# III. Responses to Comments (Continued)

**Comment Letter No. 100**

Barbara Bruser
Co-Chair, Archer Board of Trustees
bbrusercfa@gmail.com

**Comment No. 100-1**

Archer's Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan will help ensure that girls in Los Angeles have the opportunity to obtain a first-class education in a diverse, ambitious and joyful environment. I am writing to request your support for the plan as the public review process moves forward. Archer students train for and perform in award-winning arts programs, including: dance, theater, choir and orchestra. They also compete in a number of different sports with other local independent schools. Currently, Archer spends a great deal of resources renting off-site venues for practices, games and performances. Our plan envisions providing the essential facilities that will allow our students to participate in these activities onsite—facilities that most independent schools in the area already have.

The new facilities we are proposing will greatly help advance the school's mission to provide a 21st century education for girls across the city. Our innovative plan is consistent with the promises we made to our community, and we will continue to be a good neighbor. We have had a continuous dialogue with the community throughout this process and we plan to continue to work with local residents and stakeholders moving forward.

As the Draft EIR for the Archer Forward Plan has now been released, we hope that you will add your support to this project. We look forward to working with you and your office.

**Response to Comment No. 100-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 101**

Tanya and Alex Bryzgalova
tanyabryz@hotmail.com

**Comment No. 101-1**

I have a daughter at Archer and I live in CD 11. I am very excited and strongly in support of the Archer Forward plan.

My daughter chose to attend Archer because the School is truly unique in Los Angeles. The only secular girl's school in the west side of Los Angeles, Archer's student body reflects the diverse character of the entire City. With a high-quality curriculum, I believe that Archer is truly educating the future leaders of this country. But to fully deliver on Archer's promise to the City, the School needs adequate facilities to create a 21st century campus.

The Archer Forward plan would provide what the School really needs: modem classrooms, athletic fields and facilities and visual and performing arts spaces. Archer girls fully participate in academic, arts and athletics, and need the facilities to support these activities. You should see the girls trying to put on a performance on the small stage they currently have—girls are literally spilling off the ends! And the school currently doesn't have a space where the entire campus can be together to watch a performance, hear a speaker or listen to announcements from the Head of School.

I recognize that there are concerns about development in Brentwood, but it's important to acknowledge that Archer has fully complied with the most stringent conditions imposed by the City on any independent school in Los Angeles. In fact, Archer has gone beyond the City's requirements to ensure that the school has a minimal impact on traffic. I believe that track record should be celebrated, and the City should help Archer move forward with the reasonable new hours and operations they're proposing.

Archer is a jewel in Los Angeles, and I hope that you, Councilman Bonin and the rest of the City will help move the Archer Forward project quickly through the City process. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 101-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 102**

April M. Bujent
1601 Marine St.
Santa Monica, CA 90405

**Comment No. 102-1**

My daughter is a student at Archer School for Girls, and I am writing to let you know that I support Archer's Campus Preservation and Improvement plan, Archer Forward.

The Archer Forward plan will allow the school to provide an even better education for Archer students, by adding modern classrooms, a regulation-size athletic field, a gymnasium and spaces for swim, performing and visual arts. Archer students are actively involved in the community: they volunteer at Brentwood Green, tutor students at Brentwood Science Magnet School, participate in local recycling and conservation efforts, volunteer at Daybreak Women's Shelter and more.

Archer has a great track record as a responsible neighbor in the community. For example, much time and energy has been poured into the school's traffic control system. Every parent is well versed in parking and driving restrictions in the area during school hours, and we know that if we do not follow the rules there will be consequences. This is done out of Archer's high level of consideration and respect for its neighbors, who don't like sitting in traffic any more than I do.

I believe that the Archer School for Girls is a valuable and upstanding member of the local community, and has done everything in its power to ensure that this plan presents every benefit possible to its neighbors. I hope you'll help move this project quickly through the city's process.

**Response to Comment No. 102-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 103**

Suzanne Bunzel
485 N. Bowling Green Way
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 103-1**

I oppose the Archer Forward Plan as Proposed and recommend that the alternative be accepted.

I've lived here for 54 years, and have been a member of BHA since it started. Now I have signed the Archer Neighbors Alternative Plan Petition and am writing you to urge your denial of the proposed Archer Expansion Plan.

**Response to Comment No. 103-1**

This introductory comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 103-2**

The traffic is already appalling and if the Archer proposal is accepted, it will make Brentwood and surrounding environs practically unlivable.

**Response to Comment No. 103-2**

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has recently been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and with substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange modifications.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 103-3**

I urge you to reject this proposal outright and accept the alternative plan proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer.

**Response to Comment No. 103-3**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project.

**Comment Letter No. 104**

Tami Burks
5520 Eileen Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90043

**Comment No. 104-1**

I'm an incoming Archer parent and I am writing to show my support for the school's campus plan Archer Forward.

There are several independent schools to choose from in Los Angeles, but after coming to Archer and meeting its current students and the faculty and staff, I knew this was the right choice for my daughter.

Archer is a [sic] innovative school that creates an atmosphere that encourages girls to take risks and try new things. In doing so, the girls realize their strengths and become leaders. The Archer faculty thinks outside of the box and caters their lessons to the way girls learn best. We know our child will thrive at Archer and we are excited to see the young woman she will become. The only thing that would make this school even better is if it had better facilities.

The school is proposing a plan that will allow them to build an aquatics center, a gym, and a performing and visual arts center. These facilities will enhance the girls' middle and high school experiences and I am excited that my daughter will be a part of that.

Archer is a treasure to Brentwood. I hope you see this and choose to support the school as they move forward.

**Response to Comment No. 104-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 105**

Nina Bush
4131 Madison Ave.
Culver City, CA 90232

**Comment No. 105-1**

As the parent of an Archer student, I am proud of the fact that for the past 15 years, the Archer School for Girls has been a valuable and responsible member of the Brentwood community. I believe that the school is an extremely valuable resource to the city which is why I am writing in support of Archer Forward, the school's improvement plan.

Archer's student body includes girls from a wide range of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds reflective of the city we live in: approximately 36% of Archer students come from minority backgrounds, and Archer students currently reside in 92 zip codes throughout Los Angeles County.

Archer offers more than a traditional, girl-centric learning environment—the school equally prepares young women for leadership in a global world.

The improvement plan embodies the essentials that nearly every other independent and public school has in Los Angeles, including gymnasiums, performing arts and visual arts facilities, regulation sized athletic fields and aquatic centers. Currently, the school spends significant resources renting offsite facilities for practices, games and performances, and lacks gathering spaces for the entire student body.

Archer believes that this is the most effective plan to meet the needs of the school and to offer a competitive array of opportunities for future students. I am proud to enroll my daughter at the Archer School for Girls because not only is she receiving a world-class education, but also because the school is committed to doing its job well.

Please help move the Archer Forward plan forward quickly. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 105-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 106**

Andrew Callender

**Comment No. 106-1**

My name is Andy Callender, and I am a mathematics teacher at the Archer School for Girls. Since starting in my position last August, I have been blown away by the incredible faculty, staff, and student body that make Archer an incredible place to work and learn.

Before coming to Archer, I worked as a public school teacher in the Seattle suburbs for 5 years. Frustrated by a bureaucratic educational system that focused more on standardized testing than true student learning, I resigned from my tenured position in 2012 without any intention of returning to teaching. After a year of exploring other opportunities, I returned to teaching when I was offered a full-time position at Archer.

The Archer School for Girls embodies everything that is right with education. It is a place that empowers young women to think critically and engage in the world and community around them. Archer's administration empowers faculty by granting autonomy to be inventive in the classroom. The integration of technology with individual creativity makes learning and teaching rewarding. My experience at Archer has truly reignited my passion for teaching.

The current state of Archer's facilities impedes students from achieving the full potential of their learning experience. My classroom is very small, with insufficient space for the limited number of students I currently have. Our facilities also lack an intercom system, which would complicate communication during an emergency situation. We also lack individual climate control in our classrooms, which makes the rooms very hot and uncomfortable during the fall and spring.

As Archer's Assistant Cross Country coach, I experienced the limitations of our athletic facilities during the fall season. Without a track or field to practice on, students are forced to run around the campus and in the Brentwood neighborhood, avoiding traffic along the way. We bussed the girls several miles away to Santa Monica each week so they could perform longer runs on outdoor paths in order to adequately prepare for competition. A track on campus would save the school money on transportation costs and decrease traffic flow in and out of campus. Perhaps most importantly, it would also provide our student-athletes with several more hours during their athletic season to spend on academics, rather than on the road.

I ask that the City of Los Angeles support the Archer Forward Plan. These campus improvements will have a direct and positive impact on the education of our students by providing Archer with basic accommodations that most other schools enjoy. I plan to be a part of the Archer community for the next several years and am hopeful that I will have the opportunity to see these plans come to fruition. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 106-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 107**

Danny Cannon
466 Homewood Rd.
Brentwood, CA 90049

**Comment No. 107-1**

Please find my letter of Support for Archer Forward ***attached below***.

**Response to Comment No. 107-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 107-2**

My daughter will soon be a member of the school that is at the forefront of the girls' educational movement in Los Angeles—The Archer School for Girls. I am writing as an incoming parent and a Brentwood resident, and I want to show my support for the plan.

Living in this area, I would always come into contact with Archer girls in the Brentwood Village. I was always impressed by the way they carried themselves and how they were respectful to others. When it was time to choose a school for my daughter, I was proud to select Archer.

Because I live in Brentwood, I understand what a big concern traffic is. However, Archer accounts for a very small percentage of the overall traffic on Sunset and it is my understanding that they are committing to an even higher busing requirement than they have now.

Please give these girls the opportunities their peers are being afforded at other schools and support their campus plan.

**Response to Comment No. 107-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 108**

Nicole Cannon
466 Homewood Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 108-1**

Please find attached a letter regarding Archer's Campus Improvement Plan.

**Response to Comment No. 108-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 108-2**

My daughter will soon be a member of the school that is at the forefront of the girls' educational movement in Los Angeles—The Archer School for Girls. I am writing as an incoming parent and a Brentwood resident, and I want to show my support for the plan.

Living in this area, I would always come into contact with Archer girls in the Brentwood Village. I was always impressed by the way they carried themselves and how they were respectful to others. When it was time to choose a school for my daughter, I was proud to select Archer.

Because I live in Brentwood, I understand what a big concern traffic is. However, Archer accounts for a very small percentage of the overall traffic On Sunset and it is my understanding that they are committing to an even higher busing requirement than they have now.

Please give these girls the opportunities their peers are being afforded at other schools and support their campus plan.

**Response to Comment No. 108-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 109**

Mark Caplow
E. M. Caplow and Assoc.
9533 Pico Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90035

**Comment No. 109-1**

It is my understanding that you are the person handling responses to the Draft EIR for the Archer School Expansion in Brentwood. My family and I live in Brentwood and will be affected by this project. I have attached my comments to the Draft EIR and ask that you submit them to the case file.

**Response to Comment No. 109-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 109-2**

I would like to sign up as an interested party for the Archer School Expansion project. My address is below.

Mark Caplow
E. M. Caplow and Assoc.
9533 Pico Blvd. Los Angeles,
California, 90035
(310) 277-8688

**Response to Comment No. 109-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment No. 109-3**

I would like to respond to the Draft EIR for the Archer Forward project. My family and I live in Brentwood on Westgate Ave. which will be impacted by the Archer School expansion plan.

**Response to Comment No. 109-3**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 109-4**

After reading the draft EIR, it is apparent that it is flawed in many ways. The crucial flaw is in the fact that a "once in a lifetime" multiyear, multibillion dollar Caltrans expansion of the 405 freeway is about to be completed after 4 years of construction. Because of the size and scope of the Caltrans project, and its proximity to the Archer school expansion, the above draft EIR had to use traffic counts that are several years old in an attempt to come up with some sort of traffic flow for the Archer expansion. They presented those estimates in the DEIR.

The only possibility of predicting how the Archer expansion will affect traffic flow is to wait till the 405 expansion is completed and seasoned in a few years. Then and only then can any traffic study have any credibility. In fact the new traffic counts taken two years after completion of the 405 may even benefit the Archer school and its expansion plans.

Using older traffic counts may not be of any great significance in most cases, but in this case, the Caltrans project is too large, and has taken too long to just use data from previous years to come up with anything close to reliable traffic numbers. Even Caltrans traffic numbers are not very reliable because they are focused mostly on the 405 freeway itself, but not on the inevitable traffic a larger freeway brings to the neighboring community. Additionally, during the 4 year period of the 405 expansion project, there has been a prolific growth of the Santa Monica commercial core. Because of its proximity to the Pacific Ocean, the Santa Monica commercial core can only be serviced using just the west side of Los Angeles. That brings new traffic to our area that is not adequately dealt with in the DEIR.

The traffic flows from the breathtaking growth of Santa Monica over the last 4 years along with the expansion of the 405, has not been adequately taken into consideration by the Draft EIR. There simply is not enough information for any traffic engineer to determine the true effect of the Archer expansion at this time. The changes now occurring in traffic flow around the Archer expansion area is too large and too pivotal for our neighborhood, and the city as a whole.

I respectfully ask that the City table its action on the Archer expansion until the Caltrans expansion is completed and seasoned.

**Response to Comment No. 109-4**

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site and a discussion concerning changes in traffic patterns, traffic flows and traffic congestion on Sunset Boulevard resulting from the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15125(a) states that the physical environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Project as they exist at the time the notice of preparation is published "will normally constitute the baseline physical conditions." At certain times, however, it is not appropriate to use existing conditions as the baseline by which a Lead Agency determines the significance of impacts. As explained in the California Supreme Court's ruling *Neighbors for Smart Rail v. Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority* (2013) 57 Cal. 4th 439, 452, "[a]n agency may, where appropriate, adjust its existing conditions baseline to account for a major change in environmental conditions that is expected to occur before project implementation." Such an adjustment to the baseline is appropriate when "an analysis based on existing conditions would be uninformative or because it would be misleading to decision makers and the public" (*Neighbors for Smart Rail*, 57 Cal. 4th at 451).

As discussed in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has temporarily increased congestion along the major east-west thoroughfares of Sunset Boulevard and Wilshire Boulevard and has resulted in suppressed traffic volumes at intersections along these corridors. The Project is not anticipated to begin operations prior to completion of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project. The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project is currently anticipated to be completed by the end of 2014. The heaviest periods of Project construction are not anticipated to begin until after completion of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project. Accordingly, an analysis of traffic impacts based on traffic counts taken while construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project is ongoing would be uninformative or potentially misleading to decision makers and the public because the counts would be reflective of a temporary condition that would not exist when the Project starts the heaviest periods of construction or when the Project begins operation. Therefore, the Baseline Conditions scenario was developed in the Draft EIR to evaluate Project impacts against a baseline that does not include the existing, temporary, traffic congestion associated with construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project. An ambient growth rate of 1 percent per year was applied to 2006, 2008, and 2011 counts during the morning peak hour of 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. and afternoon peak hours of 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., 5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., and 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. to represent 2012 baseline conditions. Applying a 1-percent-per-year growth rate is conservative because studies and available count data throughout the City indicate that minimal growth (i.e., less

than 1 percent per year) has occurred in recent years due to the effects of the economic downturn from 2008 through 2012.

Growth in Santa Monica and throughout the region was taken into account in the Traffic Analysis Report. As described in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, in consultation with LADOT, 11 related projects have been identified in relation to the Project by way of location and development completion dates comparable to the Project. Trip-generation estimates for the related projects were calculated using a combination of previous study findings, publicly available environmental documentation, and the trip-generation rates contained in *Trip Generation, 8th Edition*. The trip-generation projections are conservative in that they do not, in every case, account for either the existing uses to be removed or the possible use of non-motorized travel modes (transit, walking, etc.). In addition, in consultation with LADOT, an ambient growth factor of 1 percent per year for a total of 8 percent over eight years (2012 through 2020) was applied to the traffic volumes under the Baseline Conditions to reflect the effects of regional growth (including in Santa Monica) and development by year 2020. This growth adjustment includes the anticipated effect of growth vehicles traversing through the Westside, which have either an origin or destination in Santa Monica.

**Comment Letter No. 110**

April Carletto
4953 Cahuenga Blvd., #B
North Hollywood, CA 91601-4745

**Comment No. 110-1**

My name is April Carletto, I am the Admissions Coordinator for The Archer School for Girls. I am writing this letter in regards to the Campus Plan currently under consideration.

This plan embodies the essentials that nearly every other independent and public school has in Los Angeles, gymnasiums, performing and visual arts facilities, regulation-size athletic fields and modern classrooms. The plan meets Archer's core needs while limiting impacts to the greatest extent possible.

As an admissions representative at Archer, I am often asked about by our lack of facilities. Despite Archer's academic excellence and achievement, applicant families are sometimes underwhelmed with our current facilities in comparison to other independent schools they visit during the admissions recruitment season.

When implemented, the plan will allow Archer to remain at the forefront of secular girls school education well into the 21st century. The Plan will also allow Archer to continue providing educational opportunities to students of from a diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

Please consider current and future Archer girls when making your decision. These girls are working hard to become confident leaders that will make their communities proud.

**Response to Comment No. 110-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 111**

Gena Carpenter
2028 Avenida Vista del Monte, No. 1
Simi Valley, CA 93063

**Comment No. 111-1**

I have the pleasure of being a part of the Archer School for Girls. I have see [sic] for myself the tremendous efforts that the school goes to in order to be a good neighbor. From a detailed and well-monitored traffic program to consistently reaching out to neighbors, they strive to make positive contributions to the neighborhood. The campus is a safe and welcoming space for girls from throughout Los Angeles. Here they learn to be confident in themselves and how to be a force for good in the world. However, many facilities are missing from our campus. These facilities would further empower our girls to be leaders and shakers out in the world at large.

The school's reasonable request for these facilities has been made with careful consideration of the impact on neighbors and the neighborhood, with many discussions taking place with neighbors and local organizations. The Archer Forward plan will deliver needed facilities to a deserving school, one that has gone to great lengths to work with neighbors while still delivering a quality education to girls from throughout Los Angeles.

I encourage you to support the very reasonable Archer Forward plan, which will provide even greater opportunities for the girls of Los Angeles.

**Response to Comment No. 111-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 112**

Mike Carter

**Comment No. 112-1**

I joined the Archer School for Girls last fall to launch a new program in Integrated Design & Engineering Arts as a way of engaging girls with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Right away, I was struck by how much Archer differed from what I had stereotypically though [sic] of as a private school. Archer really cares about its students and in helping them to become caring, upstanding contributors to the community. Moreover, unlike any private school I've ever encountered, Archer sincerely believes in the value of an ethnically and economically diverse student body. I am proud that I work for a school that takes students from more than 90 different zip codes around Los Angeles and offers so much financial aid. The compassionate, confident and poised young women that Archer graduates are a benefit not only to the neighborhood but to the community as a whole.

Although I believe that Archer is doing some truly great work, we could be doing even more for our students. This year I have experienced first-hand the constraints of limited physical space and old infrastructure. As we work to convince our students of the value of science and math, we often have to limit what we can do with them due to a lack of facilities.

My Engineering & Design students currently meet in a cramped classroom in the non-historic, non-climate-controlled section of the building. We often need to shuffle projects and equipment between closets and offices across the campus due to a lack of space. And, this semester in particular, students who are genuinely excited about using our new engineering room can't do so because we need to use the space to hold other, unrelated, classes at the times they need access. Similarly, my engineering students have run afoul of other classes when trying to access larger spaces needed to test things like our US FIRST competition.

Without more space, it will be impossible to properly offer engineering and design resources to all of our students, and research shows that lack of exposure while teenagers is a primary reason why girls don't pursue engineering in college.

Not only will Archer's campus plan provide the space we need for more effective teaching, but it will beautify and green the neighborhood by moving parking underground and adding new landscaping.

My students and I will greatly appreciate your support for Archer's campus plan.

Thank you for our [sic] time and consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 112-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 113**

Sal Casola
321 N. Saltair Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 113-1**

Please see attached

**Response to Comment No. 113-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 113-2**

I am writing today to urge you to not approve the expanded plan for Archer School on Sunset Boulevard as it has been set forth by the school. I am a neighborhood resident. I live approximately half a mile north of Archer School.

**Response to Comment No. 113-2**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 113-3**

Traffic in the area is at a standstill much of the afternoon. To go east from my home, I must access Sunset Blvd. The cut-through so many are using now on Barrington Avenue is creating so much traffic for me to leave my home. It often takes me 15–25 minutes to get from my house to Sunset Blvd., a half mile away.

**Response to Comment No. 113-3**

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has recently been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and with substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange modifications.

Although the Draft EIR determined that Project operational impacts on neighborhood streets would be less than significant, pursuant to Project Design Feature K-5, the Project Applicant would coordinate with the City of Los Angeles and neighborhood residents to provide up to $15,000 toward the development and implementation of a traffic calming plan for Chaparal Street between Saltair Avenue and Barrington Avenue to minimize cut-through traffic on this street.

**Comment No. 113-4**

A reasonable alternative to what is being proposed is a one-phase construction, maintain the current number of special events and athletic events, increase the setback of the buildings placed adjacent to Chaparal Street, and expand and renovate the campus within the current footprint of the school. Only two new buildings should be allowed, not the proposed four.

**Response to Comment No. 113-4**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project. In addition, the Project has been refined to reduce the overall construction timeframe for the Project from six years to five years.

**Comment No. 113-5**

Thank you for your consideration. I implore you to drive south on Barrington (starting north of Sunset) at 4:30 to see this traffic yourself. It is unreasonable. And until it is significantly different, additional traffic created in the area by this expansion should not be approved.

**Response to Comment No. 113-5**

As evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, and as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, with implementation of the mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR and Final EIR, all operational Project traffic impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 114**

Sal Casola
321 N. Saltair Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 114-1**

Archer school opposition

**Response to Comment No. 114-1**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 114-2**

Video comment

**Response to Comment No. 114-2**

This video file noting traffic in the area is attached to Comment Letter No. 114. Please refer to file "III. Responses to Comments—Video Comment for Comment Letter No. 114" to view the video.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 115**

Andrea Cayton
2379 Earls Ct.
Los Angeles, CA 90077

**Comment No. 115-1**

I am a parent of a current student at the Archer School for Girls. I am writing in support of the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan—a plan that will truly pave the way for the school to provide an excellent 21st century education for the next generation of female leaders.

Archer is an asset to both the Brentwood community and the greater Los Angeles area. The school has made a significant impact through its diversity and scholarship programs, commitment to educating girls and maintenance of an important historic building in Brentwood. With these facts, it is evident that this school is a benefit to the Los Angeles community.

Archer does a fantastic job of balancing the needs of its students with the needs of the community. It is a top school that offers high quality education to students. These students then go on to contribute to this community in an extremely positive way. Archer has also managed to create transportation and community outreach programs that are models for what schools, both public and private, should be striving for across Los Angeles.

From my experience, I believe that Archer is a committed and conscientious member of the community. I am highly invested in the school's mission and its success and strongly support Archer Forward.

**Response to Comment No. 115-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 116**

Lisa and Daniel Cerone
4907 Densmore Ave.
Encino, CA 91436

**Comment No. 116-1**

Archer's high standards are breeding a new generation of young leaders who are directly serving the community that is nurturing them. This year, Mayor Eric Garcetti presented our 9th grade daughter Lulu, an Archer student, with The Brentwood Youth Citizen Award. Assembly member Richard Bloom of the 50th District awarded her the California Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition for her "exemplary contribution to the community and dedication toward improving the lives of others." Councilmember Mike Bonin of the 11th District presented her with a citizenship award for helping "to enhance community betterment and further the common good of making our city a better place in which to live." And for the past two years, President Obama has awarded Lulu the President's Volunteer Service Award and has written her personally to praise her achievements in serving her community.

Not only did these honors reflect well on my daughter, they drew positive attention to the entire Brentwood community where Lulu attends school. For Archer to remain a national leader in community service, however, the school must continue to improve and upgrade its facilities so that it can remain viable and competitive.

Ever since Lulu started a charity organization, we've learned firsthand that there's fierce competition from other Los Angeles private schools to attract high achieving girls and strong families who are invested in creating a generation of global citizens. There's also competition to attract the best and brightest teachers and faculty leaders to nurture these young minds. I fear that without improvements, Archer—along with the community it serves—will lose girls like Lulu to schools that are evolving and growing to keep up with the type of learning environment required to educate a 21st century leader. If Archer is permitted to upgrade its facilities, it can continue to attract and develop a generation of young ladies who are longing to give back to the community that nurtures them.

**Response to Comment No. 116-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 116-2**

Please add me as an interested party in regard to the Archer Forward campaign.

Lisa Cerone
4907 Densmore Ave
Encino, CA 91436

**Response to Comment No. 116-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 117**

Amanda Brown
243 S. Mapleton Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 117-1**

As a mother of four daughters in Los Angeles, I am deeply invested in the mission and the success of the Archer School for Girls. I am a strong supporter of the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan, not only for my daughters, but for the girls of Los Angeles for many years to come. I am writing to request your support for the plan as the public review process moves forward.

From the founding of the school in 1995, Archer has been a good neighbor and good citizen, working proactively with others in its neighborhood. Importantly, Archer listens to its neighbors' concerns, addresses them proactively and with respect, and communicates transparently and frequently. The Archer leadership has met frequently with stakeholder groups in the community, soliciting feedback and responding to concerns to ensure that it lives up to its commitment to be a responsible neighbor.

It can be expected that issues may arise between a school and its neighbors, but I believe that Archer has seized every opportunity to go the extra mile to tackle these problems and find tenable solutions for the benefit of the entire community. Archer parents and students have been very respectful of the school's requirements as laid out by their Conditional Use Permit, particularly with regard to traffic management. For example, Archer is the only independent school in Brentwood which has and enforces a strict policy of busing its students, significantly limiting its impact on local traffic, especially when compared with other schools in the community.

Over 19 years, Archer has built a community of excellence and inclusiveness in education, serving girls from across Los Angeles. In addition to academics, Archer students participate in award-winning visual arts programs including photography, painting, drawing, and ceramics. They also participate in a number of league sports with other local independent schools. Currently, Archer spends a great deal of resources renting off-site venues for practices, games and performances. This plan envisions facilities that will allow Archer girls to participate in these activities onsite, consistent with the facilities that other schools in the community, both public and independent, already have.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

**Response to Comment No. 117-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 118**

Justin Chang
Trustee, Archer School for Girls
243 S. Mapleton Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 118-1**

As a Trustee of The Archer School for Girls in Brentwood, I am deeply invested in the school's mission and its success. We have developed the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan to ensure that our facilities will match our standards of excellence in education in the years to come. I am writing to request your support for the plan as the public review process moves forward.

From the founding of the school 19 years ago, Archer has been a good neighbor and good citizen, working proactively with others in its neighborhood. Importantly, Archer listens to its neighbors' concerns, addresses them proactively and with respect, and communicates transparently and frequently. Our school leadership has met frequently with stakeholder groups in the community as we have developed Archer Forward, soliciting feedback and responding to concerns to ensure that we live up to our commitment to be a responsible neighbor.

It can be expected that issues may arise between a school and its neighbors, but I believe that Archer has seized every opportunity to go the extra mile to tackle these problems and find tenable solutions for the benefit of the entire community. Archer parents and students have been very respectful of the school's requirements as laid out by their Conditional Use Permit, particularly with regard to traffic management. For example, Archer is the only independent school in Brentwood which has and enforces a strict policy of busing its students, significantly limiting its impact on local traffic, especially when compared with other schools in the community.

Over 19 years, Archer has built a community of excellence and inclusiveness in education, serving girls from across Los Angeles. In addition to academics, Archer students participate in award-winning visual arts programs including photography, painting, drawing, and ceramics. They also participate in a number of league sports with other local independent schools. Currently, Archer spends a great deal of resources renting off-site venues for practices, games and performances. Our plan envisions facilities that will allow our students to participate in these activities onsite, consistent with the facilities that other schools in the community, both public and independent, already have.

With the release of the Draft EIR for Archer Forward last month, we plan to continue the outreach to our neighbors in the upcoming public process and hope that you will add your support to this project. We look forward to working with you and your office.

**Response to Comment No. 118-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 118-2**

Thank you very much.

My mailing address is:

Justin Chang
243 South Mapleton Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Response to Comment No. 118-2**

In response to the comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailng list.

**Comment Letter No. 119**

Antonia Chan-Goldsobel
toni@sgoldsobel.com

**Comment No. 119-1**

I oppose the Archer School for Girls' Archer Forward Plan as currently proposed. The size of this expansion in a residential neighborhood, the intensification of use of the school and its new facilities and the resulting increase in traffic from this use on an already over burdened area will adversely affect our local community as well the community at large. Please do not support a plan that will have significant impacts that cannot be mitigated on six key intersections in Brentwood. Please support a downsized alternative that is very reasonable to reduce the impact on our neighborhood.

**Response to Comment No. 119-1**

As described in Section II, Corrections and Additions to the Draft EIR, of this Final EIR, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, refinements to the Project are proposed, including reducing the square footage and massing, width, and length of some of the proposed buildings, reducing the number of parking spaces, and creating expanded landscape buffers. Overall, with the proposed refinements, the Project's net new floor area would be reduced from 75,930 square feet to 68,989 square feet. As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, additional restrictions on School operations are also proposed, including additional limits on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

The Draft EIR evaluated four downsized alternatives to the Project in detail, which include: No Project—Continued Operation of Existing Campus; No Project—Development and Use in Accordance with Existing Approvals; Reduced Program within Existing Campus Boundary (Option A and Option B); and Reduced Excavation, Export, and Program. Also refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the downsized alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project.

**Comment No. 119-2**

I live on Bundy north of Sunset and have been in the neighborhood for over 13 years. It takes me 20-45 minutes to go from my house to Barrington Recreation, our local park which is a scant few miles, because it takes so much time to cross Sunset in the afternoon—not even to get onto Sunset. On Tuesdays, I travel from my house to University Synagogue on Saltair three times. More often than not, the intersection on Sunset and Saltair is blocked. I've picked up my daughter from Archer for a sports event and it took me a ridiculous amount of time just to get onto Sunset to pull into Archer. Even during the day, with all of the residential construction, I now avoid Barrington north of Sunset to avoid the construction trucks which are parked on both sides of the street. Archer can easily have improvements using the existing footprint and abiding by the existing conditional use permit which is how they were allowed to come to Brentwood in the first place.

**Response to Comment No. 119-2**

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has recently been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and with substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange modifications.

Refer to Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, for a discussion of the proposed changes to Archer's existing CUP. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding the compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

**Comment Letter No. 120**

Amy Jones Chapman
621 N. Saltair Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 120-1**

I live on North Saltair and my life has been horribly impacted already by Archer School and all the other schools allowed to exist in our neighborhood. We already have Brentwood upper and lower school, Mount St. Mary's, St. Martin of Tours school, the Temple school, the Sunshine preschool, Brentwood Science Magnet, Kenter Canyon School, and The Brentwood Presbyterian school within a 1 MILE RADIUS of Archer School. The traffic between 7:30 am and 9:30 a.m. and from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm is complete gridlock. Many of these schools have NO CARPOOL POLICY at all. Allowing Archer to grow yet again will destroy our lives. I cannot leave my house between the hours listed above. It isn't just the neighbors who are impacted. Traffic backs up on Sunset all the way to Bel Air to the east and to 26th Street to the west. It also backs up on Barrington and every feeder street to Sunset and now on San Vicente, too. It is clear this is mainly school traffic because as soon as there is a school holiday, the problem goes away.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW any further school development of any kind. It is irresponsible environmentally and in every other possible way. Would you want 9 schools in a one mile radius of your house? It's insufferable. Thank you for your consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 120-1**

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site. As discussed in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, as part of Project Design Feature K-1, the Project shall include implementation of a comprehensive Traffic Management Program that would include, but not be limited to, maintenance of an average vehicle ridership of three persons per vehicle; a maximum of 15 student-driven carpools consisting of three students in each vehicle, with additional carpools permitted consisting of four or more students in each vehicle; restricting students from driving to School alone; and requiring that students who do not ride the bus be dropped off either in a parent-driven carpool or student-driven carpool. In addition, pursuant to Mitigation Measure K-1, Archer

shall be required to raise the percentage of students who are required to utilize the fixed-route bus service from 50 percent to 70 percent.

**Comment No. 120-2**

Please be aware you will be deluged by mail from parents at archer who are rich and organized and don't live in the neighborhood. Their nannies drive thru the traffic.

**Response to Comment No. 120-2**

This comment does not raise an issue specific to the Draft EIR and the environmental impacts addressed therein. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 120-3**

621 n saltair ave
Los Angeles 90049

Amy Jones Chapman
621 N. Saltair Ave.
Los Angeles, Ca. 90049

**Response to Comment No. 120-3**

In response to the comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 121**

Catie R. Chase
376 Calle Mazatlan
Newbury Park, CA 91320

**Comment No. 121-1**

In August 2013, I began my dream career position as the Director of Learning Services at the Archer School for Girls. As the Director of Learning Services, my role is to review a student's learning profile from psychological-educational assessments, to implementing and facilitating school-based accommodations, and to maintain student-centered support. Archer values hands-on exploration, ambitious learning and meaningful collaboration when working with parents, students, teachers, and outside professionals to support an Archer girl's self-advocacy, growth, and ultimate independence.

The Archer student body includes girls from a wide range of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds: approximately 36% of Archer girls are students of color, and Archer students currently reside in 92 zip codes throughout Los Angeles County. As for the Department of Learning Services at Archer, I provide services and essential school-based accommodations to students with a variety of learning styles. These school-based accommodations vary on a case-by-case basis and are specific to each student's academic, social and personal needs.

Regularly, I have meetings with students, parents, teachers, and administration in my office or in a small conference room across from my office to hold larger 'Team Meetings' and 'Student Study Team' meetings that could range anywhere from 2 to 15 people for one meeting. In addition, students use this one room for in-class academic group projects, club meetings, tutoring and proctored extended-time assessments. We are managing with the space we have to support the diverse needs of our students and community, but it is evident that for us to do our best work more space is required. The Archer Forward plan will add critical new facilities that will allow the school to continue to provide the 21st century education that its students deserve. To appropriately and successfully provide opportunities for student learning outcomes and collaborating within meetings, workshops, accommodations, and school projects we would truly appreciate unwavering support for our campus improvement plan.

I have contributed positive changes to the Department of Learning Services over the last seven months (i.e., a very specific example: PAWS—*Peer Academic Work Support* an on-campus peer tutoring and mentoring program for all subjects and grades), but yet I have so many more goals that would enhance positive changes for best support practices for

students with learning disabilities and differences including but not limited too; adaptive learning technology, tutoring, mentoring, meetings, implementing accommodations, and self-advocacy and study skill workshops and trainings. I have worked as a learning specialist in higher education for 10 years prior to my position at Archer, and I cannot stress the importance of an educational institution that has adequate facilities to service and support students, faculty, families, and school events for an enriched learning environment of their own.

