource. Concerned about traffic.
- Sherri Akers: Its illogical to add more students to schools that are not supported. Supports MIP, but proposal hasn't been vetted. Has anyone polled MIP students? Would like to remove term “redistricting” from motion 5b.
- Bill Koontz: Biggest issue with DEIR is inaccurate numbers and lack of outreach. We don't have more time to comment—if we did, would abstain.

## Vote

### Motion 5a:

Aye: Mitchell Rishe, Melissa Stoller, Robin Doyno, Ken Alpern, Valerie Davidson  
 Nay: Bill Koontz, John Kutcha, Bill Scheduling, Brad Wilhite, Michael Millman, Micelle Krupkin  
 Abstain: Sherri Akers  
 Absent: Yvette Molinaro  
 Motion defeated.

### Motion 5b:

Aye: John Kuchta, Bill Scheduling, Sherri Akers, Ken Alpern, Brad Wilhite, Michael Millman, Micelle Krupkin, Valerie Davidson  
 Nay: Mitchell Rishe, Melissa Stoller  
 Abstain: Robin Doyno  
 Absent: Yvette Molinaro  
 Motion carried.



6. **Public Comment**

7. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 P.M.

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