Archer, a leading 21st century nationally-recognized independent girls' school on the Westside is of great value to the Brentwood community and to greater Los Angeles. I invite you to come visit Archer for yourself and see what an innovative community we are building for an ambitious and joyful place with a specific mission to teach girls in how they learn best. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration as we ask for your support with Archer's Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan. Should you have further questions about the Department of Learning Services or if I can further support Archer Forward please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

**Response to Comment No. 121-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 122**

Maria Chavez
475 S. New Hampshire, No. 103
Los Angeles, CA 90020

**Comment No. 122-1**

My name is Maria Chavez, I came to work at Archer School for Girls in March of 2000. I enjoy my work for many reasons and see lots of room for improvement throughout the school. Archer need [sic] updated laundry facilities, kitchen areas, and larger capacity refrigeration for all the special events and food storage. All of the teachers and students are very nice and I enjoy talking a [sic] working alongside them. I am from Guatemala and thank god [sic] every day that I have a job and hope for a better school for the children. Please support our construction plan.

**Response to Comment No. 122-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 123**

John Chen

**Comment No. 123-1**

My name is John Chen and I am the Director of Information Technology at The Archer School for Girls. I have enjoyed working at the school and supporting the students here for the five years that I've served as a member of Archer's staff. I've helped develop our student laptop program, and in updating our classroom hardware to assist in the goal of 21st century learning. The connections and knowledge our students are accessing around the world is happening on a daily basis, and is unparalleled in many respects. I'm proud to be part of this cutting-edge community.

Students at Archer use technology to advance their individual as well as collaborative learning skills, and one of my duties is to provide them with the adequate tools to foster their ability to do so. Technology use and integration has become part of our curriculum, and has grown so fast in the last 5 years. However, I often feel that the progress we've made in developing a 21st century learning environment has been constrained by our facilities. The modern classrooms Archer is proposing in Archer Forward will not only provide more space but also the necessary infrastructure to support a 21st century education.

Currently, the classrooms are filled with cords, and finding a power outlet to charge their laptops, toward the end of the day, is always difficult. This is heavily due to the fact we are dealing with the challenges of functioning in a building that was constructed in 1931. The proposed facilities are critical in overcoming obstacles in the classroom and supporting the students' basic technological needs.

I hope you and the city will support Archer and Archer Forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 123-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 124**

Anthony Chicco
5225 Blakeslee Ave., Apt. 419
North Hollywood, CA 91601

**Comment No. 124-1**

- I work in the facilities department along with 3 other highly skilled workers who have been with the school for over ten years.
- Archer is a wonderful place for girls to expand their minds during and after school.
- The Archer students will use every inch of the new campus to train longer and harder in academics, arts and athletics.
- Today and every day until construction is finished, the girls do not have any locker rooms, showers, or a place to properly perform music and dance performances.
- I have been working with The Archer School for almost a year, this will be my job until I retire in 35 years, I will make sure the building is in perfect condition and ready for every event that takes place on campus, with your support the city of Los Angeles will benefit from the production of an expanded campus.

**Response to Comment No. 124-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 125**

Kyong Suk Chon
stacykyongsukchon@gmail.com

**Comment No. 125-1**

My name is Stacy Chon. I am the mother of a 10th grade student, Rachel Yi, who currently attends the Archer School for Girls and I believe Archer is truly a wonderful and amazing school. My daughter has discovered herself and her capabilities under the guidance of caring teachers and advisors. She has definitely developed confidence and leadership skills and I am so thrilled to see my daughter drastically transform into this independent and confident woman. The Archer Forward plan is essential for the future of Archer and girls' education in Los Angeles because the modern facilities will help the students of Archer learn at their best and allow the students to flourish even more in the athletics and arts programs.

**Response to Comment No. 125-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 126**

Bruce Chorpita
13764 Raywood Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 126-1**

I am writing as a homeowner in the Brentwood community, as a parent of a student at Archer, and a Professor at UCLA.

The Archer Forward plan will offer badly needed facilities that will help support some of the best girls' education in the country. Archer has been a model school and community member-its impact on the surrounding traffic has been minimal through extremely responsible policies regarding campus visits and student arrivals and departures. Other private schools should follow the Archer example.

The City of Los Angeles benefits from having a world class school for girls-it helps attract bright and talented families to our city, who are considering where to raise their children. This is an investment in girls education, which is an investment in all of our futures.

**Response to Comment No. 126-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 126-2**

Thanks, Adam. My home address is 13764 Raywood Dr. Los Angeles, 90049. I appreciate being kept informed.

This seems like a no-brainer for making our community a better place to live. How could someone not support girls' education?

**Response to Comment No. 126-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 127**

Patrick Cole
11718 Chaparal St.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 127-1**

Our neighbors Bob Beyer and Patrick Cole copied us on the attached letters that were sent to Councilman Mike Bonin in support of Archer's Campus Plan and address, among other things, support for the use of residential properties for school purposes.

We wanted to make sure you saw them for EIR purposes.

**Response to Comment No. 127-1**

This introductory comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 127-2**

My home is located directly next door to the residence where Archer's Head of School currently resides. I am proud to have Archer as a next-door neighbor and am writing to express my support for the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Project.

I have seen the detailed plans and understand that the property next door to mine as well as the Barrington property behind me will be used as the sites for the Performing and Visual Arts Centers and the Aquatics Center. I fully support the school's use of the residential properties that immediately border mine for all of these facilities. I know that across the City of Los Angeles independent schools have used residential properties for school purposes, and I believe that Archer's use of residential properties is similarly appropriate. Archer should be able to use the properties it owns to provide its students with the new facilities that will help the school and its students thrive. Archer has been an excellent neighbor, and I believe the Archer Forward plan should be approved.

I understand that the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project is going to be released soon, and I look forward to it passing quickly through the City process so that Archer can modernize its campus and become the premier learning institution for girls in

Los Angeles. Archer is a benefit to our community, and I believe that the school deserves the new facilities and other improvements that it is requesting.

I hope that Archer can count on your support.

**Response to Comment No. 127-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 128**

Danielle Collins
11747 W. Sunset Blvd., No. 224
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 128-1**

Gentlemen, I live in an apartment in the Sunset West Apartment Building (a Scott Properties building)—next door (west side) of The Archer School; the address is 11747 W. Sunset Boulevard.

I moved into the building in January of 1998—almost 16.5 years ago. Back then The Archer School was The Eastern Star Home—very quiet, no expansion plans. When the Archer School moved in, the quiet nature (Sunset Boulevard excluded) of my immediate neighborhood was eliminated. And it's gotten worse and worse every year as the school enrollment and scope of activities and athletic games grew and grew and grew and grew.

**Response to Comment No. 128-1**

This comment does not raise an issue specific to the Draft EIR and the environmental impacts addressed therein. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 128-2**

To be fair, traffic all over has gotten worse and worse every year. But while there's no way to stop that, there IS a way to stop further growth by Archer—do not permit the Archer Forward Plan to go through.

**Response to Comment No. 128-2**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 128-3**

I could list endless examples of the noise, disturbances, inconsiderate behavior (primarily on the part of the students and parents), and forward all the e-mails I've sent to Archer over the many years. But it's really just a matter of simple physics—there's no more room in Brentwood.

**Response to Comment No. 128-3**

This comment does not raise an issue specific to the Draft EIR and the environmental impacts addressed therein. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 128-4**

The only possible way the Archer Forward Plan might work is if you make the entire Brentwood area a gated community: only 90049 residents and Archer families will be allowed inside the perimeter. And then all of Greater WLA, LA, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, the San Fernando Valley, etc. etc. etc. will have to find another way to navigate around the area without the use of Sunset Boulevard, Bundy, Barrington, Church and ALL the other streets.

**Response to Comment No. 128-4**

This comment does not raise an issue specific to the Draft EIR and the environmental impacts addressed therein. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 128-5**

Don't get me wrong—I'm thrilled for Archer that they are doing so well and that they want to provide an even more enriching scholastic environment for the current and future students. But if they can't do it with their current size and self-agreed upon limits, then they need to break ground elsewhere.

There is a clear choice: the homeowners, renters and merchants of Brentwood and the citizens of LA County on one side, and the interests of The Archer School on the other side.

**Response to Comment No. 128-5**

This comment does not raise an issue specific to the Draft EIR and the environmental impacts addressed therein. This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 129**

H. Jean Cornyn
110 Old Course Dr.
Newport Beach, CA 92660

**Comment No. 129-1**

i am owner @ 11831 chaparal st directly across from archer it is a disgrace & lack of integraty that they are proposing these offensive changes after all earlier agreements with us—their neighbors !i disagree with all the requests outlined in Project Desctiption,permits,—&the terrible env effects duly noted!

**Response to Comment No. 129-1**

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 129-2**

H J Cornyn—110 Old Course Dr—Newport Beach—CA 92660 Thank You ,Mr Villani

**Response to Comment No. 129-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 130**

Keisha Courtney
1630 N. Edgemont St., #D7
Los Angeles, CA 90027

**Comment No. 130-1**

I am a staff member at The Archer School for Girls and I work in the Communications Department. I have only worked at Archer for a few short months, but in that time I have seen what an asset this school is to the community. Not only are the girls who attend the school high-spirited, well mannered, and eager to learn, but they are also committed to making their community better. Several of the students are involved with after-school activities, and yet, they still find time in their schedules to give back to other organizations in the area. This is an attribute that not many children possess and I think many of them have Archer to thank for that.

Furthermore, I am amazed at how much this school is able to do with the few facilities that they do have. The basketball, track, and swim teams have to travel several miles in order to practice. These girls are so committed to their chosen sports that they are willing to do it! However, because they have to travel such long distances, they aren't able to practice as much as they would like because they are using most of that time to commute.

I think it is only fair that these girls have the same opportunities and experiences that almost every other independent and public school in the area has already.

I hope that you support the school, the girls, and the expansion plan and move it through the City process quickly.

**Response to Comment No. 130-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 131**

Robb Cox
Retail Real Estate Leasing
11661 San Vicente Blvd., Ste. 820
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 131-1**

Messers, please know I am opposed and appalled that any further disruption to Sunset Blvd. in Brentwood area is being considered when congestion has already increased even after “405 widening”... more has to be done to relieve current traffic.

**Response to Comment No. 131-1**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 132**

Dorothy F. Crawley
11901 W. Sunset Blvd., Unit 201
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 132-1**

Please find attached my letter with my thoughts regarding Archer School Expansion Plans.

**Response to Comment No. 132-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 132-2**

I am writing this letter to voice my deep concern over Archer's current plan to expand their school. I have lived on Sunset Boulevard a block from the school for over 10 years now, and I am probably one of the most informed to discuss the traffic, the noise, and dirt that we live with on a day to day basis.

Starting at 6 in the morning, traffic is lined up from the freeway west past to Bundy. When there is less traffic, although the speed limit is school zone mandatory at 25 miles, I have witnessed vehicles going up much faster and almost to freeway speeds.

Regardless of the work being done in the 405 freeway, this is one of the most congested areas in the city.

There are car accidents and also pedestrian accidents almost weekly; I was a victim of one a few years ago. I also work in the neighborhood and have staidly lost business from people who no longer would come to Brentwood. If requested I would be happy to take photographs of the congestion and to try and take videos of the speeds they go up the Sunset is clear.

**Response to Comment No. 132-2**

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has recently been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of

the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and with substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange modifications.

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 132-3**

Also, when there are both; construction and traffic, the dirt, the congestion and the noise increases greatly, producing car exhaust and black grim.

The condominium I live in has a majority of older people, many of whom are not well, some with lung disease, and this plan of expansion concerns me as this will affect peoples' health. I would like to add that in general I love and am proud of Archer School and all they have accomplished. I understand their wish to expand at this point, however I feel the enormity of their plan to be potentially harmful for this neighborhood.

At this moment I feel they are being greedy, selfish and unconcerned for the rest of us, let them scale their plans back and re-present it to their neighbors.

**Response to Comment No. 132-3**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

As discussed in Subsection IV.B.3.b in Section IV.B, Air Quality, of the Draft EIR, the localized effects from Project emissions (e.g., on-site construction traffic and heavy-duty construction equipment) to sensitive land uses in close proximity to the Project Site (i.e., adjacent residences) were evaluated according to the SCAQMD's localized significance threshold (LST) methodology. LSTs represent the maximum emissions from a project that are not expected to cause or contribute to an exceedance of the most stringent applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard, and are developed based on the ambient concentrations of that pollutant for each source receptor area and distance to the nearest sensitive receptor. These ambient air quality standards provide public health protection, including protecting the health of "sensitive" populations, such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly. As discussed on page IV.B-61 in Section IV.B, Air Quality, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant localized ($NO_X$, CO, $PM_{10}$, and $PM_{2.5}$) construction impacts with incorporation of mitigation measures.

Regarding potential air quality impacts related to traffic, the SCAQMD recommends an evaluation of potential localized CO impacts when a project causes the level of service at a study intersection to worsen from C to D, or if a project increases the volume-to-capacity (V/C) ratio at any intersection rated D or worse by 2 percent or more. An analysis of potential impacted intersections was evaluated for construction, and the results of the analyses are presented in Table IV.B-6 on page IV.B-39 in Section IV.B, Air Quality, of the Draft EIR. As shown therein, Project-generated traffic volumes were forecasted to have a negligible effect on the projected 1-hour and 8-hour CO concentrations at each of the intersection locations analyzed. Thus, it was concluded in the Draft EIR that the Project would not cause any new or exacerbate any existing CO hotspots, and, as a result, impacts related to localized mobile-source CO emissions during construction would be less than significant.

**Comment Letter No. 133**

Dorothy Crawley
dcrawleymft@gmail.com

**Comment No. 133-1**

I understand [sic] final report is coming out this week about the Archer project, but I want to make sure that you understand that there are five enrollment schools in an area of approximately six blocks.

I think with full enrollment there is [sic] University Temple School, Brentwood Lower and Upper School, Saint Martin Of Tours and Archer.

Despite the traffic caused by the 405 freeway construction; I wish you could see what is like in the morning and also in the afternoon when there is drop off and pick up times at these schools.

It will be so destructive if Archer proceeds with its full plan. I can only hope something fair comes out of all of this.

**Response to Comment No. 133-1**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has recently been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and with substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange modifications.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment Letter No. 134**

Adele Cygelman and Bob Moore
9750 Yoakum Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Comment No. 134-1**

We are proud Archer parents who want to add our voices of support for the Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan.

Archer provides a dynamic, forward-thinking learning environment, and the school deserves to have a full complement of new classrooms, athletic facilities and performing arts spaces to match its unique vision.

We see first-hand the impact Archer is having on our daughter's education. It is an experience that will guide her through life, and we know future generations of Archer girls will benefit from the much-needed and thoughtfully planned improvements.

**Response to Comment No. 134-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 134-2**

Thank you.
Our address:

9750 Yoakum Dr.
Beverly Hills, Ca. 90210

**Response to Comment No. 134-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 135**

Stefanie Daehler
11706 Mayfield Ave., Apt. 9
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 135-1**

I write as a resident of Brentwood, and as Archer's Head Librarian. In August I returned to California (after spending 13 years in New York) specifically to work at Archer, whose reputation as an innovative program dedicated to providing girls with the very highest quality education is known throughout the country.

The written word cannot possibly do this school, and the community it fosters, justice. It is not an exaggeration that I marvel every single day at the dedication of Archer's faculty, the informed efforts of the administration, and, most importantly, the inquisitive, creative, and ambitious nature of Archer students. I have worked as an educator in a number of settings; none rivals Archer's effectiveness in developing its students into well-rounded, passionate, confident, socially aware and adept individuals.

I think that it is incredibly important that the City recognize the value of developing female leaders, and that the City publicly demonstrate a commitment to educating girls through supporting the development plans of a phenomenally run institution eager to strengthen its academic and athletic programs. It is more important than ever that girls have access to the top tier technology, equipment and facilities required to foster top tier leadership and innovation.

I urge you to prioritize the development of this deserving community of innovators.

**Response to Comment No. 135-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 136**

Theresa M. Dahlin

**Comment No. 136-1**

I have been an educator for over 33 years, and at The Archer School for Girls for the last seven. I have taught for LAUSD, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and at independent schools: Curtis, Harvard Westlake and John Thomas Dye. In my many years of teaching, I can honestly say, I have never been prouder of a school in its entirety. As Dean of incoming 6th graders, history teacher, yearbook moderator and number 1 sports fan, I spend a lot of time on Archer's campus with this phenomenal group of students, facility and staff. They are incredible.

Archer has a profound mission statement "to support and challenge young women to discover their passion and realize their potential"—that is a lived experience every day. Without a gym, a theater, a dance studio or even a covered area large enough to gather the entire student body, this institution continues to provide its students with a quality education across the board. Athletics, the arts, academics, community service... all of this and so much more is offered to these girls in a caring, joyous and ambitious environment. Imagine what could be accomplished with a facility equal to that of other schools in the area?

Archer students and faculty deserve these updated resources to enhance and expand their education: not because we cannot win games without a gym, not because air conditioning will elucidate mathematical concepts, not even to lure prospective students from other institutions. They deserve these new facilities so we can fully live up to our ambitious mission statement and so that these girls will receive all that they are entitled to.

No student should have to choose where to go to school based on its physical plant; pools don't make you a better person. Caring teachers, good teaching, and involved parents make for better students. Still, aren't those teachers, parents and students deserving of the same benefits as their peers? I ask in all sincerity for the City to support this well researched and thoughtfully designed plan that will allow Archer to continue to grow and provide an excellent education for young women who will, in turn, give back to the community that has supported them.

**Response to Comment No. 136-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 137**

Shannon E. Daley
Brian Varnum
602 12th St.
Santa Monica, CA 90402

**Comment No. 137-1**

For the past 15 years, the Archer School for Girls has been a valuable and responsible member of the Brentwood community. As a parent of an Archer student, I believe that the school is a tremendously valuable resource to Los Angeles, and I am writing in support of Archer Forward, the school's improvement plan.

Archer's student body includes girls from a wide range of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds: approximately 36% of Archer students come from minority backgrounds, and Archer students currently reside in 92 zip codes throughout Los Angeles County. Archer offers more than a traditional, girl-centric learning environment—the school equally prepares young women for leadership in a global world.

This plan embodies the essentials that nearly every other independent and public school has in Los Angeles, including gymnasiums, performing arts and visual arts facilities, regulation sized athletic fields and aquatic centers. Currently, the school spends significant resources renting offsite facilities for practices, games and performances. It also lacks gathering spaces for the entire student body.

Archer believes that this is the most effective plan to meet the needs of the school and to offer a competitive array of opportunities for future students. I am proud to enroll my daughter at the Archer School for Girls because not only is she receiving a world-class education, but also because the school is committed to being an asset in the community. Please help move the Archer Forward plan forward quickly. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 137-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 138**

Ellen Danna
13129 Sherry Ln.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 138-1**

I am writing to you as I strongly support Archer's plan for the future, Archer Forward. I am an Archer parent and I also live in the 11th District. I have seen firsthand Archer's commitment to being a good neighbor and creating a beautiful new environment to educate the girls of Los Angeles. I hope that the city will help Archer by moving this plan forward through the review process.

As an Archer parent, I know that the Archer Forward Plan is critical to Archer remaining competitive among independent schools. Arts and athletics are fundamental in middle and high school, but without a gym, regulation athletic fields or a pool, Archer is challenged to support their students who want to compete. Today Archer girls spend hours travelling to practices or games, and the school has to rent facilities all over town. Schools can't be expected to operate like this—Archer quite simply needs to have these facilities on campus. The school is proposing a wonderful and beautiful plan for a campus that provides these facilities and it is respectful to the surrounding neighborhood.

Archer has held numerous meetings with the community and has demonstrated a willingness to share information and discuss significant changes to the plan over the last two years. I know that those conversations are continuing. The Draft EIR plan incorporates many changes—and is responsive to the neighbors' key concerns.

I hope that the Planning Department, along with Councilmember Bonin, will work with Archer to move this plan forward in the city review process. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 138-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 139**

Mirella Dapretto, Ph.D.
Professor
Ahmanson-Lovelace Brain Mapping Center, Rm. 215
UCLA Dept. of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences
660 Charles E. Young Dr. S.
Los Angeles, CA 90095-7085

**Comment No. 139-1**

Please see attached for my letter of support of the Archer Forward Campus Preservation Pla, [sic]

**Response to Comment No. 139-1**

This introductory comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 139-2**

I am an Archer parent and 11th District resident and I am writing in strong support of the Archer Forward Plan. I hope that the Los Angeles Planning Department will move the project forward quickly so that Archer can create the 21st century campus that its students deserve.

The Archer Forward Plan proposes only the facilities that most public and independent schools already have: modern gyms, playing fields, performing and visual arts facilities and a pool. The way these facilities are designed, there will be limited impact on the neighbors from light or noise, and the new buildings will be fully consistent with the residential feel of the community.

I also think it is very important for the city to recognize the tremendous effort that Archer put into its community outreach for this plan. The school has been meeting with its neighbors and other community members for over two years, and has made significant modifications to its original plan to meet the concerns of its neighbors. The modifications to the plan will make a quieter, greener campus, a benefit to both the school and the community.

I know that Archer is continuing to work with the community on this plan, but it is important for the school to keep this plan moving forward. I hope that you will help Archer move quickly through the city process so that Archer girls will soon have the facilities they need.

**Response to Comment No. 139-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 140**

Stephanie Darrow
425 N. Croft Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90048

**Comment No. 140-1**

I currently serve on the Board of Trustees at The Archer School for Girls and I can attest firsthand to the school's efforts to reach out to its neighbors and be a responsible member of the community. Now that the Draft EIR for Archer Forward has been released, I am hoping that we can count on the support of your office.

Archer constantly strives to be a good neighbor. Throughout the year, our administration offers meetings for neighbors with our Community Liaison, Maria Servello. At these meetings, neighbors are kept apprised of ongoing events at the school as well as upcoming projects and are offered an opportunity to pose questions and voice any concerns they may have.

Archer has a robust community service program designed to inspire students to become involved, compassionate citizens. Students are actively engaged in bettering the community through projects that help local elementary school students, the homeless, and the environment.

The Archer Forward Plan is an essential step forward for the school. The facilities and upgrades that make up this plan will greatly help advance the school's mission to provide a 21st century education for girls. It is also consistent with the promises we have made to our neighbors and we plan to continue a dialogue with local residents and stakeholders throughout the public review process.

With many months of project reviews still ahead, we hope you will agree that Archer Forward is a good and thoughtful plan, and that you will ultimately lend your support to the project.

**Response to Comment No. 140-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 140-2**

425 n croft ave
La 90048

Many thanks

**Response to Comment No. 140-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 141**

Raphael Darvish, M.D., M.B.A.
11907 Chaparal St.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 141-1**

I am writing to express my severe opposition of the Archer plans for expansion. I have lived and worked in Brentwood since 1990 and find their plans absolutely unacceptable.

This is a very big deal for me and my family.

**Response to Comment No. 141-1**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 141-2**

Their plans will cause added traffic and severely negatively impact the residential community behind the school. Their plans are aggressive and illegal.

I feel that this school is destroying my community. On an another annoying point, Archer's tennis team now plays tennis on the public courts on Barrington and so I can not play at the hours I want because their school plays there in the afternoons ...

The community is united against this expansion. I am preparing myself and my lawyer for a fight should you choose to support such plans.

**Response to Comment No. 141-2**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 141-3**

My mailing address is:
11907 Chaparal St.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Response to Comment No. 141-3**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 142**

Allison Davis
allisonrosedavis@gmail.com

**Comment No. 142-1**

I am an Archer graduate and I am writing to voice my support for Archer's campus improvement plan, Archer Forward.

I know that I would not be the woman I am today if it wasn't for the incredible education and experience that I received at the Archer School for Girls. Archer taught me to stand up for what I believe in, to be confident, to be passionate, and so much more.

I was an active member of Dance Troupe at Archer and I loved it! However, I think the campus itself could have been better if the school had the facilities that every other public and private school near it had, including: a gymnasium, a performing and visual arts center and an aquatics center.

I truly hope you will support this plan.

**Response to Comment No. 142-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 143**

Geena Davis
Founder and Chair
Institute on Gender in Media
4712 Admiralty Way, Ste. 455
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

**Comment No. 143-1**

My daughter and I are extremely excited to join the vibrant and innovative Archer community next year! As an incoming parent, and someone who believes deeply in the school and its girl-serving mission, I am writing to express my support for the Archer Forward Campus Plan. This thoughtful plan will ensure that the school can continue to deliver on its powerful mission for years to come.

Although Archer is a relatively young institution, it has quickly positioned itself as a national leader in research-based teaching practices. Recently, the school has partnered with Stanford, UPenn, USC, UCLA and others to contribute to the national conversation about the benefits of single-sex education. In fact, Archer is a significant contributor to the research on the rapidly changing educational landscape.

The Archer School for Girls plays a unique and important role among independent schools in Los Angeles. It is a place where girls are empowered to take risks and become leaders. Archer students drive their own learning and are given the freedom to create and explore their passions. The annual Archer Film Festival is a perfect example of a program where the students are at the center of it all. According to a 2012 study conducted by the Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film, women hold only 18% of behind-the-scenes occupations in the film industry, primarily as editors (20%) and producers (25%). Archer's film festival is designed to empower student female filmmakers by not only showcasing their work, but introducing them to industry professionals who offer advise [sic] and insight on a male-dominated business.

Archer's programs are exemplary; however, the students and faculty need facilities that will fully support the curriculum. Archer Forward will provide students with spaces that most public and independent schools already enjoy. The plan is a necessary next step for this thriving institution.

I applaud Archer's track record in educating and shaping future female leaders and I fully support their proposal for this campus enhancement project. I truly hope the Planning Department will work with Archer to move this plan forward in the city review process.

**Response to Comment No. 143-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 144**

Jane P. Davis
4323 Campbell Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90066

**Comment No. 144-1**

As a staff member for the Archer School for Girls, I am writing to voice my support for Archer's Campus Plan.

Over the past four years since I joined Archer, I am continuously amazed at how special a place this really is. I have had the opportunity to see girls literally grow up before my eyes and the life changing experience that is the result of an education at Archer.

Unfortunately, the lack of basic school facilities such as a gym or performing arts center limits the school's ability to offer what other schools in this area are able to offer. These additional facilities will greatly enhance the Archer Girl's education.

I am asking the City of Los Angeles to please support this plan so that Archer can grow and flourish in the coming years.

**Response to Comment No. 144-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 145**

Marsha and James de Vera
9864 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Comment No. 145-1**

We are parents of an 8th grader at the Archer School for Girls. We first discovered Archer in 2011 when we attended an Open House at the recommendation of a friend. As much as the idea of our daughter attending an all girl school was ideal in our minds, we weren't certain it was an environment she would buy into. As parents, we only want the best for our children, and for our daughter, we loved that Archer emphasized nurturing young girls to become independent thinkers, ambitious, confident and articulate leaders. The campus itself was impressive, but moreover was the positive and exciting energy we felt from the staff and especially from the student speakers from various grades. Each of the girls were very articulate in their presentation and carried themselves very well. We were quite impressed and REALLY wanted this type of environment for our 11 year old daughter. After our daughter's campus tour, visiting a few classes and meeting some student guides, she announced very loudly from across the lawn to where she spotted us, "I LOVE IT HERE!" We were of course delighted and since her admission in 6th grade, she has been proud to be an Archer Girl.

Archer is a wonderful school and we truly appreciate all that it has offered, and continues to offer, to our daughter. Every young girl deserves a great education and a healthy, positive environment that encourages intellect, individuality, community service and GRIT. The Archer Forward plan is truly essential for the future of Archer and the education of young girls in Los Angeles. Growth and improvement are important for all schools, whether independent or public. It's Archer's time to grow in order to continue to provide our daughters and future Archer Girls with the opportunity to achieve their academic, athletic and leadership goals. The new modem classrooms, athletic facilities and performing and visual arts building are very much needed and an investment Archer families are more than willing to make for future generations of Archer Girls to thrive.

We hope you will support the Archer Forward plan!

**Response to Comment No. 145-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 145-2**

mailing address:

9864 Wilshire Boulevard
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Response to Comment No. 145-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 146**

Olivia K. DeCarlo
3376 Rowena Ave., No. 205
Los Angeles, CA 90022

**Comment No. 146-1**

As an Archer graduate, I am writing to request that you support Archer Forward, their campus plan. I think Archer Forward is exactly what the school needs so that the current students can have a middle and high school experience that is even better than what I had.

Archer girls are talented athletes, performers, musicians, and artists yet they don't have adequate facilities to fully support these passions. A small theatre and an art room in the basement are simply not enough. Archer is a unique school and I hate to think that families are choosing other options simply based on the fact that Archer lacks common facilities. Archer girls are worthy of new facilities and I hope the school is granted permission to build a campus that will support their amazing programs.

I believe Archer Forward is a good and thoughtful step for the school and I hope you support it.

**Response to Comment No. 146-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 147**

Carla Delgado
4867 W. 21st St.
Los Angeles, CA 90016

**Comment No. 147-1**

My name is Carla Delgado and I am an employee at the Archer School For Girls. I am proud to be the Assistant Director of Admissions and work for an outstanding school. Growing up, I dreamed of a school like Archer, where girls have endless opportunities to become confident, ambitious and intelligent leaders.

Often, I think about the Archer girls who matriculate as confident, ambitious leaders. But, who would they be, if Archer's classrooms were less cramped and were able to accommodate specific needs and learning styles? Or if Archer had a proper venue on campus for performances instead of our current theatre box that seats seventy-five? How would an athlete's life be affected if we had proper athletic facilities?

Archer continues to be a supportive contributing member of the Brentwood community. The improvement plan includes many features and details that are accommodating to Archer's neighbors. Numerous steps to reduce the noise, traffic, and aesthetics are detailed in the improvement plan. It is Archer's hope that the community will too, take pride in having a nationally recognized independent all-girls' school on the Westside of Los Angeles. There is no telling how much more empowering Archer will become once the improvement plan is in place.

I implore you to support Archer's improvement plan and ask you to believe in all of the girls who want to be much more than what they are now. Archer is a special place and I am honored to be part of it. I gladly ask for your support which will allow Archer to provide 21st Century classrooms, a regulation sized athletic field, a gymnasium and spaces for swim, performing and visual arts. But most important, with your support, Archer will be the school that will provide each Archer girl with the opportunity to change her community.

**Response to Comment No. 147-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 148**

Barbara Deming
320 N. Saltair Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 148-1**

I am writing today to urge you to not approve the expanded plan for Archer School on Sunset Boulevard as it has been set forth by the school. I am a neighborhood resident. I live approximately half a mile north of Archer School.

Traffic in the area is at a standstill much of the afternoon. To go east from my home, I must access Sunset Blvd. The cut-through so many are using now on Barrington Avenue is creating so much traffic for me to leave my home. It often takes me 15–25 minutes to get from my house to Sunset Blvd, a half mile away.

**Response to Comment No. 148-1**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site. As described therein, traffic in the area of the Project has been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange refinements. The surrounding streets saw an increase in cut-through traffic as motorists attempted to avoid the increased congestion along Sunset Boulevard during the construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project. With improvement in conditions along Sunset Boulevard, this cut-through traffic is expected to reduce. Although the Draft EIR determined that Project operational impacts on neighborhood streets would be less than significant, pursuant to Project Design Feature K-5, the Project Applicant would coordinate with the City of Los Angeles and neighborhood residents to provide up to $15,000 toward the development and implementation of a traffic calming plan for Chaparal Street between Saltair Avenue and Barrington Avenue to minimize cut-through traffic on this street.

**Comment No. 148-2**

A reasonable alternative to what is being proposed is a one-phase construction, maintain the current number of special events and athletic events, increase the setback of the buildings placed adjacent to Chaparal Street, and expand and renovate the campus within the current footprint of the school. Only two new buildings should be allowed, not the proposed four.

**Response to Comment No. 148-2**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project. In addition, the Project has been refined to reduce the overall construction timeframe for the Project from six years to five years.

**Comment No. 148-3**

Thank you for your consideration. I implore you to drive south on Barrington (starting north of Sunset) at 4:30 to see this traffic yourself. It is unreasonable. And until it is significantly different, additional traffic created in the area by this expansion should not be approved.

**Response to Comment No. 148-3**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

**Comment Letter No. 149**

Jennifer Dohr
jdohr@hw.com

**Comment No. 149-1**

I am writing in full support of The Archer School for Girls Campus Improvement plan as an Archer parent and faculty member at Harvard-Westlake School. I hope that you and the Los Angeles Planning Department will help move the project along in the City process.

Our daughter, Hollis, is in her third year at Archer; she has found her voice and is thriving. Simply put, no other school in Los Angeles develops female leaders like Archer. Archer's facilities, while beautiful, no longer allow the school to fulfill its unique mission: a joyous, stress-free education for its diverse, creative, impassioned students. Without improved learning spaces, field space, a pool and gym, and performing and visual arts facilities, Archer cannot continue to thrive. However, Archer is maintaining its vision as a small school, so the campus improvements will not impact Brentwood village at large. And the Archer students fully support Brentwood's local businesses.

Archer is a truly unique school and is an important piece of the educational landscape in Los Angeles. Archer is one of the most diverse independent schools in the area—with students coming from 92 different zip codes. Importantly, Archer awarded nearly $3 million in financial aid last year, and has a student body that comes from a wide range of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. However, in order for Archer to continue to thrive, it needs the critical facilities that most other schools already have; including: gyms, assembly spaces, improved classrooms, regulation-sized fields, a pool and performing and visual arts facilities.

As a faculty member at Harvard-Westlake School during its Middle School campus renovation five years ago, I am intimately familiar with the community concerns that can arise during renovations. However, in my experience, the concerns are short-lived as the community quickly learns that the support of the finest educational institutions is of paramount importance to any metropolitan city, and especially to Los Angeles.

The Archer Forward plan provides these much needed facilities in a way that is very respectful to the residential community in which it is located. As they continue to meet with their neighbors, Archer has made numerous changes to the plan to meet their neighbors' concerns. Even though these modifications come at a financial cost to Archer, they have agreed to make these changes to create a project that benefits both the school and the community around them.

I hope that you will recognize Archer's commitment to the community and help the school by moving the project through the City process as quickly as possible. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 149-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 150**

Rosy DePaul
rosy.depaul@gmail.com

**Comment No. 150-1**

As an alumnae of The Archer School for Girls, I have had a chance to see how Archer influenced my life. In the 7 years I spent at Archer, I developed from a shy, self-conscious girl, into an independent, confident young woman. How does Archer do this, you may ask? In my experience, the Archer community wants every single girl to succeed in every way possible, and supports her goals and aspirations while helping her strengthen the aspects of her that may not be as forthcoming. An Archer alum is not afraid to speak her mind and support those around her in the most loving of ways. In addition, Archer is a rigorous academic institution, which creates women with worldly knowledge and the ability to think critically in adverse situations.

I believe that Archer is committed to the cultivation of bright young women, many of whom have not realized their potential when they first come to the school. As a student at Archer I was given the opportunity to serve in many leadership positions around the school. I was the captain of varsity cross country and swimming, the cello section leader in the orchestra, the special donor tour guide for the Ambassador program, and was even given the responsibility of the CEO position of the entirely-run Student Store. Each of these activities taught me important life lessons that I see reflected in my every day life at college. For example, being part of a team, but also being able to recognize that every team needs a motivated leader. This can be a tough balance to maintain, but Archer allows girls to practice it in and out of the classroom. In addition, I was shown my true potential in business through the Student Store. I was charged with serious organizational tasks, found myself negotiating with many vendors, and was asked to be on top of student feedback and giving appropriate responses. Archer wants girls to be active and engaged members of their immediate communities and, eventually, the larger society. The encouragement and support the teachers and administrators have for each other and for each student shows just how much Archer cares for the well-being and success or the girls who attend.

I support the Archer Forward Campus Plan because, with extended facilities and a more open space, Archer girls will have even more opportunities to pursue passions, old or new, at a deep level. I want generations of Archer girls to come to be able to experience the beautiful community of Archer, but with the new options and outlets for creativity and learning the Campus Plan will achieve.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 150-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 151**

Steven DePaul and Beth Rendeiro
asticou2@aol.com

**Comment No. 151-1**

As a proud parent of an Archer graduate, I would like to lend my voice in support of the school and their campus plan, Archer Forward. My Archer girl was involved in varsity swimming, soccer and orchestra, and because of the leadership skills she learned on these teams she is now a freshman at Bates College in Maine. While my daughter attended the school I was truly disappointed that there wasn't more space on campus for parents to attend her games and various school events. It was very difficult as a parent to know that my daughter was limited in who could come support her due to inadequate space.

With Archer Forward, I can tell that generations of girls will not only be able have the facilities they need, but the neighbors will also benefit. The proposed landscaping that will be added to the campus will make for an even greener neighborhood.

I believe that Archer has been both a great neighbor and an asset to this community since it arrived in 1999. I ask that you please support the school and approve Archer Forward.

**Response to Comment No. 151-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 152**

James Donnel
1722 Palisades Dr.
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

**Comment No. 152-1**

I am a faculty member in the English Department at The Archer School for Girls, and I am writing to encourage your support for Archer's plan to upgrade its existing campus facilities. I am now in my eleventh year teaching at Archer, and my wife, who is the Head of the Upper School, has been at Archer for twelve years. To be frank, Archer has kept us in Los Angeles. We both love working for the school, our interactions with the students, the true camaraderie among the faculty, and the remarkable support from the parents. The school community is vibrant, engaging, challenging, and the students appreciate their involvement in ways that I never did when I was their age. I have no particular connection with my own high school; every year, I see scores of Archer alumni return to our campus genuinely excited to catch up with faculty and share news of their ongoing academic adventures. The place is special.

At the same time, I teach in an oddly shaped room of approximately 300 square feet that was once a double-occupancy hospital ward. It was never intended as a classroom. It's cozy, but I don't have an air conditioner. It's an intimate venue for a Socratic discussion, though if any of my students want to use the bathroom during class, her getting to the door is something of an adventure. The walls are cracking, and the heating system hasn't functioned for several years. The space has ample character, but it needs so much maintenance that, at this point, significant renovation would be vastly better than simple repair. The prospective campus plan would transform the learning environment and foster our dynamic curriculum, helping me in my ongoing commitment to our students and to the surrounding community.

Please support our initiative, and thank you very sincerely for your consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 152-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 153**

Samantha Coyne Donnel

**Comment No. 153-1**

I am the Upper School Director at The Archer School for Girls, and I have been at this school for 12 years. Archer's mission is compelling, and it is why I stay in Los Angeles. We have a unique responsibility in helping to raise confident, resilient young women who will become the future female leaders in their communities. Archer serves an especially important role in a city that is dominated by media messages, and our girls are constantly bombarded with negative messages about girls and women. Archer is an educational community that encourages girls to develop their own voice and to follow their passions.

Archer deserves facilities that support the needs of our community. Our classrooms are too small for faculty to develop responsive lesson plans that consider multiple modalities of learning. We don't have a single indoor space for our entire community to come together. This limits our ability to celebrate milestones and accomplishments, invite prominent speakers, and gather as one community. We spend considerable amount of time and resources managing our programs in small, inadequate spaces. That money could be spent on our program or to increase financial aid for students in need. Our athletic teams spend incredible amounts of time travelling to and from practice facilities when they could be focusing on their academics.

Archer has been a good neighbor and have made positive contributions to the Brentwood community. We support local businesses, we team with local non-profits to support community service initiatives (save the coral trees, safety on sunset, adopt-a-family), and we provide a first class education for girls across the city. I urge you to support Archer's Campus Plan, so that we can provide our students and faculty with the facilities that they need in order to do their best work.

**Response to Comment No. 153-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 154**

Suzie Doran
10960 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 700
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 154-1**

As a member of the Board of Trustees at The Archer School for Girls, I am writing to request your support for the school's Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan, Archer Forward. Time and again, Archer has proven its commitment and value to the community, and we believe that this plan is critical in ensuring the future success of the school.

In the past few years as a Board member, I have come to appreciate how the young ladies that have blossomed from a young, precocious lady into passionate, emboldened women who are willing to not only contribute to society, but provide a platform of future leaders. These are women that are taught to have a voice, shown how to constructively use it and most of all, given the confidence to pursue their dreams in a world where women are often not given choices that we have in America. As an audit partner, I look back at my career and realize that most of all my development has come from mentors and encouragement from leaders like yourself.

I am proud of how faithfully Archer has complied with our Conditional Use Permit, which sets a high bar for relations with our neighbors and the city. We hold meetings with neighbors regularly to inform them of campus events and provide ample opportunity to voice their questions or concerns. Archer's transportation management program ensures that no Archer students, parents, or faculty park in the neighborhood. Our students are active in the Brentwood community as volunteers for a variety of local organizations.

Starting with the scoping meeting on the Archer Forward Plan in January 2012 through the release of the Draft EIR last month, we have provided numerous opportunities for our neighbors to learn more about the project and give us feedback, including an extensive stakeholder process. We plan to continue our outreach throughout the entire public review process.

I hope that this letter will help demonstrate Archer's commitment to the community and that we can count on your support as we continue the public process for the Archer Forward Plan. We look forward to working with your office.

**Response to Comment No. 154-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 155**

Amy Duarte
14350 Addison St., No. 202
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

**Comment No. 155-1**

I am writing to you because I strongly support Archer's plan for the future, Archer Forward: Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan. As a staff member at the school, I have seen first-hand Archer's commitment to creating a beautiful new environment to educate the girls of Los Angeles.

Archer students are bright, engaged, and driven. However, our campus is outdated and we struggle to provide the girls the same opportunities that other schools have, whether it's adequate sized classrooms, a gym for basketball, or a space for the community to gather. With older buildings we also deal with the lack of climate control in offices and classrooms. During the summer while it's 80 degrees outside, we have portable fans blowing in each room.

By adding the City's support, we hope the plan will be quickly moved through [sic] process so that Archer girls will soon have the facilities they need and so greatly deserve. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 155-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 156**

David Reddy and Betty Duffy
Principals/Design
R&D Architects
12811 Venice Blvd.
Venice, CA 90066

**Comment No. 156-1**

Change for the better can sometimes be difficult to achieve in the arena of public opinion. Discretionary zoning actions and new construction can generate considerable discussion. This can be complicated by the fact that stakeholders are not always rational when faced with a perceived conflict between self interest and the public good.

We believe that Archer has been, and will continue to be, sensitive and responsive to their neighbors. More to the point, Archers thoughtfully conceived plans will provide a great many benefits in, and beyond, our community.

The extraordinary young women who attend Archer are among our brightest hopes for the future. Please support their campus plan.

**Response to Comment No. 156-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 157**

Caitlin S. Duffy
3596 S. Centinela Ave., Apt. 212
Los Angeles, CA 90066

**Comment No. 157-1**

My name is Caitlin Duffy and I am a middle school math teacher at The Archer School for Girls. Working at Archer has been a huge pleasure. It is a progressive and vibrant learning community. As a product of a women's college, I personally know how valuable and rewarding the opportunity of a single-sex education is.

However, one of my biggest challenges this year has been trying to teach dynamic, hands-on, student-centered lessons in the confines of a small classroom. Archer really and truly needs facilities that allow our students to learn in the way that they learn best. Archer's Campus Plan will allow for classroom space that appropriately accommodates the great learning and teaching for which we strive. These new facilities will also allow access to convenient and comfortable space for all of our co-curricular activities that ensure our students are well-rounded, empowered young ladies. In short, these facilities are key to Archer fulfilling its mission of creating women ready to learn and lead.

We need the city's support in making sure our school has the facilities it needs. Please help me have a space where I can teach dynamic, hands-on, and student-centered math lessons.

**Response to Comment No. 157-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 158**

Iyad Duwaji
iyadduwaji@gmail.com

**Comment No. 158-1**

As a new comer to LA, I have to share with you a general observation about LA vs. other cites that I lived in such as Dallas and Dubai. Both cities, and at varying degree, realize that to stay globally competitive and to have a healthy economy, construction or renovation is a nuisance that the community has to accept for its overall well being.

In every place, every neighborhood and locality would prefer to not to live with any form of construction if they can prevent it. The trouble, is that collectively, this is a recipe for disaster, as lengthy and costly procedures make it really hard to upkeep the infrastructure, and this will in turn reflect on job creation and economic growth, and this is true of LA today.

Archer is a top notch educational institution and an exemplary member of its community. It needs to be able to move forward with a well thought of plan to add athletic facilities and spaces for performing and visual art.

I certainly support Archer in its plans to bring its campus up and provide its students with a superior learning experience, and I hope that you do to.

**Response to Comment No. 158-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 159**

Barbara (Bunni) Dybnis
356 N. Skyewiay Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 159-1**

As an individual, who lives, shops, dines and on a daily basis needs to leave Brentwood, the proposed Archer School expansion project will seriously reduce my ability to travel on Sunset Blvd. and the surrounding streets. It will tremendously impact, the already compromised, quality of life in our community. In addition, the Department of Transportation has found that these impacts CANNOT be physically mitigated.

**Response to Comment No. 159-1**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 159-2**

Sunset Boulevard is already gridlocked. Adding more cars will mean even longer driving times and diminished response times for emergency vehicles.

**Response to Comment No. 159-2**

Refer to Response to Comment No. 159-1. Refer to Section IV.J.1, Public Services—Fire Protection, and Section IV.J.2, Public Services—Police Protection, of the Draft EIR and Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, regarding emergency vehicle access.

**Comment No. 159-3**

After enduring four years of construction due to the 405-widening project, Archer is now asking Brentwood to endure six more years of construction.

**Response to Comment No. 159-3**

As detailed in Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project has been refined to reduce the construction period from six years to five years.

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has been improving since spring of 2014 as a result of construction on the I-405/Sepulveda Pass project nearing completion, the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405 freeway, and substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange modifications.

**Comment No. 159-4**

And once the project is completed, traffic will be forever altered on Sunset as thousands of cars travel to our neighborhood to attend Archer events.

**Response to Comment No. 159-4**

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 159-5**

The City Planning Department Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), for Archer School's proposed expansion plan, *Archer Forward* make clear the negative impact to our neighborhood and community. Archer's current plan proposes a massive expansion that will not only increase the size of the campus, but also increase traffic and set dangerous precedents for other schools that operate with a Conditional Use Permit in a residential area. This expansion will bring thousands of new car trips to our area. The Department of Transportation has stated in the DEIR that the proposed project will create SIGNIFICANT

impacts at the following intersections on six separate intersections on both Barrington and Sunset.

**Response to Comment No. 159-5**

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

Refer to Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, for a discussion of the proposed changes to Archer's existing CUP. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding the compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

**Comment No. 159-6**

I would support an alternative plan that reduces the size and scope of the proposed project and traffic and puts less of a burden on our neighborhoods.

**Response to Comment No. 159-6**

In response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project includes refinements, such as reducing the square footage and massing, width, and length of some of the proposed buildings; reducing the number of parking spaces; and creating expanded landscape buffers. Overall, the Project's net new floor area would be reduced from 75,930 square feet to 68,989 square feet.

As described in detail in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project is also incorporating additional mitigation measures to reduce significant operational traffic impacts during an event day (related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions) to a level that is less than significant with mitigation. In addition, as detailed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project also proposes additional restrictions on its operations including additional limitations on the hours of operation; reducing the number of proposed School Functions from 98 to 86, including eliminating Interscholastic Athletic Competitions and two School Functions with up to 650 guests; and eliminating community

use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses; thereby reducing traffic along the surrounding streets.

**Comment No. 159-7**

356 N. Skyewiay Road
L.A. 90049

**Response to Comment No. 159-7**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 160**

Debora Edmunds
2576 Cordelia Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 160-1**

I have lived on Cordelia Rd for 30 years. I was supportive of an all girls' school, Archer, but with the impact on traffic, I see it was a grave mistake. If I leave my house at 4 pm or after it takes me 1 to 1 1/2 hours or more to get to the 405 freeway on Sunset. This should take 10 to 20 minutes. Last night Sunset was blocked up before Kenter Canyon going east. I tried Wilshire, Santa Monica, Olympic, then finally Pico to cross under the freeway. My destination was the Beverly Hills Hotel on Sunset Blvd.

Please do not allow any expansion of Archer school because of nightmare traffic which is already here. Please remove Archer School completely. I am a prisoner in my home after 4 pm.

**Response to Comment No. 160-1**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

**Comment No. 160-2**

Debora Edmunds
2576 Cordelia Rd
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Response to Comment No. 160-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 161**

Noa Ehrlich
226 Oceano Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 161-1**

Since moving to Brentwood in 1998, The Archer School for Girls has been an outstanding neighbor, going above and beyond what the City requires of it. Now it has come forward with a plan to update and modernize its campus. I am writing in support of this plan as an 11th District resident, and request that the City and Councilman Bonin work together to help Archer move through the City process and secure approval.

As an example of Archer [sic] commitment to being a good neighbor, the School is subject to the most restrictive regulations of any independent school in the City. Yet, Archer goes beyond what is required in their traffic management program. Over 50% of girls arrive on campus by bus, and the rest of the girls arrive by carpool. Nobody from Archer is permitted to park in the neighborhood, and the School has a community outreach coordinator who ensures strict compliance with all of these rules.

Archer Forward is the next step in ensuring that Archer continues to be a leading School, while maintaining its commitment to the community. The School has conducted extensive outreach about the plan so far, and will continue to do so throughout the public process. I hope that the City will recognize this leadership and help Archer secure approval for the plan. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 161-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 162**

Brett Elkins
11592 W. Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 162-1**

We oppose the archer plan unless all students are bused into archer and cars are not allowed on campus... enough school expansion in Brentwood... we should know we live on it. Thanks.

**Response to Comment No. 162-1**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

With respect to busing, as discussed in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, as part of Project Design Feature K-1, the Project shall include implementation of a comprehensive Traffic Management Program that would include, but not be limited to, maintenance of an average vehicle ridership of three persons per vehicle; a maximum of 15-student driven carpools consisting of three students in each vehicle with additional carpools permitted consisting of four or more students in each vehicle; restricting students from driving to School alone; and requiring that students who do not ride the bus be dropped off either in a parent-driven carpool or student-driven carpool. In addition, pursuant to Mitigation Measure K-1, Archer shall be required to raise the percentage of students who are required to utilize the fixed-route bus service from 50 percent to 70 percent.

**Comment No. 162-2**

Its [sic] 11592 West Sunset Blvd, LA CA 90049... also for what it is worth I reported that our sidewalk on the public portion of the street had been uplifted and never heard back... if you are able to help with that process that would be appreciated...

**Response to Comment No. 162-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list. The comment regarding sidewalk uplift is not related to the Project.

**Comment Letter No. 163**

Katrina Eroen
1606 Viewmont Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90069

**Comment No. 163-1**

I am proud to call myself a graduate of The Archer School for Girls. I am writing today to express my support for the school's plan to expand the campus.

I chose to attend Archer because the school is unique and I believe that the school is doing an important thing by educating girls in a way that honors our specific learning styles. However, in order for Archer to continue this mission, it needs adequate facilities.

All Archer alums would agree that the education they received was top-notch. The faculty were among the best in the country and their dedication made the Archer experience even more impactful. However, most alums will also tell you that they wished Archer had better facilities. If this plan is approved, the school will finally have a performing and visual arts centers, a regulation-sized field to practice and play on, and even an aquatics center to hold meets on campus. I firmly believe the school deserves these improvements.

I personally don't think the school is asking for more than they need and I hope that you support this plan and move it through the city process quickly.

**Response to Comment No. 163-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 164**

Sylvie Escande
11730 W. Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 164-1**

For the past three years I have lived at 11730 West Sunset Blvd, across the street from The Archer School for Girls. Born and raised in a small European town, when I moved to L.A, I deliberately chose to live in the Brentwood Village because of its homey feel in the heart of the megapolis. [sic] I immediately loved the area and was delighted to see children everywhere, young girls in Archer uniform studying in cafes, helping elderly people cross the street, gathering around a puppy, giggling, or seriously discussing a biology project.

Thanks to the Archer newsletter that I regularly receive in my mailbox, I am aware of the promising and exciting development and transformation of the school campus, which represents important progress towards the long-term vision of a more integrated and lively presence of The Archer School for Girls in Brentwood.

The new campus will preserve the authenticity of the main Spanish style building but be shaped for the next century with spaces that encourage collaboration, spur experimentation, foster connections between Archer's boundlessly imaginative students, faculty and staff and infinitely varied disciplines.

Archer is expanding inside, inward. Instead of explosion it's an implosion. An implosion that will resonate in the life of these young women who travel from every corner of the city to receive the best education to become our future leaders. And will also resonate in everyone's life in the neighborhood in a positive way.

For these reasons, I fully support Archer's campus improvement project moving forward. I feel honored to be part of this exciting mission. Please support the plan with me.

**Response to Comment No. 164-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 165**

Marni Eshel
marnieshel@earthlink.net

**Comment No. 165-1**

I am a PROUD parent of a graduating senior and and [sic] incoming 7th grader to the Archer School for Girls. I have been involved with Archer for 7 years and with all the choices of private education in Los Angeles, Archer provides a unique learning experience. A single sex education has turned my somewhat quiet daughter into an insightful, intuitive, passionate and confident young woman with a voice. She has learned to stand up for what she believes in and that she can make a difference in her community.

Archer has grown and changed so much since it was established in 1995. The campus improvement plan not only will benefit the students of Archer, but will also enhance the community in which it resides in. The plan will allow for their students to have the modern facilities that our girls not only deserve, but they NEED. Air conditioned rooms, ample parking, and better athletic facilities will allow provide a better environment to learn, host other schools, and provide better security for the students and visitors to the campus.

PLEASE APPROVE THIS CAMPUS PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN!

**Response to Comment No. 165-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 166**

Geoffrey Evans
geoffevans@earthlink.net

**Comment No. 166-1**

My daughter is currently enrolled at The Archer School for Girls in Brentwood, and I'd like to personally urge the City to support the school's improvement project, Archer Forward. It's in the best interest of the school and the students, and therefore, it is a good step forward for the community and the city as well.

Our students spend hours commuting to practices, games, and performances because Archer lacks the facilities necessary to allow these events to happen on campus. It's a wonderful school that is offering our girls a comprehensive, 21st century education, but in order for the school to continue to adhere to its mission, it needs the facilities and space every modem school requires.

I am proud that Archer prides itself on being a responsible and active member of the community. As parents, we abide by many rules, particularly with regards to carpools and buses, to make sure that the school is doing its part to reduce traffic in Brentwood. The school administration values community service, something they put into practice by participating in local neighborhood councils and groups, and requires all students to complete community service hours in the local area.

Archer Forward is a good plan for the students, the school, and the city. I respectfully request the city's support.

**Response to Comment No. 166-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 167**

Tatiana Evans
19440 Coslin Ave.
Carson, CA 90746

**Comment No. 167-1**

My name is Tatiana Evans and I am a former Archer student. I graduated from Archer last year in June, 2013; however, I now find myself on a gap year in Salvador, Brazil, where I am engaged in various service work projects. I often find myself taking the time to reflect on the various forces that have led me here and trying to identify the most influential one. Over the many reflections had so far, I have been able to identify numerous forces that have led me to Salvador, but none of them that have been so influential as Archer's core ideology of taking risks.

My experience in Salvador has been filled with risk-taking. I took my first risk when I decided to come here on a pilot program with an organization I was not very familiar with. Since then, I have been constantly outside of my comfort zone. Sometimes taking a risk involves starting a conversation with the coconut water vendor I pass on my daily walk to work or ignoring my nerves and sambaing with the members of my homestay family. Other times, it involves trying a new teaching style with my seven elderly students or venturing into the favela of Uruguai with the nuns I work with. Whatever the nature of the risk I take, I remain eternally grateful for the time I had at Archer, where I learned to embrace risk-taking.

I also remain eternally grateful for the time I had at Archer for other reasons too. There, I was taught by teachers who simultaneously inspired and challenged me, had classmates that stretched my mind and introduced me to many new perspectives, received encouragement to discover and follow my passions, and developed into a leader. I loved my time at Archer and consider the seven years I spent there to have been the most formative years of my life so far.

However, although I present a romanticized version of Archer here, it is not to say that I did not notice any flaws during my time there. I thought the school lacked all the necessary facilities for its students. Our varsity sport teams were forced to spend hours in traffic driving to other gyms, soccer fields, and pools just to practice. The members of our Dance Troupe were forced to have their performances at the American Jewish University because Archer didn't have a large enough performance space for them. In addition, because there was no indoor space where the whole school could gather for assemblies, we were forced to sit for hours in the hot sun when a school-wide assembly needed to be held.

Archer offers such a rich educational experience and so many opportunities for personal growth to its students; but without the proper facilities, the school will never be able to live up to its complete potential. I can't imagine how many potential students have been attracted to Archer's unique environment, but have chosen to enroll elsewhere due to the lacked facilities. Having been a tour guide during my time there, I can recollect families who have questioned, "Why should we choose Archer when we can enroll in a comparable school like Marlborough that offers both a great education and the necessary facilities".

Right now I consider Archer to be a great institution. However, with the addition of the facilities the school would gain if the Campus Improvement Plan was approved, it would turn into an extraordinary one. With knowing how much the status quo Archer was able to transform my life, I believe with the addition of the facilities, the school will go on to transform the lives of its future students in incomparable ways.

I would not waste my time and yours by writing this letter if I did not wholly believe in the mission and the vision of Archer. However, I do and I hope this letter shines a light on the unique gem of an institution that Archer is and on the necessity of the expansion for the success of Archer's future.

Thank you for your time.

**Response to Comment No. 167-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 167-2**

Hi Mr. Villani, I'd love to receive the future notices for this project.
My mailing address is:
19440 Coslin Ave.
Carson, CA 90746

Thank you and have a great afternoon!

**Response to Comment No. 167-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 168**

Reed Farley

**Comment No. 168-1**

Throughout my career at The Archer School for Girls, I have witnessed students with more dedication and talent than can be found in any other place. I hold the position of film teacher where I have designed a program that gives students the opportunity to learn about an industry that is so important to our community. For example, we founded the annual Archer Film Festival to encourage and celebrate women in film. We accept submissions from students all over; this year we received a submission from a young woman in Vietnam. Film at Archer is unique, much like many other departments, in that it gives girls true, professional experience. Our students go on to top film schools and future successes. In order to foster and support the education of women and women in film, this expansion is needed.

Archer's campus plan gives our students the facilities that most other Los Angeles area schools have. Our students do great work artistically, educationally and in the community therefore they need the facilities to make these strides. In order to give our students the opportunities to learn and grow in our modern society, we must give them improved facilities. By improving facilities, we improve learning and development giving us all a brighter future. This expansion will provide the facilities to offer more classes, give back to the community and provide the best education possible for our students.

I am actively involved in all of the performances involving Archer students. For example, over the past few weeks, I have had to leave campus early to travel to another location for our annual dance show. After rehearsing for hours, I finally get home to plan for the upcoming day. This is the life of a teacher, but we are also putting great demands on our students and parents. If we had the facilities to perform on campus, we would save precious time from our already busy students' scholastic careers. Currently, our facilities for performance are sparse. We have one black box theater that is a basement room that has been converted. Due to this space restriction, our 80 student dance show must be performed elsewhere where we pay to rent space. In addition, we can only hold 75 audience members. Our performances on campus cannot be seen by our entire student body and many miss out on the chance to see their peers perform because shows are off campus.

My years at Archer have been wonderful and I can only imagine how great the next will be when we have improved facilities. It is what our talented students deserve. Please support Archer students by supporting our plan.

**Response to Comment No. 168-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 169**

Stephanie Ferri

**Comment No. 169-1**

My name is Stephanie Ferri and I am a Fitness and Wellness teacher at the Archer School for Girls. I am also the Middle School and Upper School swimming coach and Director of Outdoor Education. Archer has been my home for the past seven years and I couldn't imagine working anywhere else. The community of students, faculty and staff here is like a family to me. We here at Archer take pride in our community and we support and celebrate each other in all facets.

I love my job being a fitness teacher and coach at Archer, however, lack of facilities makes the job quite challenging at times. To name one example, right now we have no indoor space that would hold all the students we have in a class period, which poses quite a challenge on hot and rainy days. A gym would create an indoor learning and training environment away from the elements like heat, sun and rain. In addition to a gym, a larger weight training facility would allow us to take a full class of Upper School students inside to exercise and train. Presently we can fit less than fifteen girls comfortably, which is not enough space for a full sports teams to condition or for a full fitness class to workout.

In addition to teaching, I am the proud coach of both Middle School and Upper School swimming. Both my teams have to travel off campus every day to practice. Using off campus facilities poses many challenges. For one, it takes us twenty-five minutes each way to travel to UCLA for practice, which is valuable time we could use for training. Hosting home meets is often difficult and near impossible. Most of the community here has never been to one of our swim meets because they either do not have transportation to get there or they cannot get there in time. While on campus, the community celebrates the team's victory but it is not the same as having them cheering the girls on poolside.

I ask the city to please support Archer's plans to build. The facilities at Archer will impact this community in the most positive way. It will provide the community with the space to learn and grow for years to come. It will bring this community together providing spaces to join together and celebrate all the amazing things we do here.

**Response to Comment No. 169-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 170**

Lauren (Hochberg) Finkelstein
laurenfinkelstein1@gmail.com

**Comment No. 170-1**

My name is Lauren Finkelstein and I am an alumna from the class of 2001 at the Archer School for Girls – also known as the school's first graduating class.

With this special distinction comes a hefty responsibility:

I am grateful for the experiences I had at Archer and want to ensure the school continues to grow and impact students like myself, who are fortunate enough to receive a quality education, the attention in the classroom they yearn for and the confidence to believe they can do anything they dream.

This is something I don't take for granted in my life, nor do I take it lightly.

I came to Archer a somewhat shy young woman in the fall of 1997, my freshman year. The attention I received and the relationships that I made, greatly helped to inform who I am today. In the spring of 2001, I emerged strong and self-assured, becoming videographer of the school throughout my time there. In addition, I received the school's first annual and distinctive Gary David Goldberg creativity award (in honor of the late wonderful and inspired director/writer/producer) for "having a vision and working to make it happen."

I was proud to be an Archer girl then and I can't begin to tell you what it means to me today.

In casual exchange or during professional conversation, I will often hear "oh, you went to Archer? WOW!" or "how do I get my daughter in?!" This isn't often the response one would expect to hear when mentioning where they went to high school. But I know I'm not alone and that many of my fellow Archer alums hear this as well.

I am a strong supporter of Archer and the students (past and present), faculty and parents who take the time to make their passion for the school heard loud and clear.

I am also a strident advocate for the Archer Campus Plan which will benefit generations of Archer girls to come. The school's beautiful campus and services will only be further

enriched by expanding its presence and opportunities. I am confident when I say the value it provides the community and city at large, is priceless.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

**Response to Comment No. 170-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 171**

Eileen Finney

**Comment No. 171-1**

I am writing to you as a relatively new member of the Archer community. Six years ago, I came from Michigan to join Archer's Math Department. The level of ingenuity teachers possessed to deliver high quality curriculum and extra-curricular activities in limited space was impressive. As a mother of four, I know how important adequate facilities are to a learning environment. Our students have adapted to smaller classrooms, long bus rides for athletics, and no common place to congregate as a community or view student productions. As a teacher, my classroom lacks decent temperature controls and space to create essential discussion groups for my students.

Archer's Campus Plan is a work of love for not only the Archer community, but the Brentwood community as well. The faculty and staff were an integral part of its design and looked at its impact not only in regards to how it affected our students, but the surrounding community as well. I don't know another school that would have taken this into consideration.

We need your positive, enthusiastic and genuine support for Archer's Campus Plan. We are asking for the opportunity to impact the lives of girls from all areas of Los Angeles. The plan is ambitious, in a good way; maintaining the beauty of the Eastern Star's historic significance while using the surrounding grounds to design state of the art facilities our students deserve.

Please add my unwavering support for the Archer Campus Plan.

**Response to Comment No. 171-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 172**

Lane Fischman

**Comment No. 172-1**

I am a science teacher at The Archer School for Girls here in Brentwood. Archer is unique because it truly empowers girls to reach a level of confidence, leadership and enlightenment that simply does not exist at any other school I have ever seen. Archer is producing the leaders of tomorrow, and lives by their motto "giving girls their voice."

I am one of few teachers who have been fortunate enough to have the privilege to teach in a modern science lab with proper science facilities. Unfortunately, this is not the case for almost any of my other colleagues who have to teach in converted dorm room/bathrooms lacking basic facilities such as air conditioning, a proper lab and workspaces, or reasonable amounts of safe storage for science equipment. Archer has a faculty, mission, drive and student body that is ready to change the world; they need the facilities to back that up and make it a reality.

Brentwood is our home. Support our future leaders to thrive and approve Archer's plan to become a hub of learning and world change.

**Response to Comment No. 172-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 173**

Lauren Fite
lgfite@gmail.com

**Comment No. 173-1**

As a parent of Alexandra Fite, alumna of The Archer School for Girls, I remain committed to this wonderful school am a strong supporter of the Archer Forward Plan.

I believe that Archer's stringent compliance to its Conditional Use Permit and its dedication to the surrounding Brentwood neighborhood has become ingrained into the culture and character of the school as a whole. Archer girls are taught the importance of community and being a good neighbor, and this value of responsible stewardship instills in our daughters a real spirit of community service. While at Archer my child was on the soccer team, and began a video news program about the school called Archer Broadcasting. While she very much loved her school, she had to edit and work on her broadcasting episodes at home due to a lack of space at school to do editing and technical work. For a school that does so much for our daughters and our community, I think it is only fair that they have the facilities they need on campus; including: a performing and visual arts center, a gymnasium, and an aquatics center.

I hope that you will agree with me that Archer Forward is a good plan for the school and the community. I strongly support it and hope that you will help Archer move quickly through the city's process. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

**Response to Comment No. 173-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 174**

Margaret Michaels Fleming
piejon2@gmail.com

**Comment No. 174-1**

Earlier this month we attended the Brentwood Homeowners meeting at the University Synagogue. Councilman Mike Bonin spoke, and the homeowners association displayed the massive plans for the **Archer School** for girls. Archer schools [sic] complete disregard for the Westside area of Los Angeles, especially Brentwood, is shocking. Almost as shocking was the **gasp from the audience** upon seeing the plans displayed on a big screen. That this can even be going on without the knowledge of most in the community, is amazing.

**Response to Comment No. 174-1**

As evaluated in Section IV.H, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the proposed buildings would be designed to complement the historic Main Building and respond to and respect the residential scale and character of the surrounding area. As such, the Project would be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and the Brentwood–Pacific Palisades Community Plan regarding conservation of and compatibility with the scale and character of the City's residential neighborhoods. Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 174-2**

We did know about their plans to expand and while the school may need to make appropriate, and neighborhood friendly improvements, their current plan to drastically expand this school will shut down traffic on the Westside of Los Angeles until we are completely locked in. We might as well live on an island.

**Response to Comment No. 174-2**

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic

impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

Refer to Topical Response No. 7, Potential Traffic Impacts Associated with Proposed Campus Operations, for a detailed discussion of potential traffic impacts associated with proposed campus operations.

**Comment No. 174-3**

The Westside already dismal and I have to wonder if the next "Big Fire" will repeat the Bel Air fire, only this time you'll have automobiles filled with families trapped, while trying to get out of Brentwood.

It isn't just the school itself, but their added events six days a week to late in the evening, the addition of "TWO" Gyms, their Pool Pavilion, the Visual Arts Center, and the endless construction forced on a community that has already endured the freeway construction. For the life of me I can not understand how the city can even entertain this massive project. How will anyone get a **timely emergency response from 911**, when traffic will be blocking the already congested two arteries, Sunset and San Vicente, both east and west bound leading to hospitals. Please give the Westside of Los Angeles a break and keep this massive expansive planned by Archer School, to a minimum. Please consider the devastating results if this expansive is allowed to move forward.

**Response to Comment No. 174-3**

As described in further detail in Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, while construction activities could increase response times for emergency vehicles traveling to the Project Site and nearby uses along surrounding streets, as set forth in Mitigation Measure K-4 through Mitigation Measure K-7 included in the Draft EIR, during construction of the Project, a Worksite Traffic Control Plan, Traffic Management Plan, Parking Plan, and Pedestrian Routing Plan would be implemented to ensure that adequate and safe access remains available within and surrounding the Project Site during construction activities. Additionally, as further discussed in Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, and evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, during operation, the Project would not result in a significant impact on the 10 nearby neighborhood street segments analyzed in the Draft EIR. As such, operation of the Project would not significantly interfere with emergency access along the surrounding streets. With regard to the study intersections analyzed, as evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, with implementation of the mitigation measures provided in the Draft EIR, all Project traffic impacts on non-event days would be reduced to below a level of significance. The mitigation measures provided in Section IV.K,

Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR would also reduce the Project traffic impacts during the weekday 3:00–4:00 P.M. and Saturday 1:00–2:00 P.M. hours associated with events to below a level of significance. The Draft EIR determined that significant impacts would still remain, however, during the 5:00–6:00 P.M. and 6:00–7:00 P.M. hours associated with events. As discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to fully eliminate the significant traffic impacts of the Project. With implementation of the additional mitigation measures discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, and listed in Section II, Corrections and Additions, of this Final EIR, all potential traffic impacts would be reduced to below a level of significance. Therefore, it is not expected that the Project would consistently increase interference with existing emergency response capacity to the Project area. Similarly, as discussed in Section IV.F, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR, it is not anticipated that Project operations would significantly impair the implementation of or physically interfere with any adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan.

As detailed in Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project has been refined to reduce the construction period from six years to five years, primarily by constructing the proposed Phase 2 buildings concurrently. As described in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, additional restrictions on School operations are also proposed, including additional limits on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. With these refinements, potential traffic impacts and associated potential impacts to emergency vehicle access would be further reduced.

**Comment Letter No. 175**

Blair Frank
blairfrank@gmail.com

**Comment No. 175-1**

I am the father of a 7th grader at Archer School for Girls. I am writing because Archer school needs to improve its facilities. It needs modern classrooms, athletics facilities and spaces for performing and visual arts. Other independent and public schools have these facilities already.

Archer is a TREASURE, and we will feel truly blessed that our daughter is there.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

**Response to Comment No. 175-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 176**

Julie and Steven Frank
sfrank63@aol.com

**Comment No. 176-1**

Please see attached letter. Thanks.

**Response to Comment No. 176-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 176-2**

I am a parent of a student at the Archer School for Girls, and from my experience with the school, it is fully committed to its responsibilities to its students, community, and the City of Los Angeles as a whole. The Archer Forward plan is what the school needs to offer a top-notch 21st century education to its students, and I hope you'll agree that it is the right move for Brentwood too.

It can be expected that issues may arise between a school and its neighbors, but I believe that Archer has gone the extra mile to tackle these problems and find solutions for the benefit of the entire community. Archer parents and students strictly abide by the school's requirements as laid out by the school's Conditional Use Permit, particularly with regards to traffic management.

Archer students train and perform in award-winning arts programs including photography, painting and drawing, ceramics, sculpture, dance, theater, choir and orchestra. They also participate in a number of league sports with other local independent schools. Unfortunately, Archer has had to spend a great deal of resources renting off-site venues for practices, games and performances. Archer Forward will provide the students with facilities that will allow students to participate in these activities onsite. This new plan would be a great benefit to the school, parents, students and even the neighbors.

I believe Archer Forward is a good and thoughtful step forward for the school and I look forward to it passing quickly through the City review process.

**Response to Comment No. 176-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 177**

Tena Frank
TenaFishmanFrank@gmail.com

**Comment No. 177-1**

I am the mother of a 7th grader at Archer School for Girls. We love Archer school. It is the perfect place for our daughter. The faculty is amazing. Now all it needs is to improve its facilities, including modern classrooms, athletics facilities and spaces for performing and visual arts. Other independent and public schools have these facilities already.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

**Response to Comment No. 177-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 178**

Amanda Freiler
5461 Yarmouth Ave., #35
Encino, CA 91316

**Comment No. 178-1**

My name is Amanda Freiler, and I teach 6th and 8th grade English at the Archer School for Girls. Two years ago I packed up my life and moved cross-country for the opportunity to teach at this joyful school. While I never dreamed of leaving the East Coast, I fell in love with Archer's mission, its faculty, and of course, its girls! I am writing to ask you for your support of the Archer Forward campus plan.

The aspect of Archer that most inspires me is how we encourage our girls as they explore the fields of academics, of the arts, and of sports; however, we cannot fully meet our mission with our current campus facilities. While our historic building is beautiful, it is also limiting. We enjoy small class sizes, but our small classrooms make it difficult to arrange lessons in ways that allow for the movement and collaboration that is necessary to teach our girls in the ways we know they learn best. I often must have girls working on projects in hallways, on landings, or in other teachers' rooms. While our drama and music departments put their hearts into dynamic and powerful productions, we currently have a theatre that seats only seventy-five people. Archer has seen a dramatic increase in the number of girls involved in school sports over the past few years; this is particularly impressive considering our inadequate sports facilities. We have no gymnasium, no locker rooms, and no regulation-sized fields. Each year, Archer spends significant funds to rent spaces for artistic and sporting events. I would love for those funds to instead assist the diverse families within our community and make the Archer experience possible for girls who would not be able to afford it otherwise.

Personally, I think my Archer girls deserve the world, but we are not asking for anything more than permission to give our students the basic and necessary facilities for 21st century learning. The Archer Forward plan is as thoughtful as it is ambitious, and it takes into consideration the concerns of our neighborhood. Please support us in our goal to provide adequate facilities to our girls. They have accomplished so much already; I cannot wait to see what they can accomplish with a modern campus!

**Response to Comment No. 178-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 179**

Beth C. Friedman
Board of Trustees
The Archer School for Girls
248 South Mapleton Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 179-1**

As a member of The Archer School for Girls' Board of Trustees, I am writing to ask for your support for the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan. This plan will provide Archer's students with the facilities already afforded to many other independent schools. It also will be a vital investment for the future of girls' education in Los Angeles. Archer is a tremendous asset to the Brentwood community and a responsible and active member of the neighborhood. Our headmaster, Elizabeth English, meets regularly with the Brentwood Community Council and host meetings with neighbors. Archer also provides community benefits to the city by requiring its student body to participate in local activities.

The Archer Forward plan will allow our school to provide a top-notch, 21st century education for students. We have worked diligently to ensure that the plan we have developed is respectful of the Brentwood residential area where we are located. To that end, we have held numerous community and stakeholder meetings in the last year which specifically addressed Archer plan. These meetings have included community groups and individuals, and we've had productive dialogue to create a plan that is good for Archer and the surrounding community.

With the recent release of the Draft EIR for Archer Forward, I hope that we can count on your support as the plan moves through the public process. If we can answer any of your questions, please feel free to contact us. This is such an important asset for our community!!!

**Response to Comment No. 179-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 179-2**

Thank you Mr. Villani for your prompt response. I would like to receive mailed notices as the project moves forward. 248 South Mapleton Drive, LA 90024.

**Response to Comment No. 179-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 180**

Dodi Fromson
dodifromson@earthlink.net

**Comment No. 180-1**

I am concerned regarding the proposed Archer expansion project, and would like to know what kind of downsized alternative might be suggested.

**Response to Comment No. 180-1**

Section V, Alternatives, of the Draft EIR includes a description and an analysis of the five alternatives to the Project that were evaluated in detail, including: No Project—Continued Operation of Existing Campus; No Project—Development and Use in Accordance with Existing Approvals; Alternate Site Layout; Reduced Program within Existing Campus Boundary (Option A and Option B); and Reduced Excavation, Export, and Program. These alternatives include some reduced components of the Project.

It is noted that in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project includes refinements, such as reducing the square footage and massing, width, and length of some of the proposed buildings; reducing the number of parking spaces; and creating expanded landscape buffers. Overall, the Project's net new floor area would be reduced from 75,930 square feet to 68,989 square feet.

**Comment No. 180-2**

I live in the Polo Fields near Paul Revere Junior High. When I/we want to go East at almost any time of day, it is impossible for us to judge how long it will take us to get to or over the 405 to go East. Sometimes it takes 30 minutes, and sometimes 1.5 to 2 hours, seriously.

Even to go to the Barrington Post Office has become an ordeal, or to my Brentwood bank, etc.

Any more blocking of traffic, and I fear we will all be further entrapped.

**Response to Comment No. 180-2**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

**Comment No. 180-3**

I would like to write more, but am leaving on an extended trip in a day or two. I have no more time today to spend on this.

Please, Mike, and city planner, enough already!

**Response to Comment No. 180-3**

This comment does not raise an issue specific to the Draft EIR and the environmental impacts addressed therein. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 181**

Miho Fukuma
2114 Butler Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

**Comment No. 181-1**

My name is Miho Fukuma and I live in CD 11. My address is 2114 butler ave. Los Angeles 90025. Archer is an asset to our neighborhood and I hope we can count on the councilman's support for this project.

Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 181-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 182**

Catherine G. Fuller
762 Grenment Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 182-1**

The Archer School for Girls has been a responsible and dedicated member of the Brentwood community for the past 15 years. As an Archer parent and someone who lives in CD 11, I am writing to ask for the City's support for the school's upcoming campus enhancement plan, Archer Forward.

As times change, schools must change as well—Archer uses the same facilities that it had when it moved to its current location in 1998. The school prides itself on providing an education that allows girls to learn in a style tailored for them, yet many classrooms are cramped and outdated, and the school itself lacks key athletic and arts facilities. There's not even a place on campus for the entire student body and teachers to gather together. This plan will change all that, and not to the detriment of the neighborhood.

Most of the other independent schools in the area already have the facilities that Archer is asking for, including gymnasiums, performing arts and visual arts facilities, regulation fields and aquatics centers. These improvements will greatly enhance the value of our daughters' education, and will also save the school and the girls the time and resources they currently waste commuting around town to access the facilities they lack.

The school has done an excellent job of thinking this plan through completely, and I am confident that it is the best move forward for our girls and for the community that they will be a part of in the years to come. I hope that the City will join us in support of this project.

**Response to Comment No. 182-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 183**

Jennifer Galloway and Dan Ediger
7928 Kenyon Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

**Comment No. 183-1**

We wanted to reach out to you in order to express our full support for the Archer Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan that is currently moving through the Draft EIR phase of the city approval process.

Our daughter Caroline Ediger is currently attending 7th grade at The Archer School for Girls, her first year of enrollment. We were familiar with the Archer Forward Plan when we selected the school, and fully supported its goal of developing modern classrooms, athletics facilities, and spaces for performing and visual arts. Not only are these facilities critical to the mission of the school, but from what we have observed, the plan has been carefully designed to minimize any negative impact to the neighborhood while bringing Archer's facilities into line with other independent and public schools in the area.

We selected Archer because we were persuaded that an all-girls education would offer critical advantages to Caroline, providing her a culture of academic excellence and leadership opportunities unique to a single-gender school environment. Our experience this past year has been entirely favorable; we love the school and continue to fully support its development efforts. We believe that top quality girls' education should be a priority for Los Angeles, and ask you to please support The Archer School for Girls as it works to successfully fulfill its mission.

Many thanks for your consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 183-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 183-2**

Our address is 7928 Kenyon Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 183-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 184**

Tracy Ganzer
5230 Whitaker Ave.
Encino, CA 91436

**Comment No. 184-1**

For the past nine years, I've had the privilege of working at The Archer School for Girls as an English teacher. Since Elizabeth English's arrival several years back, I have seen Archer transform into a top-notch, innovative learning environment.

As an eighth grade English teacher at Archer, I have the opportunity to teach literature such as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *A Raisin in the Sun*, and *Joy Luck Club*—texts that all celebrate diversity and spark engaging conversations. Much of the teaching I do involves collaboration, which supports the way girls learn best. Unfortunately, the size of my classroom makes breaking up into groups challenging. When we do group work—which happens during most classes—several groups have to go into the hall or look for an empty room to find space to effectively engage with one another. This is typical of other English teachers in my corridor and can be distracting to those of us teaching at the same time. Also, because my room doesn't have air-conditioning, it is difficult for both my students and me to be productive on hot days.

Another challenge we face is finding space for enrichment activities. For example, this month the Independent Shakespeare Company is doing a five-part workshop for the eighth grade, and we don't have a performing arts center or workspace that is big enough for them to conduct this workshop effectively for the entire grade.

We have amazing students, faculty and staff, and what we have been able to accomplish with such limited facilities is impressive. However, new facilities would unleash our potential. Students could focus on their learning and teachers on their practice without barriers.

I sincerely hope that you will support Archer's Campus Plan. Our girls have and will continue to be leaders and do great things in the community.

**Response to Comment No. 184-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 185**

Tom and Patti Garrick
2617 Marlu Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90046

**Comment No. 185-1**

We are writing this letter to make our point of view known and clear about the Archer School for Girls Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan. Our daughter, Caitlin, graduated from Archer in 2007. Our daughter, Sofia will graduate in 2016. We are proud parents of an extraordinary and excellent quality of education for our children. Archer's commitment to developing leadership skills and expertise for girls is unique in LA County and should be supported and nourished.

Toward that end, we ask that you endorse this plan which is crucial to the maintenance and more importantly, the development of this treasured school for girls. The plan will provide more modern classrooms, improve athletic facilities and offer the girls a place and room to grow in an artistic and visual arts environment.

We cannot emphasize how important this plan is to Archer's future. By the same token, we cannot emphasize how important Archer has been to the education of young girls in Los Angeles. We ask for your support and your endorsement.

**Response to Comment No. 185-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 185-2**

Thank you. Our name/address: Tom & Patti Garrick, 2617 Marlu Drive, LA CA 90046.

**Response to Comment No. 185-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 186**

Rita Gattegno-Harkins
rgattegno@verizon.net

**Comment No. 186-1**

I am writing this email to inform you of my grave concerns regarding the Archer Forward Expansion Plan and my great opposition to this plan. I have been a resident of the Sunset Colony since 2004 and have enjoyed the wonders of my beautiful neighborhood. From my balcony, I have a beautiful view of the Archer School's soccer field and enjoy seeing the students play soccer, baseball, etc. Hearing their laughter and excitement during games, graduation, etc., is enjoyable and lovely. Although Archer's events cause congested parking and traffic, it is bearable because the noise factor and congestion is limited and intermittent.

**Response to Comment No. 186-1**

This introductory comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Regarding views of Archer's existing athletic field, as described in Section IV.A, Aesthetics/Visual Quality, Views, Light/Glare, and Shading, of the Draft EIR and summarized in Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, views of the campus from private residences would be maintained and potentially enhanced with a continuation in the openness provided by the athletic field, the removal of the existing west surface parking lot, and the implementation of additional landscaping.

Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 186-2**

However, now with the new proposed expansion, these conditions will greatly change. One that I am most concerned about is the excavation and construction of an underground parking structure directly behind our building ... which is the side I live on, the North side. I am not only distressed about the loss of my privacy, as well as my most beautiful view, I am in trepidation that this structure will vent right into our property. This is extremely meaningful to me as I battle asthma and this construction will definitely impact the quality of my health due to the exhaust emissions of the cars.

**Response to Comment No. 186-2**

Potential view impacts from off-site public vantage points as well as potential view impacts from adjacent residential properties were evaluated in Section IV.A, Aesthetics/ Visual Quality, Views, Light/Glare, and Shading, of the Draft EIR. As discussed therein, the enhanced athletic field would be located above the new underground parking structure, which would be located approximately within the location of the existing athletic field. As described in Topical Response No. 8, Summary of Impacts from Parking Structure, the southern row of parking spaces in the parking structure previously proposed to remain uncovered would be eliminated and replaced with an expanded landscape buffer. Further, the planting area between the southern edge of the underground parking structure and the southern property line would be increased from 7 feet 10 inches to 22 feet to accommodate an expanded landscape buffer that would enhance the views from neighboring apartments to the south. Views of the campus from private residences would be maintained and potentially enhanced with a continuation in the openness provided by the athletic field, the removal of the existing west surface parking lot, and the implementation of additional landscaping.

Refer to Topical Response No. 8, Summary of Impacts from Parking Structure, regarding potential air quality impacts from the underground parking structure. Also refer to Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, for a discussion of Project construction.

**Comment No. 186-3**

The construction noise factor also worries me tremendously. I wish that my days off continue to be peaceful and quiet, not noisy and distressful.

**Response to Comment No. 186-3**

Refer to Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, regarding the construction noise impacts associated with the Project. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 186-4**

Also, the new additional buildings and other facilities will be greatly increasing the number of car trips to the area, which currently is too congested.

**Response to Comment No. 186-4**

Refer to Topical Response No. 7, Potential Traffic Impacts Associated with Proposed Campus Operations, for a detailed discussion of potential traffic impacts associated with proposed campus operations. As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 186-5**

I have lived with the progress and change of our neighborhood since Archer came into the scene (the congestion of parking areas, traffic, noise, etc.) as I am all for progress, but this new Archer development plan will change my living conditions immeasurably, making my present living situation unbearable.

**Response to Comment No. 186-5**

This comment does not raise an issue specific to the Draft EIR and the environmental impacts addressed therein. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 186-6**

The facts make it clear what the negative impact will be to our neighborhood and community. Archer's current plan proposes a massive expansion that will not only increase the size of the campus, but will also increase traffic and set dangerous precedents for other schools that operate with a Conditional Use Permit in a residential area.

**Response to Comment No. 186-6**

As evaluated in Section IV.H, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the proposed buildings would be designed to complement the historic Main Building and respond to and respect the residential scale and character of the surrounding area. As such, the Project would be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and the Brentwood–Pacific Palisades Community Plan regarding conservation of and compatibility with the scale and character of the City's residential neighborhoods. Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood.

As evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, and as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, with implementation of the mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR and Final EIR, all operational Project traffic impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 186-7**

***ARCHER FORWARD* WILL CREATE A TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE**

This expansion will bring thousands of new car trips to our area. The Department of Transportation has stated in the DEIR that the proposed project will create SIGNIFICANT impacts at the following intersections:

- Bundy Drive and Sunset Boulevard
- Saltair Avenue and Sunset Boulevard
- Barrington Avenue and Sunset Boulevard
- Barrington Place and Sunset Boulevard
- Barrington Avenue and Montana Avenue
- Barrington Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard

In addition, the Department of Transportation has found that these impacts CANNOT be physically mitigated. Sunset Boulevard is already gridlocked. Adding more cars will mean even longer driving times and diminished response times for emergency vehicles.

After enduring four years of construction due to the 405-widening project, Archer is now asking Brentwood to endure six more years of construction. And once the project is completed, traffic will be forever altered on Sunset as thousands of cars travel to our neighborhood to attend Archer events.

**Response to Comment No. 186-7**

As discussed in Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, and evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, during operation, the Project

would not result in a significant impact on the 10 nearby neighborhood street segments analyzed in the Draft EIR. As such, operation of the Project would not significantly interfere with emergency access along the surrounding streets. With regard to the study intersections analyzed, as evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, with implementation of the mitigation measures provided in the Draft EIR, all Project traffic impacts on non-event days would be reduced to below a level of significance. The mitigation measures provided in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR would also reduce the Project traffic impacts during the weekday 3:00–4:00 P.M. and Saturday 1:00–2:00 P.M. hours associated with events to below a level of significance. The Draft EIR determined that significant impacts would still remain, however, during the 5:00–6:00 P.M. and 6:00–7:00 P.M. hours associated with events. As discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to fully eliminate the significant traffic impacts of the Project. With implementation of the additional mitigation measures discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, and listed in Section II, Corrections and Additions, of this Final EIR, all potential traffic impacts would be reduced to below a level of significance. Therefore, it is not expected that the Project would consistently increase interference with existing emergency response capacity to the Project area.

As detailed in Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project has been refined to reduce the construction period from six years to five years. As described in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, additional restrictions on School operations are also proposed, including additional limits on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. With these refinements, potential traffic impacts and associated potential impacts to emergency vehicle access would be further reduced.

**Comment No. 186-8**

***ARCHER FORWARD* IS AN ENORMOUS PLAN**

15 years ago The Archer School for Girls chose to move into a residential neighborhood. Extensive negotiations took place that included the Brentwood Homeowners Association (BHA), neighbors and the school, and resulted in a carefully balanced agreement. The City put into place restrictions that balanced residents' rights to the quiet peaceful enjoyment of their homes with the school's ability to successfully operate.

Now Archer proposes a substantial expansion of the school's facilities and operations with no commitment to keep the existing use restrictions in place. If approved, Archer's proposed project would fundamentally alter the character of the neighborhood and place additional burdens on an already overburdened neighborhood.

**Response to Comment No. 186-8**

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval governing campus operations and physical improvements. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

As evaluated in Section IV.H, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the proposed buildings would be designed to complement the historic Main Building and respond to and respect the residential scale and character of the surrounding area. As such, the Project would be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and the Brentwood–Pacific Palisades Community Plan regarding conservation of and compatibility with the scale and character of the City's residential neighborhoods. Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 186-9**

***Archer Forward* Expansion plan includes the following:**

- Doubling the number of special events allowed in its current Conditional Use Permit, which would bring over 20,000 visitors to the campus during the school year;
- Allowing outside rental use of the facilities for weddings and private parties for up to 200 guests, 24 times a year, Monday through Saturday, 8:00am to 10:00pm;
- Adding 30 more days of use with a summer school program;

- Moving the majority of the athletic activities onto campus, thus increasing the number of games and visitors coming into our area during peak traffic periods (3:30pm to 7:00pm);

- Constructing a 96,000 square foot underground parking garage to hold, at capacity, 282 cars, from its current 109 parking spaces;

- Building its project in three phases of construction that will last over six years with large trucks entering and exiting onto Sunset and smaller residential streets from 7:00am to 9:00pm Monday through Friday and Saturdays 8:00am to 6:00pm;

- Extending the school's operational hours to include every Saturday from 7:00am to 6:00pm, which is currently not allowed;

- Hosting extracurricular activities until 10:00pm Monday through Friday, requiring cars to enter and exit the campus onto Sunset Boulevard during peak hours;

- Adding lights to the field, setting a precedent for other private schools in the Brentwood Community Plan area;

- Building two gyms instead of one, setting a precedent for other private schools in the Brentwood Community Plan area;

- Doubling the size of the campus by adding over 80,000 additional square feet;

- Constructing four large scale buildings that could be used at the same time after school 3:30pm to 10:00pm

  - a 41,400 sq ft Multi-Purpose Facility that would include two gyms plus a stage and seating for 600,

  - a 7,400 sq ft Visual Arts Center,

  - a 9,675 sq ft Aquatic Center,

  - a 22,600 sq ft Performing Arts Center with 650 seats, more seats than the Geffen Playhouse, the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts Center and the Broad Stage;

- Tearing down two residences to place over 80,000 square feet of buildings for institutional use right next to residential houses;

- Eliminating substantially all of the critical protections painstakingly negotiated in the school's original Conditional Use Permit (e.g. hours of operation, no lights on the field, limited weekend use, setback of proposed gym) without which Archer

would never have received approval to operate in a quiet residential neighborhood.

**Response to Comment No. 186-9**

This comment describing the various components of the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. The following responses address the specific comments referenced in the comment.

Regarding campus operations, as discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including additional limitations on the hours of operation on Saturday, reducing the number of proposed School Functions, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses.

Regarding traffic, as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project is incorporating additional operational mitigation measures to reduce operational significant traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

Also refer to Section IV.A, Aesthetics/Visual Quality, Views, Light/Glare, and Shading, of the Draft EIR, and Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood. As described therein, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, refinements to the Project are proposed, including a reduction in the square footage of some of the proposed buildings, a reduction in the number of seats within the Performing Arts Center, a reduction in the number of events and athletic activities, and a reduction in the number of parking spaces. Specifically, the Multipurpose Facility would be reduced from approximately 41,400 square feet to 39,300 square feet and the Performing Arts Center would be reduced from 22,600 square feet to 19,025 square feet. With the reduced Performing Arts Center, the maximum seating capacity would be reduced from 650 seats to 395 seats. In addition, the North Wing Renovation would be reduced by approximately 8,671 square feet. A reduction in the number of parking spaces from 212 spaces to 185 spaces, which would be expandable to 251 spaces with attendant assisted parking, is also proposed. To reduce noise to the adjacent uses, the Project has been further refined to fully enclose the proposed Aquatics Center. This refinement would increase the square footage of the Aquatics Center from approximately 2,300 square feet to 9,675 square feet. The Visual Arts Center would

remain at approximately 7,400 square feet. Overall, the Project's net new floor area would be reduced from approximately 75,930 square feet to 68,989 square feet.

Regarding noise, refer to Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, which provides that in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional measures would be implemented to reduce noise associated with campus operations.

Regarding lighting, as discussed in Topical Response No. 2, Removal of Athletic Field Lighting and Refinements to Lighting, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project has been refined to remove the athletic field lighting. With the removal of the athletic field lighting, light and glare impacts from the Project would be reduced.

Regarding construction, refer to Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, regarding the impacts of construction activities and the proposal to reduce the overall construction timeframe for the Project from six years to five years.

Also refer to Topical Response No. 13, Use of Existing Residential Properties, for an analysis of the use of residential properties for school uses. As described therein, school uses are permitted in the RE and R3 zones with a conditional use permit. As further discussed in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval governing campus operations and physical improvements. A CUP is a discretionary approval issued after environmental review and a public process. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

**Comment No. 186-10**

**Residential Neighbors of Archer support a reasonable alternative that would:**

- Increase the current size of the school by adding two new buildings, not four, which includes one gym, and one multi-use building,
- Expand and renovate the campus within the current footprint of the school, thus preserving the two residences and creating a needed buffer between the neighbors and the institutional use of the school,
- Add more landscaping to provide an attractive buffer between the school and residences,

- Increase the set back of the buildings placed adjacent to Chaparal Street,
- Maintain the number of special events and athletic events at the current level,
- Maintain the current condition of no lights on the athletic field,
- Follow the guidelines of the current Conditional Use Permit regarding hours of operation and limits on the use of the facilities at night, on the weekends and for outside use,
- Improve the school's facilities with only one phase of construction.

**Response to Comment No. 186-10**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project. In addition, the Project has been refined to reduce the overall construction timeframe for the Project from six years to five years.

**Comment No. 186-11**

**Please, please honor the commitment to preserve and honor our most beautiful neighborhood so that the Archer School and our community can co-exist peacefully, fairly, friendly and enjoyably in the years to come.**

**Response to Comment No. 186-11**

As evaluated in Section IV.H, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the proposed buildings would be designed to complement the historic Main Building and respond to and respect the residential scale and character of the surrounding area. As such, the Project would be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and the Brentwood–Pacific Palisades Community Plan regarding conservation of and compatibility with the scale and character of the City's residential neighborhoods. Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood.

A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 187**

Clari Gazcon
423 S. Bedford Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90012

**Comment No. 187-1**

As the proud parent of an Archer girl, I fully support the Archer School for Girls' plans to enhance their existing campus facilities through the Archer Forward plan.

The Archer Forward plan encompasses many of the values that are central to the school: a commitment to sustainability and preservation of its historic building, along with new facilities tailored for the performing arts and athletics. Throughout the formation of the plan, the school has sought the input of neighbors and made modifications in order to meet their concerns.

Archer's administration regularly meets with the Brentwood Community Council and hosts meetings with neighbors. Archer provides great benefits to the City by requiring its own student body to participate in community service regularly, by providing scholarships to students and by providing an excellent, 21st-century education for the next generation of female leaders.

The school is dedicated to providing excellent education for girls from across Los Angeles and is committed to being a good and responsible neighbor. I hope that Archer's track record will encourage you to help the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan move quickly through the City review process.

**Response to Comment No. 187-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 188**

Talia Geffen
1940 Malcolm Ave., Apt. 208
Los Angeles, CA 90025

**Comment No. 188-1**

My name is Talia Geffen. I am a Spanish teacher at the Archer School for Girls. This is my fifth year teaching Spanish and my first serving as Department Chair for the Modern and Classical Languages Department. In addition, I am an advisor to our school's Diversity Committee and Hermanas Unidas clubs. I love Archer and I love the work that I do here.

My grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Norman J. Mirman, owned a house in Brentwood, on Canyon View Drive. As lifetime educators, they felt torn about the impact on their community and the benefit an all-girls school in Brentwood would provide. I remember their initial concerns about change and traffic etc. But I also remember their worries dissipating soon after the schools' inception. It didn't negatively impact their lives or their community. If fact, the opposite was true. The school, with its focus on joy and ambition, brought jobs and a commitment to the education of young women to this community. And it brought their granddaughter the opportunity to become a teacher that they would be proud of. Archer does good in this community. We care about fostering collaboration over competition, diversity over homogeneity, compassion over hate, creativity and innovation over the status-quo.

As a Los Angeles girls' school grad myself, I am passionate about working with young women in a place that empowers, challenges, nurtures, guides and gives girls a safe space to find their voices and become tomorrow's leaders. The teaching that goes on here is innovative and collaborative. We are encouraged to take risks and learn alongside our students and are at the forefront of utilizing technology to enhance our classrooms and revolutionizing hands-on, student-centered instruction. While opening my students' eyes to the vast linguistic and cultural diversity of the Spanish speaking world in class, encouraging discussion about stereotypes and treatment of gay and lesbian professional athletes in Diversity Committee, or dancing Bollywood alongside my girls at our annual Dance Concert, I am reminded of how lucky I am to work here. My students and colleagues inspire me everyday and I am proud to be a part of this community.

But, working at Archer is not without its challenges: namely, space and the constraints of outdated buildings and facilities. While our growing Spanish program excites me, concerns of squishing students into already brimming classrooms give me pause. 80 and 90 degree days (becoming ever more frequent due to climate change) in a tiny non-air-conditioned

classroom, filled with 19 7th grade students on a weekday afternoon does not an ideal situation make. Students are lethargic and uncomfortable—the heat often detracting from their ability to engage with and attend to the material. In addition to the heat, the lack of space limits our ability to use movement, skits, round-robin speaking tasks and board work—all essential activities to a language classroom. Furthermore, our ability to host larger presentations and performances (by students and outside guests) is stymied by the fact that there is currently no single space large enough to accommodate our entire student body, faculty and staff. For a school so rich with community and tradition, this poses a huge problem and action is needed. Thankfully, Archer's board agrees and is now proposing a plan to update our facilities and create a space where Archer can fully realize its mission and best prepare our students for the future. Our desires are not extreme: larger classrooms, air conditioning, an auditorium, facilities that allow for our entire community to come together and be inspired by a speaker together at our Diversity Day conference or watch an impassioned performance from the Upper School theater class or cheer on our CIF quarterfinalist soccer team on a *home* field, that actually presides on our schools' grounds.

Please support us in our plans to renovate and add facilities that will help us achieve our mission and make this dream a reality.

**Response to Comment No. 188-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 189**

Lisa M. Gellman
24921 Kit Carson Rd.
Hidden Hills, CA 91302

**Comment No. 189-1**

I am a parent of a current student at the Archer School for Girls. I am writing in support of the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan—a plan that will truly pave the way for the school to provide an excellent 21st century education for the next generation of female leaders.

The school has made a significant impact through its diversity and scholarship programs, commitment to educating girls and maintenance of an important historic building in Brentwood. These are real and tangible benefits to the Los Angeles community.

Archer does a fantastic job of balancing the needs of its students with the needs of the community. Archer is a top school, offering a high quality education to students who go on to contribute to this very community. They have also managed to create transportation and community outreach programs that are models for what schools, both public and private, should be striving for across Los Angeles.

From my experience, I believe that Archer is a committed and conscientious member of the community. As a parent, I am deeply invested in the school's mission and its success, and strongly support Archer Forward.

**Response to Comment No. 189-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 190**

Lisa Gellman
24921 Kit Carson Rd.
Hidden Hills, CA 91302

**Comment No. 190-1**

I am a parent of a current 6th grade student at The Archer School for Girls. I am writing in support of the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan - a plan that I believe will pave the way for a facility that matches the excellent education provided by the School for the next generation of female leaders.

As the only girls' school on the Westside, Archer is an asset to both the Brentwood community and the greater Los Angeles area. The school has made a significant impact through its' diversity and scholarship programs, its' commitment to education young women, and maintaining its' important historic building in Brentwood. I'm sure you will agree that these are very tangible benefits to the Los Angeles community.

Archer does a fantastic job of balancing the needs of its students with the needs of the community. Archer is a top school, offering a high quality education to students who go on to contribute to this very community. They have also managed to create transportation and community outreach programs that are models for what schools, both public and private, should be striving for across Los Angeles.

From my experience, I believe that Archer is a committed and conscientious member of the community. As a parent, I am deeply invested in the school's mission and its success, and strongly support Archer Forward.

**Response to Comment No. 190-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 190-2**

Lisa Gellman
24921 Kit Carson Road
Hidden Hills, CA 91302

Thank you!

**Response to Comment No. 190-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 191**

Ann Gentry
700 Halliday Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 191-1**

I live in the 11th District and my daughter is currently a student at The Archer School for Girls, a school that is at the forefront of the girls-educational movement in Los Angeles. I am writing this letter to show my strong support for the Archer Forward plan.

Archer Forward will allow the school to continue to provide excellent, research-based education that allows girls to succeed in the classroom and beyond. The plan will not increase enrollment and the school plans to continue to enforce its strict traffic management standards, which require all students to use carpools or the school bus to get to campus.

Archer takes an active approach in its integration with the community. The school leadership has met frequently with stakeholder groups in the community in the development of Archer Forward, soliciting feedback and responding to concerns to ensure that it lives up to its commitment to be a responsible neighbor.

Archer is true asset to the neighborhood and to the City of Los Angeles. The School has Worked diligently to create both an enriching educational environment and to comply with their restrictive CUP. Archer Forward will allow the school to deliver on its mission for generations of young female leaders for years to come, and is the result of several years of planning and compromise. I fully support this plan.

**Response to Comment No. 191-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 192**

Frank Gerechter
3646 Mandeville Canyon Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 192-1**

Facing the daily grind of massive traffic jams every day as I weave my way slowly to the 405, I am amazed how selfish and short sighted the folks at Archer school are. The facts are obvious. The road structure, poor design and overuse on Sunset create an unsafe, and poor quality of life issues for the residents ofBrentwood [sic].

Throw in the mix of countless other commuters who are trapped in the hell that is Sunset Blvd. add the traffic and thus the local inhabitants who live near the Archer will face even more difficulty in their lives. Why would the school even consider expanding? The answer is, they do not care and think they can get away with it.

Sunset Blvd has been the only road which leads to the 405 and has been taxed since the other massive project of fixing the 405 has caused this street to get destroyed as construction trucks rolled through it.

I can go through the list of how bad this project is for those who live , [sic] and commute in the Brentwood community. I don't want to bore you with this as you hopefully know what goes on here.

**Response to Comment No. 192-1**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 192-2**

My bottom line is my strong disapproval of the Archer School plans. If the compromise is not to the liking of the Archer School, let them pack up their books and head somewhere else.

**Response to Comment No. 192-2**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision makers for review and consideration. Refer to Topical Response No. 15, Alternative Locations, for a detailed discussion of the analysis of alternative locations for the Project. As described therein, an alternative location would not meet many of the basic Project objectives, particularly those related to improving the existing Archer campus and ensuring the continued preservation of the historic Main Building.

**Comment No. 192-3**

Here is my address:
Frank Gerechter
3646 Mandeville Canyon Road
Los Angeles Ca , 90049

**Response to Comment No. 192-3**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 193**

Christine Germano
728 23rd St.
Santa Monica, CA 90402

**Comment No. 193-1**

Attached is a letter in support of the Archer Forward Plan ENV-2011-2689-EIR. Thank you for providing the community with the opportunity to support this plan, school and community.

**Response to Comment No. 193-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 193-2**

I have a daughter who currently attends the Archer School for Girls and a second daughter who is in the process of applying for admission because the school is at the forefront of the girl's educational movement in Los Angeles. I am writing this letter to show *my strong support* for the *Archer Forward plan*.

This plan will allow the school to continue to provide excellent, research-based education that allows girls to succeed in the classroom and beyond. My understanding is that the proposal will not increase enrollment and the school plans to continue to enforce its strict traffic management standards, which require all students to use carpools or the school bus to get to campus.

The school leadership team has met frequently with stakeholder groups in the community, has solicited feedback, and has also responded to concerns to ensure that it lives up to its commitment to be a responsible neighbor.

At one point, my boss developed the condominiums located at 11767 W Sunset (2 doors West of Archer) and in the past, I spent several years living in the penthouse 5 unit there. Having a strong connection to this residential neighborhood, I can't image a more compatible development than a school that operates primarily during the weekdays. The School has worked diligently to adhere to their restrictive CUP.

Archer Forward will allow the school to deliver on its mission for generations of young female leaders for years to come. Archer is a true asset to the neighborhood and to the City of Los Angeles. I fully support this plan.

**Response to Comment No. 193-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 194**

Ann and Jim Gianopulos
410 N. Carmelina Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 194-1**

I have served on the Board of Trustees at The Archer School for Girls for several years, I live in 90049 and my daughter, Mimi, attended Archer. Without a doubt, Archer has had an immensely positive impact on Mimi, and our family. I am writing to request your support for the Archer Forward project, which will enhance our campus in Brentwood and allow us to provide a 21st century education to the next generation of female leaders.

The Archer School for Girls is a valuable member of the local community. Archer requires its students to complete a number of community service hours each year, and most of these programs directly benefit the local Brentwood community. We provide opportunities for girls to volunteer at Brentwood Green, tutor at Brentwood Science Magnet School, participate in local recycling and conservation efforts (such as the "Save the Coral Trees" campaign), and serve at the Daybreak Women's Shelter. These opportunities teach the students to be active members of the community.

Our commitment to our community has extended to our outreach for Archer Forward. We have been meeting with community stakeholders since January, have maintained an open dialogue, and have made several modifications to Archer Forward at the request of our neighbors. Beyond the stakeholder meetings, we have hosted several "Archer Chats" for our neighbors that offer the opportunity to learn about the plan and ask questions in a casual, small-group setting. Archer's project is the result of many months of planning, modifications, critique and debate. We are proud of what the future holds for our school. The Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan is the most significant improvement that the school has embarked upon since Archer moved to this location 15 years ago. We intend to uphold our reputation of being a good neighbor in the community and will continue conversations with our neighbors throughout the public review process. I hope we can count on your support for the plan.

**Response to Comment No. 194-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 194-2**

Thank you so much for your reply! I greatly appreciate it.

My USPS mailing address is:

Ann and Jim Gianopulos
410 North Carmelina Avenue
Los Angeles, 90049

**Response to Comment No. 194-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 195**

Mimi Gianopulos
4604 Los Feliz BIvd., No. 209
Los Angeles, CA 90027

**Comment No. 195-1**

I am a 2007 graduate of The Archer School For Girls, and a 2011 graduate of the Carnegie Mellon School of Drama, and I am writing to offer my support of the Archer Campus Plan. Archer not only prepared me for the rigorous hours of a conservatory program with only a handful of other students, it gave me the confidence and ambition to get there in the first place.

As a community, Archer is unbelievably nurturing, while also pushing it's [sic] students to be the best they can be. I am still so grateful for my time there, namely because I believe that the good fortune I've had professionally since can be attributed to the person that Archer believed I could become. That belief in the potential of it's [sic] students, and the tools to get there, are what makes Archer so special.

As an actor, I had always hoped Archer would build a performing arts center worthy of what we knew we could achieve. As much as Archer pushed me to be better, stronger, wiser, more prepared, I wished I had more of a facility to do that. We've outgrown our space, and in order to fully realize the Archer vision, we need more of it.

I support the Archer plan and hope that you will believe in the power of what Archer is, and grant them the space to make many more girls feel the way I do. Grateful, thankful, and most of all, proud now and always, to be an Archer girl.

**Response to Comment No. 195-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 195-2**

Mimi Gianopulos
4604 Los Feliz BIvd #209
Los Angeles, CA 90027

**Response to Comment No. 195-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 196**

Cushman Gillen

**Comment No. 196-1**

I currently teach 6th grade science, 7th and 9th grade fitness, and coach the swim team at The Archer School for Girls in Brentwood. I come from the East Coast and am extremely grateful to have found a teaching and learning environment that both foster student's [sic] achievements and teacher professionalism to such a high degree. This is truly a one of a kind establishment. I have now taught at Archer for five years and over that time it has become increasingly clear there is a need for major structural renovations to the campus. I'm reminded of this on a daily basis whether its [sic] in my science classroom that has no heat or air conditioning, being scorched by the sun while teaching fitness on our outdoor playing court, or struggling through traffic to attend swim practice at UCLA. The Archer Forward plan will allow the school to provide an even better education for students, by adding modern classrooms, a regulation-size athletic field, a gymnasium and spaces for swim and performing and visual arts. The plan embodies the essentials that nearly every other independent *and* public school has in Los Angeles. I'm asking for the City to support this development plan in order to foster and continue the great learning, teaching, and growing that takes place at the Archer School for Girls.

**Response to Comment No. 196-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 197**

Ingrid B. Girod
560 Warner Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 197-1**

As a parent of a student at the Archer School for Girls, I am writing to you in support of the Archer Forward plan.

Archer Forward is a necessary next step in the improvement of our campus, providing crucial academic, arts and athletic facilities, while moving parking to an underground garage to reduce noise and traffic in the neighborhood. Currently, students have to use offsite facilities for arts and athletics programs, and it would be extremely beneficial for the school and the community alike if Archer was able to provide these opportunities on campus.

As times change, schools must change as well—Archer uses the same facilities that it had when it moved to its current location in 1998. The school prides itself on providing an education that allows girls to learn in a style tailored for them, yet many classrooms are cramped and outdated, and the school itself lacks key athletic and arts facilities. There's not even a place on campus for the entire student body and teachers to gather together. This plan will change all that, and not to the detriment of the neighborhood.

I believe that this plan, which has been reviewed by community leaders and neighbors for many months, is both a good balance for the neighborhood and the school. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 197-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 198**

Beth Gold

**Comment No. 198-1**

I am a history teacher at The Archer School for Girls and am writing to urge you to help us move Archer into the 21st Century. I have taught at Archer for 7 years and although I love my job, my students, and my community, my work here has been restricted in a number of areas. For instance, I teach on the second floor and have no air conditioning. There are many days a year when the temperature in my classroom gets into the 90s. My students and I have a very difficult time concentrating in such extreme heat and there is valuable learning time lost.

In addition, I am faculty advisor to our Diversity Club on campus. We would like to be able to host many more activities for community members, but we are constantly constricted by space limitations. Currently, we have no space large enough for all school gatherings except in our courtyard. While this is a spectacularly beautiful spot, weather conditions, set-up time and sun location make this less than ideal on most occasions. When we do have speakers on campus, we have to divide up our student body and juggle schedules to allow for multiple presentations in multiple locations. I firmly believe that schools that can gather together as one community are more cohesive and united in their mission and identity. I have worked at several other independent schools in Los Angeles. All the other schools have gyms, multi-purpose centers, auditoriums or other places for whole school gatherings. I feel it would greatly enhance Archer's mission to be able to assemble in one location and have students from all grade levels share experiences together.

I hope that the city will help Archer acquire the facilities, improvements and amenities that are considered routine and necessary at other schools in Los Angeles. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

**Response to Comment No. 198-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 199**

Aya Kimura Goldberg
242 S. Westgate Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 199-1**

For the past 15 years, the Archer School for Girls has been a valuable and responsible member of the Brentwood community. As a parent of an Archer student and someone who lives in Council District 11, I believe that the school is an extremely valuable resource to Los Angeles. I am writing this letter in support of Archer Forward, the school's improvement plan.

Archer's student body includes girls from a wide range of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds: approximately 36% of Archer students come from minority backgrounds, and Archer students currently reside in 92 zip codes throughout Los Angeles County. And Archer offers more than a traditional, girl-centric learning environment—the school equally prepares young women for leadership in a global world.

This plan embodies the essentials that nearly every other independent and public school has in Los Angeles, including gymnasiums, performing arts and visual arts facilities, regulation sized athletic fields and aquatic centers. Currently, the school spends significant resources renting offsite facilities for practices, games and performances, and lacks gathering spaces for the entire student body.

Archer believes that this is the most effective plan to meet the needs of the school and to offer a competitive array of opportunities for future students. I am proud to enroll my daughter at The Archer School for Girls because not only is she receiving a world-class education, but also because the school is committed to doing its job well. Please help move the Archer Forward plan forward quickly. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 199-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 200**

Earl Goldberg
242 S. Westgate Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 200-1**

I live in Council District 11 and my daughter is currently a student at The Archer School for Girls, and I am writing in support of Archer's Campus Preservation and Improvement plan, Archer Forward.

The Archer Forward plan will allow the school to provide an even better education for Archer students, by adding modern classrooms, a regulation-size athletic field, a gymnasium and spaces for swim and performing and visual arts. And Archer students are actively involved in the community: they volunteer at Brentwood Green, tutor students at Brentwood Science Magnet School, participate in local recycling and conservation efforts, volunteer at Daybreak Women's Shelter and more.

Archer has a great track record as a responsible neighbor in the community. For example, much time and energy has been poured into the school's traffic control system. Every parent is well versed in parking and driving restrictions in the area during school hours, and we know that if we do not follow the rules there will be swift consequences. This is done out of Archer's high level of consideration and respect for its neighbors, who don't like sitting in traffic any more than I do.

I believe that the Archer School for Girls is a valuable and upstanding member of the local community, and has done everything in its power to ensure that this plan presents every benefit possible to its neighbors. I hope you'll help move this project quickly through the city's process.

**Response to Comment No. 200-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 201**

Earl Goldberg
242 S. Westgate Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 201-1**

Please put me on the mailing list for any information concerning the above.

Earl Goldberg
242 S. Westgate Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Response to Comment No. 201-1**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 202**

Earl and Aya Goldberg
242 S. Westgate Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 202-1**

We support The Archer School "Preservation & Improvement Plan." We have lived at 242 South Westgate Ave for 35 years and have a daughter who is currently attending Archer.

Because of our relationship with the school, we are very aware of its educational needs for now and the future. We are also know how hard the school is working with all the neighbors to mitigate many of their concerns.

The school has been an excellent neighbor to the Brentwood community and is conducting their negotiations with all concerned with honesty and transparency.

Last Saturday, we received a Hand-Bill in our Mailbox from:

www.archerneighbors.com

This Hand-Bill was not mailed, and it was illegally placed in mail boxes throughout the neighborhood. We have since notified the post office.

Most disturbing about this Hand-Bill was the gross misinformation it contained. Many of the statements are exaggerations and falsehoods.

The point here is that you will receive e-mails from the community based on the inaccuracies presented by www.archerneighbors.com. Please kindly consider the sources of these e-mails when doing the tallying.

**Response to Comment No. 202-1**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment No. 202-2**

Thank you so much for the information.

Our address is 242 South Westgate Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Response to Comment No. 202-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 203**

Mark Gordon
mg@mgpics.com

**Comment No. 203-1**

I have served on the Board of Trustees at Archer for several years and I believe that one of the leading independent schools in Los Angeles deserves a campus and facilities that reflect its commitment to excellence. I hope you'll join us in support of Archer Forward.

Archer has been committed to the Brentwood community and we have a long history of being a great neighbor. Special events are very carefully orchestrated so that there are no lines to get into the school from neighborhood streets. Furthermore, parking on neighborhood streets is forbidden. Additionally, when events are large enough, parking is coordinated on offsite lots. Archer is strongly committed to following these requirements in its Conditional Use Permit and parents and students are continually reminded of the rules.

We have held ourselves to an even higher standard in preparation for the public process for Archer Forward. In the past year, we have held several "Archer Chats" to allow our neighbors to become more familiar with the plan in a small group setting. These meetings give the neighbors an opportunity to ask any questions they may have and participate in open and honest dialogue. We have had an extensive process of sharing information with a stakeholder group and have revised many aspects of the plan at their request.

I believe that this plan demonstrates the highest level of transparency, goodwill and community spirit. We hope to have your support for this plan as we move through the public review process.

**Response to Comment No. 203-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 204**

Marsi Gore
3314 Van Allen Pl.
Topanga, CA 90290

**Comment No. 204-1**

Please see attached letter in support for Archer Forward.

**Response to Comment No. 204-1**

This introductory comment indication support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 204-2**

As a current Archer School for Girls parent I fully support the Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan. Archer School for Girls lives up to its mission that it empowers girls and provides them with a 21st century education. As a result, the girls who are matriculating will be making significant contributions to the future. With modem, cutting edge facilities, Archer will be an even more remarkable school.

In spite of a lack of athletic facilities, Archer still has many student athletes and is competitive in their league. If the facilities were on campus, this would make being part of a sports team even more accessible to all students.

Modem facilities are key to attracting students and teachers to Archer and also to providing rigorous classes to prepare students for 21st century demands. In a short period of time, Archer School for Girls has proven to be a respected girls school. It's vital to continue the growth of this gem of a school by allowing this Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan.

Thank you for approving this project.

**Response to Comment No. 204-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 204-3**

My address is: 3314 Van Allen Place, Topanga, CA 90290

**Response to Comment No. 204-3**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 205**

Pei-Ying Gosselin
646 S. Barrington Ave., #114
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 205-1**

I am a Chinese teacher at Archer and I think this is a very special school. Although this school has a beautiful historical campus, it does not have enough space for students to exercise, study, or practice the arts. The Archer Forward Plan will provide students with adequate space to meet those needs.

Right now, because of the limited space, students have to learn in small classrooms. It is also difficult when the weather is hot because there is no air conditioning. This makes it difficult for students to learn. If the Archer Forward Plan is approved, the students will have more space to learn. They will also be able to concentrate on their studies rather than being distracted by the hot weather.

Our school will not increase its enrollment. Instead, this plan will benefit the community by reducing noise from the current parking lot and providing excellent education for middle and high school students. I would like to request that the City support the Archer Forward Plan.

**Response to Comment No. 205-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 206**

Demetress Graham
demetress.graham@tetratech.com

**Comment No. 206-1**

I am writing this letter in support of the Archer Forward Plan. As the parent of a sixth grader, I am excited that Archer's Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan is currently moving through the Draft EIR Phase. That gives me hope that one day soon, my daughter will have the opportunity to experience Archer's campus in its 21st century state.

Words cannot truly express why Archer School for Girls is the greatest school on earth. I did not consider sending my daughter to an all-girls school until I walked into the doors of Archer for the interview; it took my breath away, I felt welcomed, the staff was wonderful and I was impressed with the girls love for their school. I knew that this was the type of environment where I wanted my daughter to spend her years growing and learning. Now Archer is my daughter's home away from home. It is the place that will nurture her spirit, provide her with a quality education and mold her into an adult woman who will make significant contributions to this world. In my opinion, there is no other public or independent school that can provide my daughter with the level of confidence, high self-esteem and grit that is required to succeed than The Archer School for Girls.

In order for The Archer School for Girls to continue its legacy of educating the best women, it must move into the 21st century. As the parents of a student/athlete, in researching middle and high schools, not only did we chose [sic] Archer for its high academic standards, we wanted our daughter to continue excelling in her athletes [sic]. It is important for all the girls to benefit from modern classrooms, and equally important that they also have adequate athletic facilities where they can train and practice. Providing on campus regulated facilities would allow the girls to compete with all the other schools and have home games. It is also necessary for the addition of a dedicated Performing Arts Center for the girls to learn and practice as well as the surrounding community enjoyment. The Archer Forward plan would provide essential, contemporary facilities that the girls need and deserve; in addition to alleviating off campus parking issues. Moving Archer Forward is a win, win for both the school and the community.

As the parents of an Archer girl, thank you in advance for supporting our plans to provide our wonderful girls with better classrooms for the best learning environment and facilities so that, a great school can offer the best to our future leaders of tomorrow.

**Response to Comment No. 206-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 207**

Caroline Grainge
carolinejgrainge@gmail.com

**Comment No. 207-1**

It is with great pride to share with you that I am a longtime member of the Board of Trustees at The Archer School for Girls. My daughter began her life at Archer in 6th grade, 4 years ago. I have watched her and her friends blossom into young women who play an integral part of this community. These well educated young women are learning the full array of Academic and Vocational subjects and are a credit to their educators and community. They respect their environment and are sensitive to Archer's neighbors and friends.

I believe, every successful fee paying school in LA has been given the opportunity by the City to realize their full potential by being allowed to improve their facilities. Improvements are an integral part of continuing motivation, learning and success in all areas of education and business and Archer is growing rapidly in achievements with few facilities compared to our neighboring schools. Archer needs to improve and refurbish their building and space to adequately improve their learning environment.

Archer is teaching SCIENCES, TECHNOLOGY, MATH, LANGUAGES, SPORTS, THE ARTS and MUSIC in a building with inadequate space for the facilities they deserve. For many months Archer has been working on a new Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan to provide 21st century facilities for our students. As we enter into a new phase of the public review, I am writing to ask for your help and support for our plan. My husband Lucian Grainge who is Chairman and CEO of the Global Universal Music Group and myself totally support The Archer improvements and look forward to a well deserved and essential recognition for its improvements.

Archer abides very strictly to its Conditional Use Permit (which was informed by the concerns and needs of our neighbors) and trains its students to be responsible and active contributors to the community. Our girls participate in a variety of volunteer community service projects throughout Los Angeles and are constantly reminded of the importance of giving back to the community. All Archer students are required to fulfill a certain number of service hours each year and participate in local community service activities. From volunteering at Daybreak Women's Shelter to raising money for local hunger organizations, and even to picking up trash on San Vicente, Archer girls know the importance of giving back.

We value the good relationships we have developed with our neighbors over the last decade. We intend to preserve and enhance those relationships as we improve our campus in a way that is right for our community. This includes new onsite facilities for academics, the arts, sports and school-wide gatherings, as well as an underground parking garage. We will also continue to comply with our robust traffic management program.

I hope that our track record proves our willingness to collaborate and compromise, and we intend to pursue every opportunity to gain approval from our neighbors as we move further into the review process. We hope that you will join us in support for Archer Forward.

I am writing to ask for your help and support for our plan.

**Response to Comment No. 207-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 208**

Lucian Grainge
Chairman and CEO
Universal Music Group
2220 Colorado Ave.
Santa Monica, CA 90404

**Comment No. 208-1**

I am writing today to express my strong support for Archer's Campus Plan. As a proud Archer parent, I am well aware that the school is committed to being a good neighbor in Brentwood. I also know that the Archer Forward plan will create a beautiful, 21st century environment in which to educate the girls of Los Angeles. Once built, the campus will be an architectural gem in the center of Brentwood, and I hope that the city will support Archer by moving this plan quickly through the review process.

The Archer Forward plan is critical for Archer to remain competitive among independent schools. Arts and athletics are a fundamental part of the middle school and high school experience, but without adequate facilities it is difficult for Archer to fully support its students. As someone who has devoted his life to music, I am pleased that Archer currently has more than 120 girls participating in orchestra, choir, a cappella, and rock band. In addition to performing, students also learn about composition, music theory, sound design and the art and business of music making. Unfortunately, Archer currently does not have adequate practice or performance space for music. The Archer Forward plan calls for a performing arts center that will include a full stage as well as rehearsal rooms that are optimized for sound. Simply put, these facilities are necessary to support the needs of future female musicians, performers, and producers.

I hope that the Planning Department, along with Council member Bonin, will work with Archer to move this plan forward in the city review process. Thank you for your consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 208-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 209**

Robert A. Greenfield
455 N. Barrington Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 209-1**

I reside at 455 N. Barrington Avenue in Brentwood, approximately one-half mile north of Sunset, and just a few blocks away from the Archer School for Girls. I am a member of the Steering Committee of the Residential Neighbors of Archer (the "RNA"). The RNA is composed of many of the homeowners who reside in close proximity to Archer.

My wife Bobbie and I have lived at our home in Brentwood since 1984. I am an attorney practicing law in Century City and will be retiring from my law firm on May 1 of this year. My wife is a former art gallery owner who sold her business and retired a few years ago. We both were born in Los Angeles, having gone to public schools on the Westside. We both attended and graduated from UCLA.

**Response to Comment No. 209-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 209-2**

I am writing to say that I am opposed to Archer's proposed project, *Archer Forward: Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan*. The size of Archer's proposed expansion in a residential neighborhood, the intensification of use of the school and its new facilities and the resulting increase in traffic from this use on an already over burdened area will adversely affect our local community as well the community at large. Specifically, I am concerned about the traffic.

**Response to Comment No. 209-2**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 209-3**

Adding more cars to the already congested Sunset Boulevard is not acceptable and traffic will only get worse in an area where streets are gridlocked. LA Department of Transportation (LADOT) states in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (the "DEIR") that the proposed project will create significant impacts at six intersections (including Barrington Avenue and Sunset Boulevard and Saltair Avenue and Sunset Boulevard) that cannot be physically mitigated. The LADOT goes on to say that even with the proposed mitigation measures, should the Project be built out, the impact at these intersections during various event-day scenarios will remain significant and unavoidable. This leads to the following questions or comments:

**Response to Comment No. 209-3**

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 209-4**

1. How will LADOT's recommendations alleviate traffic impacts when they state that even with mitigation the impact will be significant and unavoidable?

2. How can any new car trips be justified when LADOT concludes that the improvements proposed by Archer under Voluntary Improvements are not expected to mitigate the significant traffic impacts at any of the six impacted intersections mentioned in the report?

**Response to Comment No. 209-4**

Refer to Response to Comment No. 209-3.

**Comment No. 209-5**

3. Archer's Traffic Study was based on an assumption that the "traffic volume on each street segment [will be reduced] by 50 percent to reflect a conservative approximation of traffic conditions once construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project is complete." On what is this ridiculous assertion based? This assumption taints the entire Archer Traffic Study.

**Response to Comment No. 209-5**

As described in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking of the Draft EIR, the City of Los Angeles CEQA Thresholds Guide identifies significance thresholds with regard to neighborhood intrusion impacts based on the increase in project trips on a local residential street. The Project's analysis of the street segments was based on twenty-four hour machine counts conducted on the 10 analyzed street segments in November 2011 and March 2012.

Construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has temporarily increased congestion along certain residential streets in the study area, which has resulted in inflated traffic volumes on some streets due to motorists avoiding Sunset Boulevard. It is expected, however, that completion of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project will cause the number of cars on these streets to reduce as drivers return to their original routes. To be conservative, and to reflect the conditions at the time the Project will operate and potentially be under construction, the Draft EIR also includes a refined analysis of street segments. The refined analysis reduces the daily traffic volume on each street segment by 50 percent to reflect a conservative approximation of traffic conditions once construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project is complete. Applying a uniform 50-percent reduction is conservative, because not all neighborhood streets are affected to the same degree.

Due to the nature of the City of Los Angeles' criteria for determining significance of impacts on neighborhood streets, assuming that the cut-through traffic will decline actually presents a worst-case assumption in terms of the potential for significant Project traffic impacts on neighborhood streets. Under the City of Los Angeles guidelines, a project impact on a local residential street would be considered significant if the projected increase in daily traffic volumes is as follows:

| Final ADT (ADT with Project) | Project-Related Increase in Traffic |
|---|---|
| 0 to 999 | 120 or more |
| 1,000 to 1,999 | 12% or more of final ADT |
| 2,000 to 2,999 | 10% or more of final ADT |
| 3,000 or more | 8% or more of final ADT |

The addition of project traffic yields a lower percent increase when the background traffic volume on a street is higher and yields a higher percent increase when the background traffic volume is lower. Since the significance criteria is percentage based, the lower the background traffic volume (and thus the higher the project's percent increase), the greater the potential for finding a significant impact. Thus, this method was considered conservative because it would produce the highest percentage of project incremental impact compared to baseline conditions.

Further, the neighborhood street impact analysis in the Draft EIR included two different analyses: one assuming the decline in background traffic volumes and one not assuming the decline in background traffic volumes.

**Comment No. 209-6**

4. Archer's Traffic Study is also based on a continual reference to the "CMP arterial monitoring station closest to the Project Site (Wilshire Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard)." What possible significance could monitoring that far away from Archer have on a determination of additional trips caused by Archer's expansion at Barrington Avenue and Sunset Boulevard and at Saltair Avenue and Sunset Boulevard? This continual reference further taints the entire Archer Traffic Study.

**Response to Comment No. 209-6**

The Traffic Analysis Report is not based on the CMP arterial monitoring station closest to the Project Site (Wilshire Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard). As set forth in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, the Congestion Management Program (CMP) is a State-mandated program enacted by the state legislature to address the increasing concern that urban congestion is affecting the economic vitality of the State and diminishing the quality of life in some communities. The CMP requires that a Traffic Impact Analysis be performed for all CMP arterial monitoring intersections where a project would add 50 or more trips during either the morning or afternoon weekday peak hours. The analysis of potential impacts to the CMP arterial stations was performed in accordance with the Traffic Impact Analysis guidelines referenced in the CMP. The CMP arterial

monitoring station closest to the Project Site is Wilshire Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard. Based on the Project trip generation and trip distribution patterns previously described, the Project is expected to add approximately 7 trips in the A.M. peak hour and 13 trips in the P.M. peak hour along this intersection. Therefore, the Project would not add more than 50 vehicle trips during the A.M. and P.M. peak hours at the CMP arterial monitoring station nearest to the Project Site. Thus, no further analysis is required under the CMP criteria.

This CMP analysis is not the basis for the DEIR traffic analysis, however. The primary focus of the DEIR traffic analysis is the study intersections in the Brentwood area, including the Sunset Boulevard & Barrington Avenue and Sunset Boulevard & Saltair Avenue intersections mentioned in the comment.

**Comment No. 209-7**

5. How will Archer prevent cars from turning right out of the parking garage onto neighboring side streets during peak hours when cars cannot go east on Sunset because of traffic? Chaparal and Barrington are already over-burdened with cut-through traffic from cars avoiding Sunset during peak hours. How will 212 cars (or 282 cars assuming the parking garage is at capacity) leaving the school from after school events and school functions affect the traffic on these streets?

**Response to Comment No. 209-7**

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange refinements. The surrounding streets saw an increase in cut-through traffic as motorists attempted to avoid the increased congestion along Sunset Boulevard during the construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project. With improvement in conditions along Sunset Boulevard, this cut-through traffic is expected to reduce. As described in Topical Response No. 7, Potential Traffic Impacts Associated with Proposed Campus Operations, based on field observations and a license plate matching survey, few vehicles exiting Archer are anticipated to cut through Chaparal Street. Although the Draft EIR determined that Project operational impacts on neighborhood streets would be less than significant, pursuant to Project Design Feature K-5, the Project Applicant would coordinate with the City of Los Angeles and neighborhood residents to provide up to $15,000 toward the development and implementation of a traffic calming plan for Chaparal Street between Saltair Avenue and Barrington Avenue to minimize cut-through traffic on this street.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 3, Overview of Reduced Parking Spaces, Parking Demand and Supply, and Parking Enforcement, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the underground parking structure is proposed to be reduced.

**Comment No. 209-8**

6. Hosting extracurricular activities until 10:00pm Monday through Friday will require cars to enter and exit the campus onto Sunset Boulevard during peak hours adding to traffic.

**Response to Comment No. 209-8**

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

The additional mitigation measures in the Final EIR limit the total number of vehicles that can arrive at the site for events (whether a single event or simultaneous events) to levels that would not generate significant traffic impacts.

**Comment No. 209-9**

7. Adding more cars will mean even longer driving times and diminished response times for emergency vehicles. What will the impact be of 282 additional cars (assuming the parking garage is at capacity) leaving the school at the same time as the horseshoe of homes North of Sunset (and bordered by Saltair Avenue on the west and Barrington Avenue on the east) if an emergency evacuation is required, such as one caused by a fire or an earthquake?

**Response to Comment No. 209-9**

Refer to Section IV.J.1, Public Services—Fire Protection, and Section IV.J.2, Public Services—Police Protection, of the Draft EIR and Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, regarding emergency vehicle access.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 3, Overview of Reduced Parking Spaces, Parking Demand and Supply, and Parking Enforcement, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the underground parking structure is proposed to be reduced. The reduced garage will provide 185 parking spaces expandable to 251 with attendants. The only time the garage would be full and, thus, result in a situation where 251 vehicles might depart

during the same hour, would be following an occasional large evening or weekend event, and the departure times from these events would not be during peak periods of traffic on Sunset Boulevard. A lesser number of vehicles would be present in the garage on a typical school day and with the majority of Interscholastic Athletic Competitions and School Functions. As described in Topical Response No. 3, Overview of Reduced Parking Spaces, Parking Demand, and Parking Enforcement, the estimated peak parking demand for non-event school days assuming 70 percent of students use the fixed-route bus service is 143 parking spaces and the estimated peak parking demand on weekdays with an Interscholastic Athletic Competition or School Function is estimated as 105 parking spaces at 4:00 P.M. and 148 parking spaces at 7:00 P.M.

**Comment No. 209-10**

8. Simultaneous use of the five buildings on campus will result in more cars coming to the campus not only at peak hours but also at night and on the weekends, thus extending the traffic later in the day and into the weekends.

**Response to Comment No. 209-10**

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance. These additional mitigation measures limit the total number of vehicles that can arrive at the site for events (whether a single event or simultaneous events) to levels that would not generate significant traffic impacts.

**Comment No. 209-11**

9. Traffic will increase from Archer's significant increase in use as the school holds events for more than 40,000 visitors over the course of the year.

10. Constructing a 96,000 square foot underground parking garage to hold, at capacity, 282 cars, from its current 109 parking spaces, will add to the traffic as over 200 cars enter and exit throughout the day 7:00am arrival for faculty and student carpools, 3:00pm departure for faculty and student carpools; 3:30pm to 10:00pm arrivals and departures for activities held after school hours.

**Response to Comment No. 209-11**

Refer to Response to Comment No. 209-10.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 3, Overview of Reduced Parking Spaces, Parking Demand and Supply, and Parking Enforcement, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the underground parking structure is proposed to be reduced.

**Comment No. 209-12**

11. What will the Chaparal Street Traffic Calming Plan consist of? How effective will it be? Will it be approved by LADOT and/or the City of Los Angeles?

**Response to Comment No. 209-12**

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange refinements. The surrounding streets saw an increase in cut-through traffic as motorists attempted to avoid the increased congestion along Sunset Boulevard during the construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project. With improvement in conditions along Sunset Boulevard, this cut-through traffic is expected to reduce. Although the Draft EIR determined that Project operational impacts on neighborhood streets would be less than significant, pursuant to Project Design Feature K-5, the Project Applicant would coordinate with the City of Los Angeles and neighborhood residents to provide up to $15,000 toward the development and implementation of a traffic calming plan for Chaparal Street between Saltair Avenue and Barrington Avenue to minimize cut-through traffic on this street. The elements of the traffic calming plan are not yet known. While the elements will be determined as part of the study, potential measures that could be investigated could include (but are not limited to) turn prohibitions, curb bulb-outs, partial closures, chicanes, speed cushions, etc. The effectiveness of the plan will depend on the types of measures that are ultimately included in the plan. The traffic calming plan will require approval by LADOT.

**Comment No. 209-13**

12. Will Mitigation Measure K-3 (the Saltair Avenue and Sunset Boulevard Modifications) be effective and will it be approved by LADOT? Will the adjacent landowner consent to the Measure?

**Response to Comment No. 209-13**

As discussed in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, Mitigation Measure K-3 proposed physical improvements at the intersection of Saltair Avenue & Sunset Boulevard. Section VI, Other CEQA Considerations, of the Draft EIR

discussed the secondary impact of Mitigation Measure K-3. As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance. Specifically, with implementation of Mitigation Measure K-2, Mitigation K-3 providing the physical improvements at the intersection of Saltair Avenue and Sunset Boulevard would no longer be required and has been removed from the Project.

**Comment No. 209-14**

13. Will Project Design Feature K-2 (No right-turn-on-red restriction) at the corner of northbound Barrington Avenue at Sunset Boulevard be effective and will it be approved by LADOT?

**Response to Comment No. 209-14**

As discussed in Section IV.K., Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, Project Design Feature K-2 provides that the Project Applicant would coordinate with LADOT to obtain approval for, and fund LADOT installation of a "no right turn on red" turn restriction on the northbound approach of Barrington Avenue at Sunset Boulevard to facilitate eastbound through traffic along Sunset Boulevard and southbound traffic making a left turn to head eastbound on Sunset Boulevard. This improvement is listed in the LADOT Traffic Assessment for the Project included in Appendix P.2 of the DEIR. The measure was identified to improve eastbound flow of traffic along Sunset Boulevard. Under current conditions, the vehicles traveling northbound on Barrington Avenue and approaching the intersection at Sunset Boulevard are able to stop and turn right on red. During peak periods of traffic congestion, especially during the afternoon peak hour, the vehicles turning right on red often take up any available storage in the eastbound departure lanes. This impedes the flow of vehicles traveling eastbound along Sunset Boulevard, as fewer vehicles are able to move on the green signal. With the proposed improvement prohibiting right turns on red from northbound Barrington Avenue onto eastbound Sunset Boulevard, more eastbound vehicles will be able to traverse the intersection each signal cycle. Actual implementation of this Project Design Feature is subject to final approval by LADOT.

**Comment No. 209-15**

14. If Archer increases their enrollment to the maximum of 518, how many new buses will be added? How will increasing the busing requirement from 50% to 70% alleviate traffic impacts? Archer states that they are currently busing close to 80% of their current 450 enrollment.

**Response to Comment No. 209-15**

As set forth in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking of the Draft EIR, Archer operates the eight school bus routes that exclusively serve Archer students during the morning peak hour (7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.), school dismissal (3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.), and after-school activity or event completion (5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.). It is not anticipated that the School will need to add new buses to accommodate the maximum enrollment of 518 with 70 percent of students utilizing busing.

The traffic impacts identified in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR associated with the maximum enrollment of 518 are overestimated. This is because the existing and baseline conditions against which Project traffic increases are estimated assume that approximately 85 percent of the students used the school bus (meaning less trips generated). The future traffic projections assume that 50 percent of the students use the school bus, which is the percentage of students required to take the bus in the existing CUP (meaning more trips generated).

The Draft EIR's use of the 85 percent existing busing level for the baseline means that less Archer students were assumed to arrive by automobile in the Project baseline (this was validated by traffic counts taken at the Archer driveways in late 2011). The Draft EIR's use of the 50-percent busing requirement in the CUP for the future with Project impact analysis means that more Archer students were assumed in the impact analysis to arrive by automobile than at present. Thus, assuming the CUP-required 50 percent for the Future With Project analysis instead of continuation of the baseline 85 percent resulted in a larger increase in Project-generated trips and a greater level of Project impacts than would otherwise have been reported.

The Draft EIR determined that increasing the percentage of students required to take the bus to 70 percent would mitigate impacts associated with non-event school day use. Refer to Mitigation Measure K-1 in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR.

**Comment No. 209-16**

15. Will the increase in arrival and departures from Archer's expanded athletic program and school functions not only increase drive time during the peak hours but also serve to extend peak hours of traffic during the week and on the weekend?

**Response to Comment No. 209-16**

Because the project includes events that may take place outside of regular peak traffic hours, the traffic analysis was conducted not only for the typical A.M. and P.M. peak hours of traffic, but also for the 3:00–4:00 P.M. after-school hour, 6:00–7:00 P.M. hour preceding evening events, and Saturday 1:00–2:00 P.M. hour. Project impacts during these non-peak hours were determined to be less than significant, meaning that the Project would not be extending the peak hours of traffic during the week or on weekends.

Vehicles departing from evening events would depart in the late evening hours (typically after 9:00 P.M.), when traffic volumes are substantially lower on the surrounding streets. Although LADOT typically only requires analysis of standard commute peak hours; to be conservative, the Draft EIR analyzed additional hours representing periods with higher background street traffic during which the Project could generate new trips consistent with the proposed hours and operations. LADOT does not require analysis of departure hours in the late evening when background street traffic is lower and, thus, no impacts are anticipated.

**Comment No. 209-17**

16. How can Archer enforce only 72 cars arriving and departing during certain hours during peak traffic time during the week and 244 during one hour on Saturday? Given the nature of traffic in LA, how can one arrive during a specific time?

**Response to Comment No. 209-17**

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance. Implementation of the Mitigation Measure K-2 would limit the number of vehicles that arrive such that significant traffic impacts would not occur. As discussed in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, as part of Project Design Feature K-1, the Project shall include implementation of a comprehensive Traffic Management Program. To ensure implementation of the Traffic Management Program, the School shall continue to inform parents, students, faculty, and staff in writing on an annual basis of all rules regulating School traffic and parking. The School shall maintain a progressive disciplinary system of enforcement to ensure compliance with the Traffic Management Program. In addition, pursuant to Project Design Feature K-7, Archer will develop an Event Parking and Transportation Management Plan, which shall include appropriate tools to manage and control traffic and parking so that impacts to the surrounding areas are minimized.

**Comment No. 209-18**

17. What will the effect be on traffic from the 30 days of summer school as well as the 48 days of proposed outside use of the facilities?

**Response to Comment No. 209-18**

As part of the Project, summer academic and camp programs are proposed to occur for up to six weeks when the academic year is not in session between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. As described in Topical Response No. 7, Potential Traffic Impacts Associated with Proposed Campus Operations, all participants in the summer programs would arrive and depart on buses. There would be no parent drop-offs or pick-ups allowed at Archer or in the surrounding neighborhood. Trip generation associated with this use would be less than the typical school day during the school year, and traffic volumes are generally lower in the summer months compared to months when schools are in session. Thus, traffic impacts of the summer use would be less than significant.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including additional limitations on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions from 98 to 86 including eliminating Interscholastic Athletic Tournaments and two School Functions with up to 650 guests, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. Regarding filming, as further discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, filming on the campus for commercial purposes would continue to be prohibited except when the School is not in session. Filming would be permitted for no more than 24 days per year. All trucks and equipment would be required to use the School's underground parking structure and parking on neighborhood streets would be strictly prohibited. Hours would be restricted, with filming beginning no earlier than 9:00 A.M. and concluding no later than 6:00 P.M.

**Comment No. 209-19**

18. What will the effect be of over 30,000 new visitors driving to Archer for events? (5,000 new visitors for athletic events, 16,000 new visitors for special events or school functions, 9,600 additional visitors from outside rental of the facilities)

**Response to Comment No. 209-19**

The transportation analysis in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR was prepared in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Los

Angeles 2006 CEQA Thresholds Guide, and LADOT Traffic Study Guidelines, which provide for evaluation of traffic impacts during peak hours on a daily basis.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including additional limitations on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions from 98 to 86 including eliminating Interscholastic Athletic Tournaments and two School Functions with up to 650 guests, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 209-20**

Archer proposes doubling the number of special events (or school functions) allowed in its current Conditional Use Permit to 98, which will bring over 24,000 visitors to the campus during the school year. This increase of 16,000 guests will contribute to a significant increase in noise from operations and in traffic on Sunset Boulevard as well as the neighboring side streets. In addition, allowing community use of the athletic facilities 24 times a year for up to 200 guests as well as outside rental use of the facilities for weddings and private parties for up to 200 guests, 24 times a year, Monday through Saturday, 8:00am to 10:00pm, will bring 9,600 visitors that currently do not come to the campus, thus adding a new use that will contribute to traffic and noise. Finally, moving the majority of the athletic activities onto campus will not only increase the number of games held on campus from 39 to 145, but will also bring 6,600 visitors (or 4,400 new car trips) into our area during peak traffic periods (3:30pm to 7:00pm).

**Response to Comment No. 209-20**

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including reducing the number of proposed School Functions from 98 to 86 and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional

operational mitigation measures are also proposed to reduce significant traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

Regarding noise, as discussed in Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project has been further refined to include additional measures to reduce noise associated with campus operations.

**Comment No. 209-21**

This leads to the following questions or comments:

19. Extending the school's operational hours to include every Saturday from 7:00am to 6:00pm, which is currently not allowed, will add to traffic and noise as students and visitors use the five new buildings that are placed directly next to residences;

20. Expanding the size of events held on campus to include special events with attendance of 650 people as well as 10 Athletic Tournaments with 200 visitors in attendance will increase use on the weekends and add to traffic and noise.

**Response to Comment No. 209-21**

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance. With regard to noise, refer to Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, for a description of additional mitigation measures proposed to be implemented to reduce noise associated with campus operations.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the proposed Project operations have been refined to reduce the number of School Functions, including eliminating two School Functions with up to 650 guests and 10 Interscholastic Athletic Tournaments.

**Comment No. 209-22**

21. Why should the current condition that does not allow outside use of the School be changed?

**Response to Comment No. 209-22**

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 209-23**

22. What are the traffic impacts of these outsides uses that would bring 9,600 visitors to the area for outside use in addition to 30 days of summer school? Have they been studied?

23. What is the cumulative impact of doubling the number of events and visitors who come to campus?

24. Has the traffic study analyzed the impact of traffic on the area from a 30-day summer school? Why are there no details regarding this use?

**Response to Comment No. 209-23**

Refer to Response to Comment No. 209-18. Regarding cumulative impacts, the traffic analysis took into account traffic generated by known development projects in the Brentwood area and included a background growth factor to represent traffic generated by other growth outside of Brentwood but within the Westside. Refer to page IV.K-20 in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR.

**Comment No. 209-24**

Given the significant impacts of Archer's plan, as outlined in the DEIR, I oppose any changes to the current CUP applicable to Archer. Archer should be required to live up to its promises and abide by the current CUP. When Archer initially proposed to purchase the school site, it had to be aware of what facilities it wanted for the school and chose instead to curb its wants and concern itself with its needs. However, soon after the initial approval of the CUP Archer purchased two adjacent homes. That appears to be strong evidence that it intended all along to expand the school's facilities, but it presumably hid this objective from the community knowing full well that it would not get the CUP approved if it included its current expansion plans.

**Response to Comment No. 209-24**

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval governing campus operations and physical improvements. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 209-25**

If the Department of City Planning is inclined to approve some expansion, Archer should be limited to what it needs, not what it wants since the latter would be at the expense of its neighbors and the surrounding community. As a result I would support an alternative project that balances the needs of the community with the needs of the school. Specifically, I support Alternative 4 Option B (Reduced Program within Existing Campus Boundary, No Aquatic Center) with the following modifications:

1. Increase the current size of the school by adding two new buildings, not five, including one gym underground, and a Performing Arts Center that seats 300. Archer does not need a PAC that is larger than the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, the Broad Stage, or the Geffen Playhouse.

2. Renovate the North Wing.

3. Eliminate the Visual Arts Center.

4. Expand and renovate the campus within the current footprint of the school, thus preserving the two residences and creating a needed buffer between the neighbors and the institutional use of the school.

5. Continue to use the two residences adjacent to the school as residences.

6. Limit the size of the proposed underground parking structure to 160 parking places.

7. Maintain the softball field's current orientation of northwest.

8. Add more landscaping on the northern and western property lines to provide an attractive buffer between the school and residences.

9. Increase the set back of the building placed adjacent to Chaparal Street.

10. Maintain the number of special events at the current level permitted in the CUP, which, as set forth in the DEIR's analysis of Alternative II, reduces impacts to traffic to a level less than significant after mitigation.

11. Maintain the current condition of no lights on the athletic field.

12. Follow the guidelines of the current CUP regarding hours of operation for school instruction and functions.

13. Allow no outside use for rental or lease, as required by the current CUP, which would eliminate and/or reduce noise, aesthetic, and traffic impacts.

14. Improve the school's facilities with only one phase of construction.

Alternative 4-B has reduced impacts over the Project and the other alternatives in almost every area evaluated in the DEIR. With the modifications set forth above, the impacts are further reduced and Archer can meet nearly all of its objectives.

**Response to Comment No. 209-25**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project.

**Comment No. 209-26**

Please see attached Opposition of Robert A. Greenfield. Thanks for considering it in your deliberations. If you need to reach me by e-mail, please use bob@LAGreenfields.com My cell phone number is (310) 429-7878.

**Response to Comment No. 209-26**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment No. 209-27**

Thank you for responding so promptly. If you don't mind, could you please keep the distribution of notices separate.

Thanks. In the future, please use my personal e-mail address at Bob@LAGreenfields.com

**Response to Comment No. 209-27**

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. At this time the City is only able to provide notification of interested parties by U.S. mail.

**Comment Letter No. 210**

Roberta (Bobbie) Greenfield
455 N. Barrington Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 210-1**

My name is Roberta (Bobbie) Greenfield. I live at 455 N. Barrington Ave., about 3 1/2 blocks north of the Archer School. My husband, Robert Greenfield, and I have lived in this home for 30 years.

I am writing to say that I strongly oppose Archer's proposed project, *Archer Forward: Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan*. The scope of Archer's proposed expansion in a residential neighborhood, the intensification of use of the school and its new facilities and the resulting increase in traffic from this use on an already over burdened area will adversely affect our local community as well the community at large. Specifically, I am concerned about the traffic and the safety factor resulting from the congestion.

**Response to Comment No. 210-1**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 210-2**

LA Department of Transportation (LADOT) in the DEIR has identified 6 intersections, including Barrington and Sunset, that will greatly be impacted by the Archer School plan. The LADOT states the Archer Plan will add to the existing traffic problem. Even with proposed mitigation measures, the impact at these intersections during various hours and events will remain significant and unavoidable. Because of the current traffic nightmare, I am shocked that a plan would be approved **knowing** that it will only add to the unbearable problem.

**Response to Comment No. 210-2**

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 210-3**

Here are some of my concerns that I would like dealt with and acknowledged before we have a worse situation.

- I understand that due to coming construction on The California Incline, a number of lanes on Pacific Coast Highway will be closed and drivers will use Sunset as an alternate route. That would add to the traffic on Sunset. Archer's construction plans, the number of trucks entering and existing [sic] onto Sunset, will add to this congestion. Has Archer considered postponing and scaling down their construction?

- Our neighborhood is so traffic fatigued due to the construction on the 405 Freeway and the ensuing delays, has Archer considered the timing of their project and the stress level of this area? Again, have they considered the wisdom of postponing and scaling down the scope of their project.

**Response to Comment No. 210-3**

Regarding the pending California Incline reconstruction, since the California Incline primarily carries traffic destined to the downtown Santa Monica area, the primary effect of its temporary closure will be to divert traffic to Chautauqua/Channel and to Moomat Ahiko Way in Santa Monica, not to Sunset Boulevard in Brentwood. The construction project involving lane closures on portions of Pacific Coast Highway is currently underway and is expected to be completed by April 2015, which is anticipated to be prior to the beginning of substantial Project construction.

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has recently been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and with substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange modifications.

**Comment No. 210-4**

- In case of emergency, does the Archer School and does the city have a viable evacuation plan? We are a fire area and earthquakes are also a concern.

Archer plans on excavating and making an underground parking facility that will add more than 100 cars to their existing parking spaces, and if they want, with double parking, they will be adding 200 more cars. Also, during construction, trucks entering and exiting will add more to our traffic situation. I went to our local fire department and asked what they would do in such an emergency. They said they would direct traffic on Sunset by trying to let in the cross traffic. Sunset is at a standstill now. Isn't an added 100–200 cars adding to this problem and increasing the danger?

- We have seen during rush hours ambulances and fire trucks having trouble getting through. Is there any plan to allow for emergency routes? Archer will add to this situation by adding more parking spaces and thus more cars, by extending school hours to allow for more school games in the 2 proposed gyms, by allowing theater productions in the proposed theater that will hold more people than the Geffin, more than the Broad, by having swim meets in the proposed aqua center. After school and weekend programs will add more days and hours to the inability for emergency vehicles to get through.

**Response to Comment No. 210-4**

Refer to Section IV.J.1, Public Services—Fire Protection, and Section IV.J.2, Public Services—Police Protection, of the Draft EIR, and Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, regarding emergency vehicle access.

**Comment No. 210-5**

- The addition of 2 gyms, a theater, an aqua center means that there will be sporting events and programs after school hours and weekends. Students from other schools, parents from other schools and parents and friends of the Archer students will be coming into our area. How does Archer plan on controlling an already difficult parking situation and enforcing any such policy?

**Response to Comment No. 210-5**

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance. As discussed in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, as part of Project Design Feature K-1, the Project shall include implementation of a comprehensive Traffic Management Program that would include, but not be limited to, a prohibition on parking on residential streets. To ensure implementation of the Traffic Management Program, the School shall continue to inform parents, students, faculty, and staff in writing on an annual basis of all rules regulating School traffic and parking. The

School shall maintain a progressive disciplinary system of enforcement to ensure compliance with the Traffic Management Program. In addition, pursuant to Project Design Feature K-7, Archer will develop an Event Parking and Transportation Management Plan, which shall include appropriate tools to manage and control traffic and parking so that impacts to the surrounding areas are minimized. For example, to enforce the prohibition on parking on residential streets, Archer will continue to prohibit guests from walking onto the campus without a walking permit issued by Archer. All guests would be required to check in with security upon arrival to the campus. The Event Parking and Transportation Management Plan will also include measures potentially including a parking reservation system to manage vehicle trips and parking demands. Also refer to Mitigation Measure K-2 included in Section IV.K, Traffic Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR.

**Comment No. 210-6**

- Archer plans on doubling athletic and theater events and this will bring in many people to the area (24,000 anticipated visitors). Our house was burglarized. We were told that the construction and added workers in our area presents security issues. Nighttime games add to the security issue. Will Archer hire a patrol service on an ongoing basis?

**Response to Comment No. 210-6**

As described in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments, refinements have been incorporated into the Project as described in the Draft EIR. These refinements include additional restrictions on operations including additional limits on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. Further, as discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, and Topical Response No. 2, Removal of Athletic Field Lighting and Refinements to Lighting, the Project has been refined to conclude use of the athletic field by 6:00 P.M. and remove the athletic field lighting from the Project. Therefore, nighttime games are no longer proposed on the athletic field as part of the Project. Refer to pages IV.J.2-9 through IV.J.2-12 in Section IV.J.2 Public Services—Police Protection, of the Draft EIR, regarding the Project's impacts on public services, police protection. As discussed therein, Project Design Feature J.2-1 provides that during construction, Archer shall implement private security measures including security fencing, lighting, locked entry, and regular security patrols on the Project Site. In addition, during operations, Project Design Feature J.2-7 provides that Archer shall maintain a closed campus requiring all visitors, guests, and vendors to have appointments prior to being granted access and that full-time security guards shall be provided during all campus hours.

**Comment No. 210-7**

- It took me 1 hour and 7 minutes to drive from my house to Sunset (this was before I even made the turn). This was due to the fact that drivers on Sunset try to circumvent traffic and come up and across Saltair to Barrington. This backs up traffic on Barrington all the way up to the top. It means turning onto Sunset is almost impossible and often creates gridlock. How will Archer prevent cars from turning right out of the parking garage onto neighboring streets during peak hours when cars cannot go east on Sunset?

**Response to Comment No. 210-7**

As described in Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, traffic in the area of the Project has been improving as construction on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project has neared completion, with the opening of the HOV lane on the northbound I-405, and substantial completion of the I-405/Sunset Boulevard interchange refinements. The surrounding streets saw an increase in cut-through traffic as motorists attempted to avoid the increased congestion along Sunset Boulevard during the construction of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project. With improvement in conditions along Sunset Boulevard, this cut-through traffic is expected to reduce. Based on field observations and a license plate matching survey, few vehicles exiting Archer are anticipated to cut through Chaparal Street. Although the Draft EIR determined that Project operational impacts on neighborhood streets would be less than significant, pursuant to Project Design Feature K-5, the Project Applicant would coordinate with the City of Los Angeles and neighborhood residents to provide up to $15,000 toward the development and implementation of a traffic calming plan for Chaparal Street between Saltair Avenue and Barrington Avenue to minimize cut-through traffic on this street.

**Comment No. 210-8**

- How much is the anticipated expansion cost of the whole Archer Plan? How does this compare to buying another property that could accommodate 2 gyms, theater, aqua center, visitors and visitor parking or relocating their middle school to another campus. Archer chose a residential area. They promised to stay within certain limits. It is not the neighborhoods fault that the size of their property does not meet their wants. The school has been successful in its current format.

**Response to Comment No. 210-8**

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval

governing campus operations and physical improvements. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

Refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project's net new floor area would be reduced from approximately 75,930 square feet to 68,989 square feet with approximately 229,547 square feet of open space or approximately 72 percent of the campus. Upon full build-out of the Project, the School would comprise approximately 159,937 square feet. Thus, at build out, the Project's floor area would comprise approximately 22 percent of the total allowable floor area for the Project Site.

Refer to Topical Response No. 15, Alternative Locations, for a detailed discussion of the analysis of alternative locations for the Project.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 210-9**

Given the significant impacts of Archer's plan, as outlined in the DEIR, I support an alternative project that balance underground, and a Performing Arts Center that seats 300,

- Renovate the North Wing,
- Eliminate the Visual Arts Center,
- Expand and renovate the campus within the current footprint of the school, thus preserving the two residences and creating a needed buffer between the neighbors and the institutional use of the school,
- Continue to use the two residences adjacent to the school as residences,
- Maintain softball field's current orientation of northwest,
- Add more landscaping on the northern and western property lines to provide an attractive buffer between the school and residences,
- Increase the set back of the building placed adjacent to Chaparal Street,

- Maintain the number of special events at the current level permitted in the Conditional Use Permit, which, as set forth in the DEIR's analysis of Alternative II, reduces impacts to traffic to a level less than significant after mitigation;

- Maintain the current condition of no lights on the athletic field,

- Follow the guidelines of the current Conditional Use Permit regarding hours of operation for school instruction and functions,

- Allow no outside use for rental or lease, as required by the current Conditional Use Permit, which would eliminate and/or reduce noise, aesthetic, and traffic impacts;

- Improve the school's facilities with only one phase of construction.

Alternative 4-B has reduced impacts over the Project and the other alternatives in almost every area evaluated in the DEIR. With the modifications set forth above, the impacts are further reduced and Archer can meet nearly all of its objectives.

**Response to Comment No. 210-9**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project.

**Comment No. 210-10**

Please see attached Opposition of Roberta (Bobbie) Greenfield. Thanks for considering it in your deliberations.

**Response to Comment No. 210-10**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 211**

Charles S. Grobe
172 S. Woodburn Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 211-1**

Attached

Best, Chuck Grobe

**Response to Comment No. 211-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 211-2**

I am an officer and director of the Residential Neighbors of the Brentwood (Private) School (RNBPS), an organization that was founded solely to work with the Brentwood Private School concerning the school's interaction with the 66 single-family residences, including my residence, that surround the school to the east of Barrington and south of Sunset. In 1992 the RNBPS entered into a 20-year covenant for an expansion of the school. And again, beginning in 2006 or 2007, RNBPS began five years or so of negotiations with the Brentwood Private School for a new 30 year Covenant, with myself as chief negotiator for the RNBPS. The Brentwood School then spent an additional two years in negotiations with the Brentwood Homeowners Association to further mitigate impacts to the broader community that were related to traffic and parking. This Traffic and Parking agreement has been fully negotiated and is in the process of signing.

Since the 1992 Covenant, the Brentwood School and RNBPS have worked in harmony to carry out both the letter and spirit of the Covenant, in fact there is a feeling of trust that currently exists between the School and its neighbors which was evident throughout the entire five years of recent negotiations. The current plan wound up as a Covenant for the next 30 years of expansion. The Brentwood School in its new 30 year Covenant with RNBPS requested an expansion to its student body, with an actual decrease in the number of cars going to and from the campus that was obtained by expanded bussing. To help RNBPS in its work on the new Covenant the School agreed to pay for an independent attorney of the RNBPS's choice and for consultants of our choice to advise us on technical

matters such as traffic, sight, noise and air impacts arising from the construction and operation of their expansion. Although our Neighborhood Association's new Covenant with the Brentwood School took a whole lot of work over five or six years, it was done in a very positive and realistic spirit of cooperation with an institution that we consider a good neighbor.

**Response to Comment No. 211-2**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 211-3**

It is in the context of my intimate knowledge of the operations of a private school in Brentwood, and my close proximity to the Archer School, that I am concerned about the potential adverse impacts Archer's expansion will have on our community. Archer proposes to build four new buildings, including two large gyms that can potentially accommodate 600 spectators, a 650-seat performing arts center and aquatic and visual arts centers. These new facilities, the outdoor sports field, the doubling of parking provided by a new underground parking lot, and the proposed leasing of the facility for weddings and other outside events will bring thousands of additional car trips to our neighborhood after regular school hours. Adding more cars to the already congested Sunset Boulevard as visitors use Sunset to access the Archer Campus to the west of our Brentwood School community and the I-405 Freeway to the east of our community, is not tenable. In addition to the terrible traffic that already exists on Sunset Blvd during long periods of the morning, noon and night, our neighborhood has seen an increase in cut-through traffic due to the freeway project. I am concerned that cars will be forced to take short cuts through our neighborhood to escape Sunset Blvd. in grid locked traffic caused by the Archer School Project's intensification of use and associated increase in traffic.

**Response to Comment No. 211-3**

In response to comments on the Draft EIR, refinements to the Project are proposed, including a reduction in the square footage of some of the proposed buildings, a reduction in the number of seats within the Performing Arts Center, and a reduction in the number of events and athletic activities. Refer to Section IV.A, Aesthetics/Visual Quality, Views, Light-Glare, and Shading, of the Draft EIR, and Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the community. Specifically, the Multipurpose Facility would be reduced from approximately 41,400 square feet to 39,330 square feet and the Performing Arts Center would be reduced

from 22,600 square feet to 19,025 square feet. The reduced Performing Arts Center would provide a maximum seating capacity of 395 seats. In addition, the North Wing Renovation would be reduced by approximately 8,671 square feet. The Project has also been refined to reduce the number of parking spaces from 212 spaces to 185 spaces. Furthermore, to reduce noise to the adjacent uses, the Project has been further refined to fully enclose the pool within the Aquatics Center. This enclosure would increase the square footage of the Aquatics Center from approximately 2,300 square feet to 9,675 square feet. The Visual Arts Center would remain at approximately 7,400 square feet. Overall, the Project's net new floor area would be reduced from approximately 75,930 square feet to 68,989 square feet.

With respect to the gymnasium space in the Multipurpose Facility, the School consists of a Middle School and Upper School, each with its own athletic program. A Project objective is to provide separate gymnasiums for the Middle School and Upper School so there is a sufficient number of courts to allow both the Middle School and Upper School volleyball and basketball teams to practice and compete on the Archer campus. With the Middle School gymnasium located below grade, the Multipurpose Facility has been designed to be consistent with the height of adjacent residential development.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including additional limitations on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions from 98 to 86 including eliminating Interscholastic Athletic Tournaments and two School Functions with up to 650 guests, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. Regarding filming, as further discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, filming on the campus for commercial purposes would continue to be prohibited except when the School is not in session. Filming would be permitted for no more than 24 days per year. All trucks and equipment would be required to use the School's underground parking structure and parking on neighborhood streets would be strictly prohibited. Hours would be restricted, with filming beginning no earlier than 9:00 A.M. and concluding no later than 6:00 P.M.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance. Refer to Topical Response No. 7, Potential Traffic Impacts

Associated with Proposed Campus Operations, for a detailed discussion of potential traffic impacts associated with proposed campus operations.

**Comment No. 211-4**

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) analyzed Archer's proposal and has concluded that six intersections cannot be physically mitigated, including Barrington Place/Sunset Blvd, Barrington Ave/Sunset Blvd, Barrington Ave/Montana Ave, Saltair Ave/Sunset Blvd, Bundy Drive/Sunset Blvd and Barrington Ave/Wilshire Blvd. LADOT goes on to say that even with the proposed mitigation measures, should the Project be built out, the impact at these intersections during various event-day scenarios will remain significant and unavoidable. Our community is just east of several of these impacted intersections.

**Response to Comment No. 211-4**

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

**Comment No. 211-5**

In addition, I am concerned about Archer's plans to tear down two residences and place over 80,000 square feet of buildings for institutional use right next to residential houses, which would significantly impact the residential quality of the neighborhood. I have worked with Brentwood School to place its institutional buildings on its property away from the residences and keep a school-owned residential house adjacent to its school property, as a residence. In fact, the headmaster of Brentwood School lives in a school-owned house on Woodburn Drive, the same street I live. Maintaining the school-owned houses as residences not only creates an additional buffer between institutional use and residential, but promotes neighborhood relations with the head of the school as my neighbor. Archer should be encouraged to do the same.

**Response to Comment No. 211-5**

Refer to Topical Response No. 13, Use of Existing Residential Properties, for a discussion of the use of residential properties for school uses. As described therein, school uses are permitted in the RE and R3 zones with a CUP.

Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood.

**Comment No. 211-6**

My experience working with the Brentwood School to find a compromise plan that balances the needs of the neighbors with those of the school leads me to ask that Archer follow Brentwood School's example in working with the proximate neighbors to find a solution to mitigate the significant impacts on the community from their project. I believe that if Archer reduces the size and number of buildings, traffic and noise will be mitigated through reduced programming—less events means less cars coming to campus. Archer can mitigate the impacts of traffic by reducing the size of its expansion and still meet its academic and athletic objectives. Many of our neighborhood associations members have children who have attended private schools where it is common for some athletic activities to take place off campus and for athletic teams to share one gym. These schools field competitive athletic teams and still meet their needs with one gym.

I stand with the Residential Neighbors of Archer in supporting Alternative 4 Option B (Reduced Program within Existing Campus Boundary, No Aquatic Center) with specific modifications. Alternative 4-B with modifications has reduced impacts over the Project and the other alternatives in almost every area evaluated in the DEIR. With modifications, the impacts are further reduced and Archer can meet nearly all of its objectives.

**Response to Comment No. 211-6**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project. Specifically, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, refinements are proposed to the Project, including reducing the square footage and massing, width, and length of some of the proposed buildings; reducing the number of parking spaces; and creating expanded landscape buffers. Overall, the Project's net new floor area would be reduced from 75,930 square feet to 68,989 square feet.

Additionally, as described in detail in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project is incorporating additional mitigation measures to reduce significant operational traffic impacts during an event day (related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions) to a level that is less than significant with mitigation.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project has also incorporated additional measures to reduce noise associated with campus operations. Further, as discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project proposes additional restrictions on its operations including additional limitations on the hours of operation including hours of operation on Saturday, reducing the number of proposed School Functions from 98 to 86, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. These restrictions, which would be incorporated as part of Archer's CUP, would also reduce traffic along the surrounding streets and noise.

**Comment Letter No. 212**

Sheryl Levine Guterman
960 S. Carmelina Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 212-1**

I am proud to have a daughter who graduated from The Archer School for Girls, Class of 2006, and I'd like to personally urge the city to support Archer Forward. It is both in the best interest of the school and the students, and a good step forward for the community.

My daughter Marisa, a former President of the Archer School and recipient of the Brentwood Community Council's Youth Citizens' Award, was on Archer's Speech & Debate and Soccer Teams, and was forced to spend hours commuting to alternate locations just to practice due to inadequate space and facilities. The same is still true for current Archer students. These girls to deserve [sic] have a well-rounded middle school and high school experience, one with on-campus access to the facilities that every other school in this area is fortunate enough to have.

I am proud that Archer is such a responsible and active member of the community. I have faith that you will do the right thing and support the school's plan.

**Response to Comment No. 212-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 213**

Lauren Haas
1109 Tower Rd.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Comment No. 213-1**

I am an Archer graduate and I am writing today to request that you support The Archer School for Girls and their ask to build much-needed facilities.

Archer graduates girls who know the value of giving back and I believe the school itself sets the standard for what being a respectful neighbor looks like. That sense of community and family had a lasting impact on my life and influenced the kind of person I am today.

The Archer Forward plan is reasonable and would provide students with the facilities they need in a way that the community can get behind. All schools go through a process of growth and expansion and Archer is asking to do the same. I hope you recognize what an asset this school is to the community and you support their plan.

**Response to Comment No. 213-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 214**

Alexia Haidos
Smart Exposure
2441 34th St., Apt. D
Santa Monica, CA 90405

**Comment No. 214-1**

Please see my letter attached in support of Archer Forward.

**Response to Comment No. 214-1**

This introductory comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 214-2**

As a Southern California native and a passionate advocate for the culture and diversity that our metropolis offers, I support Archer Forward. This project is profoundly rooted in the sense of community that defines LA's Westside, where I have lived for over twenty years. The school is an empowering environment that not only serves as a model for achievement and accomplishment, but also creates a meaningful context for lasting bonds—a key aspect of personal and professional success.

I have had the privilege of interacting with The Archer School for Girls for approximately two years. The administrators, teachers, Archer's dynamic Head of School, Elizabeth English, and the girls of the school consistently impress and inspire me. The students have a defined sense of self that is nurtured in the Archer organization which sets the highest standard in its vision and passion. Archer embodies the spirit of "ambitious, joyful learning," and a contemporary campus will inspire future students for many years to come.

Archer is a unique place where girls learn not only confidence, but connection to the community as well. The Archer Forward campus modernization is necessary because our city needs female leaders. I hope you choose to support their campus plan.

**Response to Comment No. 214-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 214-3**

Thank you for keeping me in the loop about Archer.

My mailing address is:

Alexia Haidos
Smart Exposure
2441 34th St. #D
Santa Monica CA 90405

**Response to Comment No. 214-3**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 215**

Shawn Cailey Hall
schall@alumni.princeton.edu

**Comment No. 215-1**

My name is Shawn Cailey Hall and I graduated from Archer in 2002. I am writing in support of the school's plan to expand the campus.

I chose to attend Archer because the school offers a unique, rigorous, and empowering education that gives girls the tools they need to become leaders. After I graduated from Archer, I went to college at Princeton University, from which I graduated magna cum laude. I am now pursuing a PhD in English at UCLA. I credit Archer for giving me the education and confidence to succeed at college and in graduate school. However, in order for Archer to continue this mission, it needs adequate facilities.

At Archer, I was involved in theatre and played on the soccer team. While I had wonderful experiences with these extracurricular activities, the theatre facilities were cramped, and our soccer field was not regulation size. If this plan is approved, the school will finally have a performing and visual arts center, a regulation-sized field to practice and play on, and even an aquatics center to hold meets on campus. These changes will allow Archer to have the same facilities as other competitive private schools in the Los Angeles area. The struggle for gender equality is far from over. In order to continue its mission of educating and empowering female leaders who can make positive impacts at the local, national, and international levels, Archer needs to offer its students every opportunity possible.

This plan will change the lives of thousands of girls for years to come and I hope we can count on your support.

**Response to Comment No. 215-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 216**

Jill Hall
jillsharonhall@gmail.com

**Comment No. 216-1**

My daughter graduated from The Archer School for Girls in 2002 and I am writing to you today to express my support for the Archer Forward Plan. As one of the families who came to a fledgling Archer in 1996, our commitment to building an excellent school for girls was a powerful and heartfelt one. It remains so to this day. We would like to see that more opportunities will exist for the girls who are studying now and into future years. The great balance between intellectual, physical and emotional opportunities is a compelling reason to build structures in which such learning can occur.

Archer's commitment to the community starts with its traffic management plan - the strictest in the city. When my daughter attended Archer, the school wanted to make sure they didn't impose an undue burden on neighbors; I understand they are doing the same thing today. I have looked on the Archer Forward website and I have seen that this will even continue with their proposed plan. The school will not increase its enrollment cap and will continue to enforce its strict traffic management standards, which require all students to use carpools or the bus to get to school.

As a parent, I was always concerned when parents or children had to park across the street, and then, cross the busy Sunset intersection to attend events. With parking on campus, this issue will be alleviated for future parents and children. I think this plan is the right thing to do for future Archer girls, and I sincerely hope you will support this plan.

**Response to Comment No. 216-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 217**

Michael O. Hall, Ph.D.
1268 S. Beverly Glen Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 217-1**

My daughter, Cailey, is a proud graduate of The Archer School for Girls, Class of 2002, and because of the fine education that she received there, matriculated to Princeton University where she graduated magna cum laude. Other students in her class matriculated to Yale, Chicago and other top ranked Universities. This flow of Archer students to the best colleges in the nation has continued as Archer itself has grown and been able to provide more academic opportunities for its' [sic] students.

Cailey was on Archer's fledgling soccer team and she had to spend hours commuting to alternate locations just to practice. There were no sporting facilities on the campus at that time, other than a 3/4 size soccer field. The same is still true for current Archer students. In order for the girls to have a well-rounded middle school and high school experience, they need to have the facilities that every other school in this area is fortunate enough to have.

I'd like to personally urge the city to support the school's improvement project, Archer Forward. It is a good step forward for the community, and more importantly, it is in the best interest of the school and it's [sic] students.

Despite the doubts of the few people who opposed Archer's move to its current location on Sunset Boulevard, Archer and its' students have proved to be neighbors that the community of Brentwood embraces and is proud of The school has met every restriction that was placed on it by the city and by the neighborhood, and has gone above and beyond in mitigating traffic on Sunset Boulevard by its compulsory bussing program and by restricting student parking on campus. I have no doubt that when Archer's Preservation and Improvement plan is approved and building is completed, the students of Archer who benefit from these improvements will continue to enrich the neighborhood, and will bring honor to Archer, to Brentwood and to the City of Los Angeles. Our city needs a vibrant and academically excellent girls school on the Westside. The Archer Forward project will ensure that future students have the full benefit of superb academics and of sporting facilities that allow them to develop both their minds and their bodies.

I hope you are as proud as I am of an Archer School that prides itself on being a responsible and active member of the community. I have faith that you will do the right thing and support the school's plan.

**Response to Comment No. 217-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 218**

Cynthia Hallinan
2430 30th St.
Santa Monica, CA 90405

**Comment No. 218-1**

I am writing because I strongly support the Archer Forward: Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan. As a parent at the school, I know first-hand that Archer is committed to being a good neighbor and creating a beautiful new environment to educate Los Angeles's future women leaders. I hope that the City will help Archer by moving this plan forward through the review process.

Archer girls spend hours commuting to practices or games and the school has to rent facilities to meet their needs. Arts and athletics are fundamental in middle and high school, but without a gym, regulation athletic fields or a pool, Archer is challenged to support their students who want to compete. Archer has designed a wonderful plan for a campus that provides these facilities AND is respectful to the surrounding neighborhood.

The School has held numerous meetings with the community and has demonstrated a willingness to share information and discuss significant changes to the plan over the last two years. I know that those conversations are continuing. The Draft EIR plan incorporates many changes—and is responsive to the neighbors' key concerns.

I hope that the Planning Department, along with Councilmember Bonin, will work with Archer to move this plan forward in the City review process. It's a plan whose time has come. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 218-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 219**

David Hallinan
2430 30th St.
Santa Monica, CA 90405

**Comment No. 219-1**

As a parent of a student at Archer School for Girls, I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the Archer Forward plan, which will benefit the students and the community with a new campus design and modern facilities.

The plan will allow Archer to provide the core programs that are integral to the school's curriculum and will provide an improved space for arts and athletics programs on campus. Nearly all public and private schools have these facilities, which include gymnasiums, performing and visual arts centers, regulation athletic fields and a pool. As importantly, Archer Forward allows the school to sustain its mission, which includes awarding extensive scholarships and financial aid.

The entire public process for Archer Forward illustrates the values of the School. Archer conducted an unprecedented amount of outreach before finalizing the plan. Numerous modifications to reduce the burden on neighbors have been made to the plan, and more may come.

Archer is a wonderful, unique treasure in the City and I hope that the City works with Archer to move this plan forward quickly through the review process. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 219-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 220**

Oona Hanson
3735 Laurel Canyon Blvd.
Studio City, CA 91604

**Comment No. 220-1**

Attached please find my letter of support for Archer Forward (Reference # **ENV-2011-2689-EIR**).

**Response to Comment No. 220-1**

This introductory comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 220-2**

I am the proud parent of an incoming sixth-grader at The Archer School for Girls, and I am writing this letter in support for the school's campus improvement plan.

Our daughter was accepted at several other Los Angeles schools, but we were drawn to the unique and empowering environment as well as inclusive community offered at Archer. And as excellent as the school is now, the Archer Forward plan is the logical next step in the school's mission to provide girls with a 21st century education.

The facilities that are being proposed on campus will allow our daughter to have an even better Archer experience, and I'm excited about what the future holds for Archer and for my daughter.

I believe Archer is a committed and conscientious member of the community. I am particularly proud of Archer's inclusion of girls from all across the city of Los Angeles, facilitated by its financial aid program and outstanding transportation system. As a parent and as an educator myself, I am deeply invested in the school's mission and its success. I strongly support Archer Forward, and I hope you will do the same.

**Response to Comment No. 220-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 221**

Nicole P. Hart
7275 Franklin Ave., Apt. 213
Los Angeles CA 90046

**Comment No. 221-1**

My name is Nicole P. Hart and I graduated from Archer in 2003. I am writing in support of Archer's Campus Plan.

Archer provides an incredible learning environment for young women to explore their interests both in the classroom and outside of the classroom. When I reflect on my 6 years at Archer, I know I am a team leader at my work because of my education at Archer. I feel confident leading the Concierge Team at The Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills. Being able to speak up, diagnose and solve problems and work in a team environment are all skills that I learned in the Archer classrooms and by being on the Archer Softball Team, Yearbook Committee and Community Service Board.

I support, without question, the expansion of Archer. I know this plan with change the lives of thousands of girls in the future and I hope we can count on your support.

**Response to Comment No. 221-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 222**

Mary Haughie

**Comment No. 222-1**

I am writing to you as a concerned educator and citizen. At The Archer School for Girls, I hold the position of Choir Director. Some of my responsibilities include directing both an upper and middle school choir, directing an advanced a capella [sic] ensemble, musical directing all musical productions and teaching various music classes. It is my first year at Archer and what I have experienced here is like nothing else. I come from a background of attending and teaching in both private and public schools. Nowhere gives students the opportunities that Archer does. For example, unlike anywhere else, Archer gives girls the security to make discoveries, learn and grow. The supportive environment at Archer makes girls feel safe to do all that is necessary for them to become wonderful, talented, educated, successful members of society.

Archer's plan to expand comes out of absolute need. As society and our lives develop, so do the needs of our students. Virtually all other Los Angeles area schools have the facilities that we are looking to build. Our students, some of the best in our area, deserve this and much more. Our students are dedicated, compassionate, hard-working and respectful. Without an expansion of Archer's campus, we are taking opportunities away from our students. If we hope to foster and support the lives and education of our students, why would anyone prevent an expansion to help do so and, in turn, help our community and future? This expansion will provide the facilities to offer more classes, give back to the community and provide the best education possible for our students.

I am one of two music faculty and four performing arts faculty at Archer. Currently, we have only two rooms designated for music classes, none for theatre and a small black box theatre for performances. Our concerts are given in the dining hall because there is no adequate performance space on campus. This causes sound problems, seating restraints, lighting issues and much more. Our theatrical productions are shown in a basement which has been converted to a black box theater. Theatrical productions can only hold 75 audience members. Issues of staging, choreography and musical accompaniment arise constantly. In addition, we could not perform for the entire student body. My classroom is not a choir room, but a classroom that cannot fit all of the students in choir therefore I alternate days with the orchestra teacher creating storage, sound and other logistical problems.

Of course all Archer faculty and students appreciate the experiences that we have, how much we learn and grow and how supportive our community is. What we ask for is to be

on par with other schools to be even better for ourselves, our town and our world. Please support Archer students by supporting our plan.

**Response to Comment No. 222-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 223**

Paul and Tess Hechmer
7800 Henefer Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

**Comment No. 223-1**

We are parents of a 7th grade student at the Archer School for Girls and are writing in support of their campus improvement plans.

We are so happy to be members of the Archer family. Not only is in [sic] comforting to know that our child is getting a great education, but seeing how happy she is while receiving it is most gratifying. That happiness comes from the environment Archer has created where girls can learn like girls, at the proper pace and with out [sic] the unnecessary and unhealthy pressures that come with a more traditional co-ed education. We have seen the real world success of former generations of Archer girls and look forward to those that our daughter's generation will achieve.

While Archer is a great school already, in this day and age one just can't stand still. The world evolves quickly and those who don't keep up quickly fall behind. The improvements that the school envisions will allow them to remain competitive in the LA community by continuing to attract the best and the brightest of both students and educators. Of course having great schools benefits not just those lucky enough to attend them, but equally the communities lucky enough to host them. These improvements are not a luxury - they are a necessity.

We urge you to support Archer's requests for improvements to their campus.

**Response to Comment No. 223-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 223-2**

7800 Henefer Ave
Los Angeles 90045

**Response to Comment No. 223-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 224**

Barbara Hechtman
119 S. Westgate Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049-4222

**Comment No. 224-1**

I'm against Any enlargement of the archer school. I live near Sunset on Westgate and my street is packed with their cars all the time. 15 years ago they promised they would never ask for any expansions if they would be allowed to have this school. now they're asking for everything they promised they wouldn't do. We can't afford any more traffic on sunset. Our neighborhood is being ruined by huge developers and big business!!!!

**Response to Comment No. 224-1**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

As evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, and as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, with implementation of the mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR and Final EIR, all operational Project traffic impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.

**Comment Letter No. 225**

Catherine H. Helm
227 S. Windsor BIvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90004

**Comment No. 225-1**

I am a member of the board of trustees of The Archer School for Girls in Brentwood. Before I joined the board in 2009, I acted as an attorney for the school in from 2001 to 2007 and a member of the school's head search committee in 2007. Thus, I have long familiarity with the school, and know that Archer has always been committed to its neighborhood and cooperative with the neighbors. That commitment continues today.

At the same time, I know how much the school needs to improve its campus. Because Archer has such limited athletic facilities, for example, most of the school's athletes must travel to various scattered locations to practice and play games. The school cannot host games in most sports because it does not have regulation facilities. Similarly, the school's performing arts program is saddled with the school's lack of a theater that would accommodate a full-scale play or dance program, and some of those events have to be held on off-campus stages.

For these reasons, I, like all the board members, am hoping you will support the Archer Forward Plan, which enables Archer to build facilities it truly needs while also keeping the greater community in mind and addressing neighbors' needs.

As always, Archer will continue its programs to minimize disruptions to the community. The school has always had a traffic management plan that moves cars arriving in carpools in and out of the campus quickly and safely, and a required busing program that helps Archer vehicles contribute only a tiny percentage to the traffic on Sunset Boulevard.

In addition, the school has taken every opportunity to address the neighborhood's concerns. We have had countless meetings with parents, neighbors, officials, community leaders and associations, to share our building plan and to hear their issues about it. The plan too has gone through many rounds of review and critique and has been revised in many ways that will benefit both the students and the community. Of course, now that the Draft EIR for this plan has been released, we will continue to maintain dialogue and to solicit and incorporate the opinions of our stakeholders in the weeks and months ahead.

We firmly believe that this is a project that will benefit everyone. I hope that we can count on your support as we move forward with the next stages of Archer Forward.

**Response to Comment No. 225-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 225-2**

Thank you for your offer to sign me up as an interested party in the Archer School matter. My address is 227 So. Windsor Blvd., Los Angeles 90004.

**Response to Comment No. 225-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 226**

Paul Herman
marcia.herman@verizon.net

**Comment No. 226-1**

The arguments for opposition to the Archer Forward mega-expansion, in fact any expansion, are overwhelming. The benefit of a few is totally outweighed by the misery it would inflict on the many.

Please do not allow an expansion. It would be a travesty for our community and many others as well.

**Response to Comment No. 226-1**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 227**

Lili Hermeline

**Comment No. 227-1**

I am a resident of Brentwood and live in the 90049 zip code, very close to Archer. I am writing this letter in support of Archer's Campus Plan. I believe that the students of Archer deserve to have excellent classrooms, sports and performing arts facilities where they can learn, grow and flourish just as the other neighborhood schools in the Brentwood are able to have and provide for students. Furthermore, I have investigated Archer's Campus Plan and I believe that their changes will actually improve the Brentwood community and make it an even nicer place to live. For the above-mentioned reasons I ask that you support Archer in its Campus Plan.

**Response to Comment No. 227-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 228**

Jose A. Hernandez
Assistant Systems Administrator
Technology Department
The Archer School for Girls
11725 Sunset Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 228-1**

My name is Jose A. Hernandez and I have been the Assistant Systems Administrator in the Technology Department for The Archer School for Girls since summer 2009, and I support all the levels of personnel here on campus from the youngest of the 6th graders to the most long-term members of the Board of Trustees for all their Technology needs and requirements while they conduct their business here on campus.

I simply would like to say that I truly believe that allowing Archer to continue with its campus preservation and improvement plan would be one of the best things that could happen to all the present and future students who attend this campus. Presently, teachers and students have to squeeze by each other in order to be able to participate in class activities and a teacher struggles daily to be able to communicate their study materials to students effectively and obviously hinders the students [sic] learning styles. But this is not the only reason why I support the push for the new improvements, I believe this school definitely deserves the chance to have all the same amenities and resources that others school presently have in order for students to flourish and become outstanding citizens and exemplary role models to the youngers [sic] students.

I believe it needs to noted that the school does not intend to increase its enrollment cap with the new renovations but improve the teaching environment and eliminate all the teaching and learning constraints presently hindering the school. With the new improvements, Archer will continue to provide rigorous and challenging curriculum with the support of all of its community members and families and continue to help raise and educate honest, respectful and responsible young women.

Thank you for your time and attention.

**Response to Comment No. 228-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 229**

Kerry Hernandez
28913 Grayfox St.
Malibu, CA 90265-4254

**Comment No. 229-1**

As a parent, I have followed carefully the evolution of this plan, and have been very impressed by Archer's willingness to modify the project to ensure that it is the best plan not only for the School but for the community as well.

I know that the Archer Forward plan is critical to Archer remaining competitive among independent schools. Arts and athletics are fundamental in middle and high school, but without a gym, regulation athletic fields or a pool, Archer girls spend hours travelling to practices or games and the school has to rent facilities all over town. Schools can't be expected to operate like this—Archer needs to have these facilities on campus. And they have designed a wonderful plan for a campus that provides these facilities AND is respectful to the surrounding neighborhood.

Archer has held numerous meetings with the community and has demonstrated a willingness to share information and discuss significant changes to the plan over the last two years. The Draft EIR plan incorporates many changes—and is responsive to the neighbors' key concerns.

I hope that the Planning Department, along with Councilmember Bonin, will work with Archer to move this plan forward in the City review process. It's a plan whose time has come. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 229-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 230**

Michael Heslov
1101 Montana Ave., Ste. A
Santa Monica, CA 90403

**Comment No. 230-1**

As a member of the Board of Trustees at The Archer School for Girls, I have seen the school's dedication to providing an excellent education for girls from across Los Angeles. I have also seen the school's commitment to being a good and responsible neighbor. I hope that our track record will encourage you to support the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan.

Archer actively participates in the Brentwood Community Council and hosts meetings for neighbors, stakeholders, officials, parents, and trustees throughout the year. At these meetings, the school administration provides updates on upcoming school events and projects, and provides a forum for participants to air their questions and concerns. Our Community Liaison, Maria Servello, is always available to neighbors to answer their questions and we circulate her contact information at every opportunity.

As you know, Archer is currently working with the city to enhance the school with new and improved facilities—a plan we call "Archer Forward." This project will allow us to continue to provide excellent, research-based education that helps girls succeed in the classroom and beyond. The plan does not envision an increase in enrollment and we will continue to enforce our strict traffic management standards, which require all students to use carpools or the school bus to get to campus.

We are glad that the Draft EIR has finally been released and will continue to seek the support and input of our neighbors throughout this comment period and beyond. We would also welcome advice and direction from your office and hope that we can count on your support in the weeks and months to come.

**Response to Comment No. 230-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 231**

Nicole Hillebrandt
11747 W. Sunset BIvd., No. 126
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 231-1**

I've lived in this neighborhood for 3 years and reside in an apartment building that faces Archer's athletic field. It is always peaceful and quiet, which is one of the main reasons I moved here, like so many other residents. Brentwood is very residential and no one who lives here signed up to have a very noisy entertainment center in our backyard. Now WHY would anyone approve Archer's grandiose expansion plans—especially when it goes against their conditional use permits that allowed them to have their school in the first place?

**Response to Comment No. 231-1**

As described on page II-27 of Section II, Project Description, of the Draft EIR, the buildings would be designed to shield neighbors from internal campus activities and noise, including having no operable windows that open on the sides of buildings directly adjacent to Chaparal Street and Barrington Avenue. In addition, as discussed in Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant noise impacts of the Project. With implementation of such mitigation measures, noise impacts associated with use of the athletic field for athletic activities on weekdays and use of the Aquatics Center would be reduced to a less than significant level.

Regarding views of Archer's existing athletic field, as described in Section IV.A, Aesthetics/Visual Quality, Views, Light/Glare, and Shading, of the Draft EIR, and summarized in Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, views of the campus from private residences would be maintained and potentially enhanced with a continuation in the openness provided by the athletic field, the removal of the existing west surface parking lot, and the implementation of additional landscaping.

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval governing campus operations and physical improvements. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the

School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 231-2**

Traffic has been a nightmare due to the construction on the 405. That is an obvious fact. Creating more gridlock will just make people like me want to move out of the neighborhood, new people would not want to live in a such huge construction zone, and this would make local businesses suffer. BAD IDEA.

**Response to Comment No. 231-2**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, regarding the impacts of construction activities and the proposal to reduce the overall construction timeframe for the Project from six years to five years. Refer to Topical Response No. 6, Overview of Construction Traffic and Parking, for a detailed discussion regarding construction traffic.

**Comment No. 231-3**

I ask you to please apply common sense to a problem that never should have been created in the first place. Do not let Archer get away with their desire to pretty much decimate the serenity that makes Brentwood so special.

**Response to Comment No. 231-3**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

As evaluated in Section IV.H, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the proposed buildings would be designed to complement the historic Main Building and respond to and respect the residential scale and character of the surrounding area. As such, the Project would be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and the Brentwood–Pacific Palisades Community Plan regarding conservation of and compatibility with the

scale and character of the City's residential neighborhoods. Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood. Also refer to Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, for a description of additional measures to reduce noise associated with the Project.

**Comment No. 231-4**

Last but not least, the idea of emergency vehicles having a hard time getting through the neighborhood because of traffic gridlock is just mind numbing. Please take that under consideration as well!

**Response to Comment No. 231-4**

Refer to Section IV.J.1, Public Services—Fire Protection, and Section IV.J.2, Public Services—Police Protection, of the Draft EIR, and Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, regarding emergency vehicle access.

**Comment No. 231-5**

Thank you for getting back to me so promptly. Yes, please put me on the mailing list. I am a very interested party.

Nicole Hillebrandt
11747 W Sunset Blvd #126
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Response to Comment No. 231-5**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 232**

Korinne Mitchell Hinderliter
korinnehinderliter@gmail.com

**Comment No. 232-1**

I am an Archer graduate and the school still holds a special place in my heart.

During my 6 years of middle school and high school, I remember coming home ecstatic about what I learned and I would always tell my parents how lucky I was to have such great peers and talented teachers. The school faculty and staff made Archer a positive place to be and encouraged all of us to follow our passions and learn new things.

Although I was extremely happy at Archer, all of us felt the impact from the lack of space. Being a part of the original graduating classes, I remember the upgrade from our original space, and knew we would outgrow our new space within a matter of the time. With the Archer Forward Campus Improvement Plan that will all be changed for future Archer girls. The school is simply asking to add facilities that they do not currently have. The new facilities would allow the girls to have a more enjoyable experience at school. Furthermore, the changes on the campus will help improve pedestrian safety with an underground parking lot and students and parents will no longer have to park in across the street and walk across Sunset in order to attend school events.

I hope you can see that this plan is great for the school and the community. I hope you will support this plan and move it through the city process quickly.

**Response to Comment No. 232-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 233**

Saryl S. Hirsch-Samuelson
10401 Wyton Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 233-1**

I am the proud parent of a 2013 Archer graduate, Rebecca Samuelson, and I am writing to voice my support for the school and their campus plan, **Archer Forward**. While at Archer my daughter was involved in Debate, Soccer, Softball, Track, and Cross Country, and because of the leadership skills she learned on these teams, she is now finishing her freshman year at UCLA.

The only thing that Archer couldn't offer was more space on the campus for parents like me to attend her Track and Cross Country meets. It was a shame that when my daughter competed in these events she had to be without her parents in her comer.

Archer has been a great neighbor and an asset to this community since it arrived in 1999. I hope you support the school and approve Archer Forward. I will be watching with great interest.

**Response to Comment No. 233-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 233-2**

Certainly. My mailing address is 10401 Wyton Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Response to Comment No. 233-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 234**

Christy Hobart
1101 Yale St.
Santa Monica, CA 90403

**Comment No. 234-1**

I am a parent of a student at the Archer School for Girls who fully supports the Archer Forward plan.

It can be expected that issues may arise between a school and its neighbors, but I believe that Archer has seized every opportunity to go the extra mile to tackle these problems and find tenable solutions for the benefit of the entire community. Archer parents and students strictly abide by the school's requirements as laid out by the school's Conditional Use Permit, particularly with regards to traffic management.

Archer students train and perform in award-winning arts programs including photography, painting and drawing, ceramics, sculpture, dance, theater, choir and orchestra. They also participate in a number of league sports with other local independent schools. Unfortunately, Archer has to spend a great deal of resources renting off-site venues for practices, games and performances. Archer Forward envisions facilities that will allow students to participate in these activities onsite, which would be a great benefit to the school, parents, students and neighbors alike.

I believe Archer Forward is a good and thoughtful step forward for the school and look forward to it passing quickly through the City review process.

**Response to Comment No. 234-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 235**

David Hoberman
1727 Mandeville Canyon Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90046

**Comment No. 235-1**

My daughter attends The Archer School for Girls and I am also a CD 11 resident. Archer truly is a remarkable school, but it lacks one thing - the facilities to ensure that its students can learn, compete, and perform in modern space *on its own campus*. The proposed Archer Forward plan will remedy that and I am writing to request that the city support the plan.

Archer students are bright, engaged, and driven. They participate in community service activities all across the city and in many Brentwood-based organizations in particular. They are involved in the arts and athletics in incredibly high numbers; however, the current campus facilities do not allow for these activities to occur on campus. Archer Forward would bring all Archer activities onsite, while also prioritizing a green, sustainable and open campus with underground parking and lush landscaping.

Archer has conducted an extensive outreach program for Archer Forward - even before the Draft EIR was released. The School has held dozens of meetings with neighbors and community stakeholders to create the best plan for the entire community. It plans to continue these meetings throughout the public process, but I hope that the City will help Archer by moving the project forward quickly. The sooner we achieve a consensus plan that is approved by the city, the sooner we can begin to ensure Archer girls have the facilities that they need.

Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 235-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 236**

Harry Hochman
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP
10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 13th Fl.
Los Angeles, CA 90067-4003

**Comment No. 236-1**

I write to support approval of the Environmental Impact Report for the Archer School for Girls improvement plan. I admit to bias: I am the parent of an Archer girl, and am as pleased and impressed with the school as a parent could be. Archer is an important school for the community. It fills a glaring need for girls secondary education on the Westside, and it does so in a way that emphasizes diversity and opportunity rather than catering exclusively to the wealthy demographics of its surrounding neighborhoods.

Archer is a small school that is full of spirit but which lacks some basic infrastructure. It has a tiny theater that seats 75 at best, few of which are even truly good seats. As small as it is, it has no room that can accommodate all-school assemblies. Its rooms lack modem classroom amenities. It has no athletic facilities and must bus its students elsewhere for many activities. The list goes on.

I have friends in the neighborhood and am aware of community resistance. Hold Archer to its promises? The school has fully lived up to the provisions of its conditional use permit. I can count on one hand the number of times I have driven my daughter to school over the last few years. Some provisions of the plan, particularly for parking, will actually reduce the vehicular impact of the school on the neighborhood. Furthermore, I think it is important to bear in mind that there was commercial activity on this property before Archer purchased it, and that there could never have been any reasonable expectation, then or now, that prime commercial property on Sunset Avenue would not eventually be developed in some fashion. The neighborhood is lucky that it is Archer that owns this property and not a more aggressive, for-profit enterprise that would seek to maximize the property's commercial potential. Archer has preserved the historic beauty of the building and minimized traffic impact, and the new plan continues to do so. As for Archer's immediate neighbors, I do not exaggerate when I state that the only noise I hear when I visit the campus is the sound of happy children. I know it sounds corny but it is absolutely true. They should count their lucky stars that Archer bought into the neighborhood. Archer's health is important not just for the Archer community and the broader educational community, but for the local community as well. This project is essential for that purpose.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 236-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 236-2**

Thanks for the follow-up. I would like to be on the mailing list, at this address:

Harry Hochman
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP
10100 Santa Monica Blvd., 13th Fl.
Los Angeles, California 90067-4003

**Response to Comment No. 236-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 237**

Astrid Holczer
10968 Wilkins Ave., No. 201
Los Angeles, CA 90024

**Comment No. 237-1**

The Archer Forward plan will enhance the school with new and improved facilities. As a parent of an Archer girl, I fully support Archer and Archer Forward.

Archer is an active member of the Brentwood community. It participates in the Brentwood Community Council, and hosts meetings for parents, neighbors, stakeholders, officials and trustees throughout the year. At these meetings, the school administration provides updates on upcoming school events and projects, and provides a forum for participants to air their questions and concerns. Through the Archer Forward community outreach process, the School has continued to provide this level of engagement and transparency - creating a dialogue that is unprecedented for a school development project.

The Archer Forward plan has been in the works for many months. My fellow parents and I are excited for what it means for the future of the school. The plan envisions the much-needed athletics, arts and parking facilities that nearly every other independent school in the area already has. I know that Archer has made every effort to address the concerns of the neighbors with regards to this plan, and I am confident that this is the best result for the school and community alike.

I am proud to be member of the Archer Parent Association and share Archer's commitment to excellent education and a heart for service and the community. I hope you will help Archer by moving this project forward quickly through the review process.

**Response to Comment No. 237-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 238**

Ann Hollister
216 S. Westgate Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 238-1**

Please see my attached letter in support of the Archer School for Girls. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 238-1**

This introductory comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 238-2**

The Archer School for Girls has been a responsible and dedicated member of the Brentwood community for the past 15 years. As a longtime Brentwood resident and someone who has been a supporter of this important girls' school from the beginning, I am writing in support of the school's campus improvement plan, Archer Forward.

Schools should be among our most dynamic institutions, thus as times change or schools must as well. Since moving to its current location in 1999, Archer has been an exemplary steward of the historic Eastern Star building on Sunset Boulevard. The school prides itself on providing a research-based education on how girls learn best in an environment that is inclusive and nurturing. Unfortunately, Archer's classrooms are cramped and outdated, and its girls are deprived of essential athletic and arts facilities. There's not even a place on campus for the entire student body and teachers to gather together. Archer Forward will change that, while still including protections for the neighborhood.

Other independent schools in the area already have the facilities that Archer is asking for, and girls deserve equal access to educational resources. Archer has proven itself to be an honest, responsible neighbor and I am confident they will continue to do so. I believe passionately that they should be able to move forward with this plan, including the use of the residential properties that the school already owns.

This campus, when built, will be both an architectural highlight and a renowned educational institution right in the heart of our community. Archer has done an excellent job of thinking

this plan through, and I hope that the city will join the many Brentwood homeowners who support this project.

**Response to Comment No. 238-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 239**

Debby Hopper
2826 Roscomare Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90077-1627

**Comment No. 239-1**

I am a parent of a student at The Archer School for Girls and I am writing to request that you support Archer Forward, the school's campus enhancement plan. Archer is a valuable asset to the City and the girls who attend the school should have the facilities that will help them achieve more.

Right now, there is no space on campus where all the students and staff can gather together. Our girls have to take carpools and buses off campus for practices and performances as the school lacks facilities that nearly every other independent school in this area already has. I know that the school has gone to great lengths to create a plan that will allow the school to work well with the neighborhood. Students, parents, teachers and students must abide by a strict traffic control plan to ensure that Archer doesn't add too many more cars to the congested Sunset corridor.

This plan will provide the facilities that the school desperately needs, and I believe that Archer has shown good faith in its effort to work with the community, its neighbors, and the city. I hope that the City will agree and support Archer Forward.

**Response to Comment No. 239-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 240**

Jána Howard
12813 La Maida St.
Valley Village, CA 91607-3314

**Comment No. 240-1**

I am a member of the Archer Parent Association, and I am writing in support of The Archer School for Girls in and their campus improvement project known as Archer Forward. Given that the school has complied with every request and condition from the City and its neighbors over the years, I believe that they have demonstrated their commitment to Brentwood and should be allowed to improve their campus with this good and well-thought-out plan.

The school holds community meetings and sends out newsletters to inform them of campus events and updates. This goes to show that they are good neighbors. They have taken the steps to consider the needs and concerns of the community around them. Our daughters volunteer all over the neighborhood, from Brentwood Green to tutoring younger students to working at a local women's shelter. These are just some of the projects Archer encourages the girls to participate in so that they can give back to the community in which they live.

This campus plan will create the facilities that the school desperately needs—a playing field, a theater, visual arts facilities, new parking spaces underground and a common gathering area. All of this was designed with the concerns of the community in mind. I believe that this plan is the best compromise between the needs of the school and the community, and is the result of many months of negotiation and collaboration.

Archer truly needs the facilities it is requesting in this plan, and I hope the City will join us in support of one of the finest schools in Los Angeles.

**Response to Comment No. 240-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 241**

Arianna Huffington
Huffington Post Media Group
770 Broadway, Fifth Fl.
New York, NY 10003

**Comment No. 241-1**

Dear Mr. Villiani, attached please find a letter in support of The Archer School for Girls and Archer Forward. All the best.

**Response to Comment No. 241-1**

This introductory comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 241-2**

As a former member of the Board of Trustees at The Archer School for Girls, a proud parent of two alumnae, and a longtime resident of Brentwood, I am writing to ask for your support for the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan. This innovative plan will pave the way for the school to provide a 21st century education for the next generation of female leaders.

According to the 2013 Catalyst Research findings, women currently make up half of the total U.S. workforce, earn 50% of bachelors degrees, and 60% of masters degrees. Yet women hold only 4% of CEO positions and only 16% of board seats of Fortune 500 companies.

While the 113th U.S. Congress boasts a record number of women in the Senate and House of Representatives, women still only represent 20% of senators and 17.9% of representatives. Of those who do ascend to the highest levels of business and government, girls' school and women's college graduates have the edge. Case in point, the first three female secretaries of state were graduates of all-girls' schools. Single-sex environments empower future leaders by ensuring that women acquire the skills and confidence to excel in college and beyond.

In less than 20 years, Archer has emerged as a national leader in girls' education, partnering with some of the premier educational institutions from across the country to

conduct research on how girls learn and thrive. Archer is an important part of the educational landscape in Los Angeles and is proud to be located in the heart of Brentwood.

The exemplary teaching and high-level learning at Archer have proven to distinguish the school as a cutting-edge institution that teaches girls the way they learn best. However, the students and faculty need facilities that will fully support Archer's innovative curriculum. Archer Forward will add the facilities that most public and independent schools already enjoy and the plan is a necessary next step for the school. The proposed project envisions spaces where all of the students can gather together indoors for assemblies and performances, fully participate in athletics and the arts, enjoy the outdoors, and experience the very best education a girls' school can offer.

Archer has kept its commitment to being a good neighbor in the community and will continue discussions about the plan with neighbors and key stakeholders in the weeks and months ahead. I hope that the school can count on your support as they continue the public process for the Archer Forward Plan. Thank you for your consideration.

**Response to Comment No. 241-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 242**

Laila Hussain
lailahussain@gmail.com

**Comment No. 242-1**

As a mother of an Archer Sophomore, I wanted to express what a wonderful school Archer is for my daughter. Not only does it provide an excellent education for girls, but empowerment and a supportive community that helps realize their dreams to become part of the future leaders of our country. I support continued investment in the Archer environment as it furthers the quality of experience for these young women. I also wanted to express that my daughter is a scholarship recipient at Archer. She is privileged to be apart [sic] of Archer school. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 242-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 243**

Illegible-01
16927 Livorno Dr.
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

**Comment No. 243-1**

I am a parent of a current Archer student writing to show my support for Archer and Archer Forward, which will enhance the school with new and improved facilities.

Archer is an active member of the Brentwood community. It participates in the Brentwood Community Council, and hosts meetings for parents, neighbors, stakeholders, officials and trustees throughout the year. At these meetings, the school administration provides updates on upcoming school events and projects, and provides a forum for participants to air their questions and concerns. The School has continued to provide this level of engagement and transparency—creating a dialogue that is unprecedented for a school development project—through the Archer Forward community outreach process.

The plan envisions the essentials like athletics, arts and parking facilities that nearly every other independent school in the area already has. I know that Archer has made every effort to address the concerns of the neighbors with regards to this plan, and I am confident that this is the best result for the school and community alike.

I am proud to be member of the Archer Parent Association and share Archer's commitment to excellent education and a heart for service and the community. Please help Archer by moving this project forward quickly through the review process.

**Response to Comment No. 243-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 244**

Illegible-02
101 N. Plymouth Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90004-3831

**Comment No. 244-1**

As both an Archer parent and as a member of the Brentwood community, I am writing to express my strong support for the Archer Forward plan.

Archer truly needs this plan in order to stay competitive with other local independent schools, almost all of which have the facilities and spaces that Archer is proposing. Student participation in art, dance and athletics is extremely high, yet Archer girls currently have no gym, no regulation-sized fields and inadequate performing and visual arts spaces. Students currently spend hours travelling by bus to events, performances, practices and games. They need to have access to these spaces on their own campus.

Archer has committed to maintaining its enrollment cap and will continue to enforce its strict traffic management program, requiring all students to use carpools or the bus to get to campus. While it will modify the hours and operations on campus, the Archer Forward proposal is generally consistent with the conditions that exist at other local independent schools, and maintains reasonable restrictions for the benefit of its neighbors.

While Archer continues to work with its neighbors on this plan, please help move this project forward through the City process so that Archer girls can have the school grounds and buildings that they need.

**Response to Comment No. 244-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 245**

Illegible-03 [Patricia ___]
78 Fremont Pl.
Los Angeles, CA 90005-3858

**Comment No. 245-1**

I'm the parent of an Archer student, and I am very excited and strongly in support of the Archer Forward plan.

My daughter chose to attend Archer because the School is truly unique in Los Angeles. Archer's student body reflects the diverse character of the entire City. With a first-rate curriculum, I believe that Archer is truly educating our country's future leaders. But the School needs adequate facilities to create a 21st century campus.

The Archer Forward plan would provide modern classrooms, athletic fields and facilities and visual and performing arts spaces. Archer girls fully participate in academic, arts and athletics, and need the facilities to support these activities. The school doesn't have a space where the entire campus can gather as a community.

I know that there are concerns about development in Brentwood, but it's important to note that Archer has fully complied with the most stringent conditions imposed by the City on any independent school in Los Angeles. In fact, Archer has gone beyond the City's requirements to ensure that the school has a minimal impact on traffic. I believe that the City should help Archer move forward with the reasonable new hours and operations that they are proposing.

Archer is a gift to Los Angeles, and I hope that you, Councilman Bonin and the rest of the City will help move the Archer Forward project quickly through the City process. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 245-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 246**

Illegible-04 [Jacqueline B___]
1465 N. Bundy Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 246-1**

As a member of the Archer Parent Association and a CD 11 resident, I am writing in support of The Archer School for Girls in West LA and their campus improvement project known as Archer Forward. Given that the school has dutifully complied with every request and condition from the City and its neighbors over the years, I believe that they have demonstrated their commitment to Brentwood and should be allowed to improve their campus with this good and well-thought-out plan.

In forming this project, I know that the school has taken every step to consider the needs and concerns of the community and their neighbors—they are constantly holding community meetings and sending out newsletters to inform them of campus events and updates. Our daughters volunteer all over the neighborhood, from Brentwood Green to tutoring younger students to working at a local women's shelter.

Archer Forward will create the facilities that the school desperately needs—a playing field, a theater, visual arts facilities, new parking spaces underground and a common gathering area. All of this was designed with the concerns of the community in mind. I believe that this plan is the best compromise between the needs of the school and the community, and is the result of many months of negotiation and collaboration.

Archer truly needs the facilities it is requesting in this plan, and I hope the City will join us in support of one of the finest schools in Los Angeles.

**Response to Comment No. 246-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 247**

Illegible-05
6912 W. 85th Pl.
Los Angeles, CA 90045-2605

**Comment No. 247-1**

I am an Archer parent in full support of the Archer Forward plan. The School is an important asset to the city and to the development of our future women leaders. I hope that the City, and Councilmember Bonin, will be proactive in getting behind the project.

The plan's improvements are designed to enhance Archer students' education and well-being, in addition to taking the Brentwood neighborhood into consideration and working with community members. The new facilities will ensure that the girls have the facilities they need for a 21st century education with the extracurricular activities and athletics that they deserve. The plan was developed after months of meeting with Brentwood residents. It has numerous modifications that help Archer's neighbors. These include changing the site design, hours and landscaping.

Archer Forward is a big step in the right direction for Archer School for Girls and is responsive to the needs of neighbors. The School will continue to meet with neighbors through the public process. I hope that the City will support Archer Forward and move it quickly through the process.

Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 247-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 248**

Illegible-06 [___ Seaman]
320 N. Carmelina Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 248-1**

I am a parent of a girl who attends The Archer School for Girls and a CD 11 resident, and I am writing to express my strong support for the Archer Forward plan.

Archer truly needs this plan in order to stay competitive with other local independent schools, nearly all of which already have the facilities and spaces that Archer is proposing. Archer girls participate in overwhelming numbers in art, dance and athletics, yet they currently have no gym, no regulation-sized fields and inadequate performing and visual arts spaces. Girls currently spend hours travelling by bus to events, performances, practices and games. They need to have access to these kind [sic] of spaces on their own campus.

Archer has already committed to maintain its enrollment cap and will continue to enforce its strict traffic management program, which requires all students to use carpools or the bus to get to campus. While it will modify the hours and operations on campus, the Archer Forward proposal is generally consistent with the conditions that exist at other local independent schools, and maintains reasonable restrictions for the benefit of its neighbors.

Archer is continuing to work with its neighbors on this plan. In the meantime, I hope that you will see that this plan is sensitive to the community and critical for the School. Please help move this project forward through the City process so that Archer girls can have the school grounds and buildings that they need.

**Response to Comment No. 248-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 249**

Illegible-07 [Roxane Coh___]

**Comment No. 249-1**

As an Archer alum, I am a vocal Archer advocate and I am writing because I strongly support Archer's plan for the future. I know Archer's commitment to being a good neighbor and creating a girl-centric environment to educate young women from all across Los Angeles. I hope that the city will help Archer by moving this plan forward through the review process.

The Archer Forward Plan is critical in order for Archer to remain competitive among independent schools. Participating in the arts and athletics are a fundamental part of any school experience. However, it can be difficult for current Archer girls who desperately need dedicated spaces for arts and athletics. Archer needs these facilities onsite and the school has designed a wonderful plan for a campus that is both respectful to the neighbors and beautiful for the students.

I hope that the city planning department, along with Council member Bonin, will support this plan

**Response to Comment No. 249-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 250**

Daniel P. In

**Comment No. 250-1**

My name is Daniel In and I'm the Webmaster & Media Specialist for Archer. I'm also an advisor for Yearbook and a volunteer choreographer for Dance Troupe. I can say with all certainty that The Archer School for Girls is a special place that fosters a community of empowerment and joyful ambition, not only to the wonderful students that attend here, but also to the people that work hard for it. There really is no other school like it.

Even as staff members, we have chances to make differences and really be involved with these students, allowing ourselves to be reminded daily why we serve to the high capacities that we do. Sometimes, however, that work can be stalled due to the lack of facilities available to our students and teachers.

For example, when I teach dance, there's only room for about 7–8 students in the studio, which we only have one. Currently, we cater to about 100 student dancers each year. So, if you were to ever visit Archer during the months of November to February, you will definitely catch dance groups in the hallways, the dining hall and basically anywhere we can fit a small mirror. Having a bigger dance studio for our girls would do wonders for their performances and experiences. They could also hold shows in a performing arts center on-campus, as opposed to sifting through traffic up the I405 to get to a university. Transporting 100+ students across the 405 is not ideal nor is it always safe.

The faculty and staff work hard to ensure a wonderful educational experience for our students. We answer to every challenge, and even in spite of the lack of facilities we have, Archer is still a joyful and ambitious center for learning academics, arts, athletics and life. That being said, if the City of Los Angeles supported Archer's campus improvement plan, as part of the Brentwood community, The Archer School for Girls would then be able to really give a better education to the students and to the Archer families.

**Response to Comment No. 250-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 251**

Mark Itzigsohn
1638 Greenfield Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90025

**Comment No. 251-1**

I am in support of the expansion of the existing campus as is laid out in the DEIR / *Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan*.

The plan is well thought out and balances the urgent need for quality school facilities in our wonderful City with the neighborhood's need for their quality of life. The careful planning has kept the massing to a minimum and the use of foliage will reduce the visibility of the new structures, when viewed from the adjacent neighborhood.

The fact that the plan calls for no growth in enrolment of the student body and the intent to increase the existing Traffic Management Program so that 70% of the students will be enrolled in bussing and carpooling is reason enough to support the improvement plan.

The Archer School for Girls is one of our City's quality schools and should be lauded for balancing their need for expansion with their desire to be a good neighbor whilst being cognizant of the fact that the campus contains one of California's historic jewels.

To my mind, this Improvement Plan strikes a perfect balance and I therefore urge you to support it.

**Response to Comment No. 251-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 252**

Rob Jacobs
700 Halliday Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 252-1**

As a resident of Brentwood for over two decades I find The Archer School for Girls a positive and valuable neighbor.

I express my support for Archer's expansion plan not only as a parent (with a daughter attending the school) but also as an immediate neighbor, living 2,500 feet behind the school.

As you know, the property Archer occupies has great historical value to the community. I am most appreciative the school has vigorously maintained the architectural integrity of the building and the campus. I understand some of my neighbors object to Archer's presence but to them I ask: what would you prefer ??? If not Archer, than no doubt, some Hotel or Developer would take that property and turn it into something detrimental to our neighborhood.

Archer School operates with minimal impact on the local community and provides our most precious resource: education for our children. As you know, Archer School is nationally acclaimed for its excellence in education.

Archer's "Forward" plan calls for ZERO increase in school population and a significant addition of parking, something our neighborhood desperately needs.

Archer has consistently and vigorously complied with its existing CUP, enforcing it "to the letter."

Please segregate the emotional and un-founded complaints from my neighbors and approve Archer's plan.

I would be happy to discuss my experiences with Archer and intimate knowledge of the immediate neighborhood and Archer's compliance with their CUP by email, or by phone, my number appears below.

**Response to Comment No. 252-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 253**

Larry Jacobsen
1800 Mandeville Canyon Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 253-1**

As a parent of a student at The Archer School for Girls and a resident in the 11th District, I am writing to you in support of the Archer Forward plan.

Archer's commitment to the community starts with its traffic management plan—the strictest in the city, to ensure that the school is not imposing an undue burden on the neighborhood—and also extends to its extensive volunteer service program. Archer girls are involved in issues and organizations that serve our community in many different ways. Through service projects and after-school partnerships with organizations like the Daybreak Women's Shelter in Santa Monica and Brentwood Green, Archer helps make our West LA community a better place.

Archer Forward is a necessary next step in the improvement of our campus, providing crucial academic, arts and athletic facilities, while moving parking to an underground garage to reduce noise and traffic in the neighborhood. Currently, students must use offsite facilities for arts and athletics programs, and it would be extremely beneficial for the school and the community alike if Archer was able to provide these opportunities on campus.

This plan has been reviewed by community leaders and neighbors for many months, and I believe that it is both a good balance for the neighborhood and the school. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 253-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 254**

Pam Jacobson
1800 Mandeville Canyon Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049-2223

**Comment No. 254-1**

I live in Council District 11 and I have a daughter who attends Archer. I can honestly say Archer is one of the top Schools in the City—it provides a high-quality education for girls in a diverse environment. The only thing it lacks is the facilities to ensure that its students can learn, compete and perform in modern space *on its own campus*. The proposed Archer Forward plan will remedy that, and I am writing to request that the City, and the Councilmember support the plan and assist Archer in moving Archer Forward through the City review process.

Archer students are bright, engaged and driven. They participate in community service activities all across the City and in many Brentwood-based organizations. They are involved in the arts and athletics in incredibly high numbers, but the current campus facilities do not allow for these activities to occur on campus. Archer Forward would bring all Archer activities onsite, while also prioritizing a green, sustainable and open campus with underground parking and lush landscaping.

Archer has conducted a wide-ranging outreach program for Archer Forward—even before the Draft EIR was released. The School has held dozens of meetings with neighbors and community stakeholders to create the best plan for the entire community. It plans to continue these meetings through the public process, but I hope that the City will help Archer by moving the project forward quickly. The sooner we achieve a consensus plan that is approved by the City, the sooner we can begin to ensure Archer girls have the facilities that they need.

Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 254-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 255**

Jerilyn Joel
JJoel@archer.org

**Comment No. 255-1**

I am a 7TH grade Life Science teacher for the Archer School for girls. I have worked at Archer for 4 years.

It is the mission of Archer to educate girls to become courageous, committed and ethical young women who take responsibility for their own physical, financial and emotional well-being. Archer accomplishes these goals and more. Archer provides a safe environment in which girls can take risk and challenge themselves. It is through the strong bonds that they have with their peers and teachers that students fell [sic] comfortable stretching themselves beyond their current limits.

Archer is not only a school where the students can grow into the women leaders of tomorrow, it is also a place where the teachers can grow and improve their instructional practices. Working at Archer has been one of the most positive experiences of my life. There is not another school like Archer. The administration and faculty at Archer foster an environment of collaboration and risk taking. The professional growth that occurs at Archer is unparalleled to what you will find at any other school.

While Archer does a spectacular job at providing an education to our students, Archers [sic] campus is lacking the needed facilities to become a leading school in girls 21st century education. The classrooms are cramped and do not accommodate the specific needs of girls' learning styles. The Archer Forward plan will allow the school to provide an even better education for students by adding modern classrooms. I encourage you support the Archer Forward Plan. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information. You may reach me at JJoel@archer.org.

**Response to Comment No. 255-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 256**

Jennifer Justman
9621 Cedarbrook Dr.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Comment No. 256-1**

I am a parent of a current student at The Archer School for Girls ("Archer'). Archer provides my daughter with an impressive, engaging education. Its leadership and faculty are, I believe, among the best in the city. The school, while relatively young compared to other Los Angeles secondary schools, is nevertheless nationally recognized on many levels for its achievements for our girls.

In order to continue to provide our Archer students with this quality of education, and to stay current in Los Angeles as an academic institution, Archer must modernize its campus, including its classrooms, arts and physical education facilities. The Archer Forward Plan will achieve these necessary goals for the school, and I urge the City to approve it.

**Response to Comment No. 256-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 256-2**

Thank you. The address is 9621 Cedarbrook Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

**Response to Comment No. 256-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 257**

Lisa G. Kaminir
7477 Palo Vista Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90046

**Comment No. 257-1**

I am writing in support of Archer's Campus Preservation and Improvement plan, Archer Forward, as my daughter is currently a student at Archer School for Girls.

With the addition of modern classrooms, a regulation-size athletic field, a gymnasium and spaces for swim and performing and visual arts, the Archer Forward plan will allow the school to provide an even better education for Archer students.

Archer has a great track record as a responsible neighbor in the community. For example, much time and energy has been poured into the school's traffic control system. Every parent is well versed in parking and driving restrictions in the area during school hours, and we know that if we do not follow the rules there will be swift consequences. This is done out of Archer's high level of consideration and respect for its neighbors, who don't like sitting in traffic any more than I do.

Archer students are actively involved in the community: they volunteer at Brentwood Green, tutor students at Brentwood Science Magnet School, participate in local recycling and conservation efforts, volunteer at Daybreak Women's Shelter and more.

I believe that the Archer School for Girls is a valuable and upstanding member of the local community, and has done everything in its power to ensure that this plan presents every benefit possible to its neighbors. I hope you'll help move this project quickly through the city's process.

**Response to Comment No. 257-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 258**

Atsuko Kanai
235 S. San Pedro, #151
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Comment No. 258-1**

I am writing you as a strong supporter of the Archer School for Girls and the Archer Forward plan to request that you and Councilmember Bonin work closely with Archer to help the School secure approval for this plan.

Archer Forward will significantly enhance the School while taking into consideration, and respecting, Archer's location in busy, residential Brentwood. The design will not only benefit Archer with facilities most public and independent schools already have; it was created to buffer and beautify the neighborhood. The plan is sustainable and creates an all-pedestrian campus, with underground parking. Archer has modified its plan several times at the request of neighbors, and the School is continuing to meet with the community to develop the best plan.

Archer is a valuable institution in Los Angeles. Girls are taught to be good citizens and leaders, and are involved in community service throughout the City. The Archer Forward plan will provide deeply needed arts and athletics facilities as well as preservation of our beautiful, historic building. This plan works for both the School and the Community, and I hope that the City will support it.

Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 258-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 259**

Colleen Kaner
12020 Saltair Pl.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 259-1**

I am writing today to request that you support Archer and their campus improvement plan. My daughter, Kristina Kaner, graduated from Archer in 2007 and was involved in many school activities during that time. In addition to receiving an amazing education she was encouraged to participate in a variety of activities that included athletics, dance, drama, and community service. Her experiences at Archer continue to play a large part in her life today. Being part of the Archer community for 6 years allowed her to develop an understanding of the importance of giving back to her community. Perhaps more importantly to understand the importance of looking beyond her own self interest and understand the necessity of working with institutions in our community to understand and begin to appreciate their mission and the positive impact their presence brings.

Archer graduates girls who go on to become leaders in their communities, and they set the standard for what community service should look like. My daughter's opportunity to participate and volunteer in a variety of community organizations and outreach programs as an Archer student is not unusual, it is in met it is the norm With a school that is doing so much to make this community better, I believe they deserve the facilities they are asking for.

I have looked at the plan on the Archer Forward website and I do not think what they are asking for is unreasonable. I hope you recognize what an asset this school is to the community and you support their plan.

**Response to Comment No. 259-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 260**

Colleen and Mark Kaner
12020 Saltair Pl.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 260-1**

We are writing today to request that you support Archer and their campus improvement plan. We live in the neighborhood (CD11) and have been supporters of The Archer School before our daughters were students, for the 12 years they attended the school, and we continue our support now. The education our daughters received at Archer did more than prepare them to be successful in college and beyond; it provided countless opportunities for them to actively participate in neighborhood and community programs. Archer lead by example and our daughters learned the many ways they could contribute while gaining a fundamental understanding of the importance of being an active participant in our community.

I hope you have the opportunity to spend some time yourself at Archer and speak with the students directly. It really is a remarkable place. I feel confident you will find, as we did, that Archer is not only a wonderful neighbor but also an asset to our community.

**Response to Comment No. 260-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 261**

Melanie Kaplan
1520 Old Oak Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 261-1**

First off, I would like to thank you both for your time listening to our comments on this matter.

The Archer project has been on my radar for some time. As a resident of Brentwood, and with the deadline quickly approaching for this, I finally have to weigh in here. As parents of 2 children we understand schools, yet we feel strongly that the proposed expansion of Archer School, must be stopped.

**Response to Comment No. 261-1**

This introductory comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 261-2**

The obvious first issue here is the traffic. As a resident in a neighborhood just off Sunset, Sunset is my artery. It is clogged for MILES in the AM and even worse in the afternoon. It has become clear that this street cannot handle the traffic it is being given. Archer's plans to build a stadium, underground parking garage, concert hall, and then to rent this out on weekends, to other schools, and for weddings and movie/commercial shoots, will make this traffic omnipresent, to the benefit of no residents in the immediate and surrounding areas. Ingress and egress being dependent solely on Sunset Blvd will impact all traffic west of Archer school negatively … let me be so bold as to say it will be abysmal.

**Response to Comment No. 261-2**

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic

impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance. Refer to Topical Response No. 7, Potential Traffic Impacts Associated with Proposed Campus Operations, for a detailed discussion of potential traffic impacts associated with proposed campus operations.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including additional limitations on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions from 98 to 86 including eliminating Interscholastic Athletic Tournaments and two School Functions with up to 650 guests, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. Regarding filming, as further discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, filming on the campus for commercial purposes would continue to be prohibited except when the School is not in session. Filming would be permitted for no more than 24 days per year. All trucks and equipment would be required to use the School's underground parking structure and parking on neighborhood streets would be strictly prohibited. Hours would be restricted, with filming beginning no earlier than 9:00 A.M. and concluding no later than 6:00 P.M.

**Comment No. 261-3**

Noise, and pollution are the obvious follow ups to traffic. Parking requires ventilation of fumes. Where will those fumes go? Into neighboring yards? And noise, I live across the street from Paul Revere (across from Sunset) when "eat, see, hear" happens there 2 or 3 times a summer, my kids can't sleep, it is loud, it is disruptive. As taxpayers we all have the right to quiet enjoyment of our homes, Archer, or any school for that matter, does not have the right to take that. "Eat, see, hear" is twice a year, it is a community building event, I don't love it, but fine, I can handle it. More than that and it quickly becomes a nuisance.

**Response to Comment No. 261-3**

As described in Section II, Project Description, of the Draft EIR, the parking structure would be open to natural light and outside air along approximately 40 percent of its perimeter, which would allow the parking structure to be naturally ventilated and reduce the need for energy-consuming (and noise-producing) mechanical ventilation equipment. Also refer to Sections IV.I, Noise, and IV.B, Air Quality, of the Draft EIR for the analysis of noise and air quality impacts, respectively, associated with the Project parking structure. As described therein, such impacts were determined to be less than significant. Furthermore, as described in Topical Response No. 8, Summary of Impacts from Parking Structure, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, refinements have been made to the parking structure, including a reduction in its size and an associated increase in distance of the structure from nearby uses. As discussed in Topical Response No. 8, Summary of Impacts

from Parking Structure, the reduced underground parking structure would also have less than significant noise and air quality impacts. Furthermore, as discussed therein, noise associated with the reduced parking structure would be lower than existing conditions. Also refer to Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, regarding the proposed refinements to campus operations to include additional limitations on the hours of operation, reducing the number of proposed School Functions, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses. Finally, refer to Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, regarding the additional measures to reduce noise associated with campus operations. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 261-4**

Additionally, Archer agreed upon purchase of the property 15 years ago to a CUPA. That CUPA places restrictions on Archer since it is in a residential area. The CUPA requires that students be bused in to not overburden traffic, this again was 15 years, traffic has increased since then. Archer's CUPA also properly restricts use of the property and does not allow any expansion or new construction, Archer agreed to this when they purchased the property, they also agreed that the school be used for school purposes only. Movie shoots are not a school purpose.

**Response to Comment No. 261-4**

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval governing campus operations and physical improvements. A CUP is a discretionary approval issued after environmental review and a public process. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

As part of the Project, conditions of approval pertaining to traffic, parking, carpooling, and busing are proposed to continue to be implemented, including maintenance of an average vehicle ridership of 3.0 persons per vehicle. A maximum of 15 student-driven carpools with three students in each vehicle is permitted; additional carpools are permitted consisting of four or more students in each vehicle. In addition, the existing condition requiring utilization of vans/buses to transport 50 percent of the student enrollment on a daily basis is proposed to be increased to 70 percent of the student enrollment on a daily basis, thereby reducing potential traffic impacts associated with the Project.

As described in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including filming. Specifically, filming on the campus for commercial purposes would continue to be prohibited except when the School is not in session and provided the filming revenue is placed in the School's scholarship fund. Filming would be permitted for no more than 24 days per year. All trucks and equipment would be required to use the School's underground parking structure. Parking on neighborhood streets would be strictly prohibited. Hours would be restricted, with filming beginning no earlier than 9:00 A.M. and concluding no later than 6:00 P.M.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 261-5**

The residential neighborhoods are being negatively affected. Noise will become a real problem, traffic will be unbearable, and more importantly Archer will have taken advantage of the neighborhood's good will. As a parent, the real question becomes, what kind of values does Archer teach? If not standing by your word is one of them, that is a school that should not be educating young women and putting them out into the world. It was the no-growth promise that allowed Archer to purchase this historic building, it is what they were founded on, and what they should be held to.

**Response to Comment No. 261-5**

As evaluated in Section IV.H, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the proposed buildings would be designed to complement the historic Main Building and respond to and respect the residential scale and character of the surrounding area. As such, the Project would be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and the Brentwood–Pacific Palisades Community Plan regarding conservation of and compatibility with the scale and character of the City's residential neighborhoods. Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood.

With regard to noise, as described on page II-27 of Section II, Project Description, of the Draft EIR, the buildings would be designed to shield neighbors from internal campus activities and noise, including having no operable windows that open on the sides of buildings directly adjacent to Chaparal Street and Barrington Avenue. In addition, as discussed in Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to

reduce the significant noise impacts of the Project. With implementation of such mitigation measures, noise impacts associated with use of the athletic field for athletic activities on weekdays and use of the Aquatics Center would be reduced to a less than significant level.

As evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, and as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, with implementation of the mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR and Final EIR, all operational Project traffic impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level.

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval governing campus operations and physical improvements. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 261-6**

My children attend a school in the Palisades that is under strict CUPA, and as a parent yes, certain things would be nice to have, but not at the expense of ill-will from the neighbors, not at the expense of breaking promises. If Archer requires more space, they should relocate, the Westside can certainly use a private middle school that would fit just fine in the Archer space, and not expand or require parking, and would still provide a tax base, as a mother, I can assure you that is the case, since our public middle school option Paul Revere is riddled with unaddressed problems.

As a taxpayer, and someone who recently worked to get filming abated at a home in our neighborhood, I am quite tired of money and influence being used to sway our city to benefiting the few and turning a blind eye to the big picture of the many. If Archer cannot keep it's [sic] word, I am putting my trust in my city representatives to help show them the way.

**Response to Comment No. 261-6**

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which

was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval governing campus operations and physical improvements. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

Refer to Topical Response No. 15, Alternative Locations, for a detailed discussion of the analysis of alternative locations for the Project.

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 262**

Paula Kaplan
2740 Deep Canyon
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

**Comment No. 262-1**

I am both a strong supporter of the Archer Forward plan and Archer School for Girls, as the parent of a current student. Archer is an upstanding and enriching member of the community and I hope you will support the campus plan.

I can attest firsthand to the school's efforts to reach out to its neighbors and be a responsible and responsive member of the community. I believe that Archer's stringent compliance to its CUP and its dedication to its neighborhood has become ingrained into the culture and character of the school as a whole. Our girls are taught the importance of community and being a good neighbor, and this value of responsible stewardship is translated into a real spirit of community service. Students are taught that making their immediate neighborhoods a better place in turn helps make their world a better place.

The facilities and upgrades that make up this plan will be vital to continuing the school's mission to provide a 21st century education for girls. Currently, the school lacks facilities that other independent and public schools in Los Angeles already have, like athletic, performing arts and visual arts facilities—all necessary components of a well-rounded education.

I strongly support Archer Forward and hope that you will agree that it is a good plan for the school and the community. I hope that you will help Archer move quickly through the City's process.

**Response to Comment No. 262-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 263**

Sharona and Foo Katan
224 N. Barrington Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 263-1**

Please allow me to first introduce myself. My name is Sharona Katan and I have recently purchased a home and moved into 224 North Barrington Avenue. We are a family of four, including my husband, one year old baby and four year old boy.

Since moving in just last month, I have been extremely upset with what is going on in my neighborhood and specifically, on Barrington Avenue.

**Response to Comment No. 263-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 263-2**

**My four year old child has pulmonary health issues which make us rush to the hospital Emergency Rooms on urgent basis.** This is a very important fact as I am writing this letter in connection with ARCHER's plans.

At 4:00 p.m - 7:00 pm, we are basically LAND AND GRIDLOCKED in our home due to all the traffic. Traffic is backed up from Sunset all the way through north Barrington, Chaparel [sic] and Crescenda.

**I CANNOT GET OUT OF MY HOUSE AS IT IS WITH A CAR. I DON'T EVEN WANT TO THINK OF WHAT ARCHER'S PROPOSED PLANS WOULD DO TO MY STREET AND NEIGHBORHOOD.**

With a young child who needs rushed and urgent medical care, **please understand ARCHER's proposed plans are unacceptable and frightening to me.**

**Response to Comment No. 263-2**

Refer to Section IV.J.1, Public Services—Fire Protection, and Section IV.J.2, Public Services—Police Protection, of the Draft EIR, and Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, regarding emergency vehicle access.

**Comment No. 263-3**

**ARCHER'S PLANS MAKE ME ANGRY. THEY DEFINITELY DO NOT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY, ON A WHOLE OR ON A PERSONAL LEVEL.**

**WE DO NOT WANT:**

Archer to have operational hours past the end of a traditional school day.
Archer to have weekend operational hours.
Archer to have additional parking spaces.
Our streets to be clogged with construction vehicles.

**Response to Comment No. 263-3**

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on School operations are proposed, including additional limitations on the hours of operation on Saturday, reducing the number of proposed School Functions and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses.

With regard to parking, as described in Topical Response No. 3, Overview of Reduced Parking Spaces, Parking Demand and Supply, and Parking Enforcement, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project has been further refined to include a reduction in the number of parking spaces from 212 spaces to 185 spaces, which would be expandable to 251 spaces with the use of attendant assisted parking.

Additionally, as detailed in Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the Project has also been refined to reduce the construction period from six years to five years. In addition, as described on page II-38 of Section II, Project Description, of the Draft EIR, the Project is proposed to be developed in phases to facilitate continued School operations and minimize disruptions to neighbors with access for haul trucks and equipment/material delivery trucks as well as the number of construction workers varying between the different phases of construction. Refer to Table IV.K-30 on page IV.K-90 of Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, for a

summary of the significantly impacted intersections during the analyzed construction periods along the proposed haul routes.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 263-4**

I can barely get of my house as it is. There is so much traffic and noise. As a homeowner, community member, and most importantly, as a mother, **I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENJOY MY HOME AND MY NEIGHBORHOOD WITHOUT FEAR THAT I AM BEING LANDLOCKED WITH CARS AND CONSTRUCTION TRUCKS ON THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL WITH MY CHILD.** I have a right to put my baby down for a nap without noise from construction vehicles at any time during the day. I have a right to enjoy a peaceful neighborhood and community.

**Response to Comment No. 263-4**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site. Refer to Topical Response No. 11, Overview of Construction Refinements, regarding the impacts of construction activities and the proposal to reduce the overall construction timeframe for the Project from six years to five years. Refer to Topical Response No. 6, Overview of Construction Traffic and Parking, for a detailed discussion regarding construction traffic.

**Comment No. 263-5**

**Our neighborhood is already overburdened. I BEG OF YOU TO PUT YOURSELF IN MY POSITION, AS A HOMEOWNER AND A PARENT.**

We are thankful for The Residential Neighbors of Archers, and stand by their alternative as a compromise. I would otherwise accept none of Archer's proposals. NONE OF THEM.

**Response to Comment No. 263-5**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision makers for review and consideration. Refer to Topical Response

No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project.

**Comment No. 263-6**

With enormous appreciation for your efforts to honor the compromise put forth by The Residential Neighbors and no more.

**Response to Comment No. 263-6**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. This closing comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 263-7**

Thank you.

Sharona and Foo Katan
224 North Barrington Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Archer should be ashamed.**

**Response to Comment No. 263-7**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 264**

Bernard J. Katz, M.D.
Geoffrey Evans
UCLA-Santa Monica Bay Physicians
2001 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 1080
Santa Monica, CA 90404

**Comment No. 264-1**

We are writing as a parent of two Archer girls. Our daughters are in 6th grade and 8th grade. Our children have had a fantastic experience at The Archer School for Girls. They have continued to develop self-confidence and intellectual interest. They are committed members of the community, looking for opportunities to assist others.

The Archer Forward plan will allow The Archer School for Girls to have the facilities that are essential for girls' education in Los Angeles. The athletic facilities, the arts center, and the modernized classrooms will help the girls at Archer learn in the 21st century. Female corporate and civic leaders often come from girls' schools. Having a state of the art campus for girls' education will help Los Angeles continue to be a leader.

Please support the Archer Forward program.

**Response to Comment No. 264-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 265**

Eric Kaufman
235 Bronwood Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 265-1**

The first thing out of mouth is ... you've got to be kidding me. I'm a local, born and bread [sic] Los Angeles native. I grew up on Thurston Avenue and have spent nearly 40 years in this neighborhood. I now live on Bronwood. After the debacle of the 405 FWY construction project that will actually not resolve the traffic issues on the freeway, the thought of someone creating more traffic due to more construction is mind boggling. Moreover, while the 405 project at leasts [sic] purports to resolve traffic issues, the Archer Forward program will only create greater traffic issues once completed. Whomever approved this plan must not live or commute to and from this area often. Either that, or they're completely inept or on the payroll off Archer.

**Response to Comment No. 265-1**

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site. As further discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant operational traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance. Refer to Topical Response No. 7, Potential Traffic Impacts Associated with Proposed Campus Operations, for a detailed discussion of potential traffic impacts associated with proposed campus operations.

**Comment No. 265-2**

I will make it my personal mission to stop this plan. And, if the plan is approved I will make it my personal mission to have those that approved the plan be removed from their public positions of service. This plan is irresponsible, offensive and flat out stupid. There are so many arguments to be made against this plan that it doesn't even make sense to list them all. Just use common sense, and that alone will tell you this plan is egregious.

**Response to Comment No. 265-2**

This comment does not raise an issue specific to the Draft EIR and the environmental impacts addressed therein. This comment expressing opposition to the

Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 265-3**

Thanks for your response. My mailing address is:

Eric Kaufman
235 Bronwood Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Response to Comment No. 265-3**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 266**

Barry and Lisa Kay
9113 David Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90034

**Comment No. 266-1**

My daughter is a graduating senior this year at The Archer School for Girls. She has been at Archer for seven years, starting in the sixth grade. We were attracted to Archer's all-girl setting. Our daughter was able to find her voice, without distraction. Numerous studies have shown there is statistical proof that graduates from all-girls schools have an advantage when they enter college. I strongly believe Archer's outstanding college preparatory curriculum will allow her to succeed in her future endeavors.

It is imperative that the Archer Forward plan move ahead as designed and envisioned to allow Archer to flourish. In return, the school will continue to produce high achieving and successful graduates who have an abundance to contribute back to the community. When our daughter returns to visit Archer, she will be looking forward to see the newly enhanced and designed campus, comfortably knowing it will be made available to future generations.

**Response to Comment No. 266-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 266-2**

Thank you. Our Mailing address is 9113 David Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90034.

**Response to Comment No. 266-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 267**

Lily Kaye
149 S. Barrington Ave., No. 687
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 267-1**

I am extremely concerned about the Archer School expansion. I have lived in Brentwood as a property owner for the last 12 years, and traffic has steadily gotten worse.

Please carefully evaluate the neighborhood concern expressed by the Brentwood residents. Thanks.

**Response to Comment No. 267-1**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 268**

Arezu Kaywanfar
701 Teakwood Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 268-1**

As a graduate of The Archer School for Girls, I am writing to you today to express my support for the Archer Forward Plan.

I have fond memories of my Archer experience and the school had a lasting impact on my life. I made wonderful, life-long friends, many of whom I met taking the bus to school every day. I am glad to hear that Archer's plans will continue to include a requirement of busing. I believe it is good for the students and most importantly, the environment. I remember the school taking the restrictions in their CUP very seriously and I know they have continued that commitment to the community.

The underground parking structure they are proposing is essential and will be a good thing for the local community. I know the school does not want to impose an undue burden on neighbors with regards to traffic and I believe this plan will continue to enforce traffic restrictions that the neighbors want. Additionally, I am happy that the plan does not mean more students. I believe that Archer continues to be the close-knit community that I experienced because it is still a small school where everyone feels like family.

I think this plan is the right thing to do for future Archer girls, and I sincerely hope you will support this plan.

**Response to Comment No. 268-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 269**

Heather S. Keddie
11973 Montana Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 269-1**

I live not far from The Archer School for Girls in CD 11. I am writing to express my support for the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Project. I fully support the school's efforts to modernize its campus in a manner that also benefits the community.

This project represents an important step forward for the school and I believe this plan should be approved. It will allow Archer to build the facilities necessary to continue to provide a top-notch education for young girls from around the city - meeting an important need on the Westside and all of Los Angeles.

Throughout this process, Archer has kept its neighbors updated about any changes to the plan and I support their proposal to improve their campus. Almost every other school in this area, independent or public, has the facilities it needs for their students. As a good neighbor and a longtime member of our community, Archer deserves the same.

I hope you will join me and support their plan.

**Response to Comment No. 269-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 270**

Mary Beth Kelso
12234 Everglade St.
Los Angeles, CA 90066

**Comment No. 270-1**

My daughter currently attends The Archer School for Girls and we live in CD 11. For many months now, the school has been working with the community and local stakeholders to create a campus improvement plan that will greatly enhance the students' overall educational experience, with added benefits to the community. For that reason, I am writing to ask that the City support that plan.

At Archer, our students are taught the value of community service and thinking of others before themselves. The school administration reflects that—they have worked hard with community members who have concerns about the plan to ensure that everyone benefits from what they'd like to make happen on campus. They plan to streamline parking to help improve traffic flow and reduce noise in the busy Brentwood neighborhood, and when they move essential athletic and arts facilities onto campus, they will be removing the need for additional carpools to off-campus venues. This is a win-win situation for us all.

Archer is simply requesting the facilities that many of its peer institutions already have. They pride themselves on enrolling girls from all over the city and providing millions of dollars in scholarships. I firmly believe that many future leaders will graduate from Archer, and I hope that future generations of Archer girls will be able to enjoy the benefits of Archer Forward. Please join us in support.

This is our 11th and final year at Archer. While our daughters won't use these new facilities, I wish the best to all future Archer girls

**Response to Comment No. 270-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 271**

Kathleen Kennedy
President
Lucasfilm

**Comment No. 271-1**

I am a member of the Board of Trustees at The Archer School for Girls and I am writing about our Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan, Archer Forward. This is an important plan for the school and for girls' education in Los Angeles. I hope that you and your office will support the plan and ensure that Archer can continue to provide the top-quality education needed for the next generation of female leaders.

Archer students come from 92 different zip codes in the Los Angeles area and from 146 different feeder schools. It is one of the most diverse schools in West Los Angeles and it provides over $3 million in financial aid to help make Archer more accessible. Our students are active in the community and go on to top tier colleges where they continue to be engaged, active citizens.

The Archer Forward Plan will allow us to provide an even better education for our students by adding the facilities that most independent schools already have — modern classrooms, athletic facilities, and dedicated spaces for performing and Visual arts. Our plan has been improved through feedback from the community and we intend to continue to meet with stakeholders throughout the process.

Archer is a jewel in the educational landscape in Los Angeles, and I hope that we can count on your support as we continue the public process for Archer Forward. We look forward to working with you and your office.

**Response to Comment No. 271-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 272**

Phil Keoghan
NOW
151 Pier Ave., No. 184
Santa Monica, CA 90405

**Comment No. 272-1**

As a proud parent of an Archer alumna, and a passionate supporter of girls' athletics, I am writing to request your help and support for Archer Forward, the school's Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan.

My daughter received an outstanding education. The Archer School for Girls, though she and her teammates would have benefitted immensely from having gym space on campus. Put simply, girls at Archer deserve to have access to the same athletic facilities that co-ed schools in LA enjoy. With the implementation of the Archer Forward plan, the school will be positioned to be a leader in girls' education and competitive athletics for generations of girls to come. In addition, by adding modern classrooms, a regulation-size athletic field, a gymnasium and spaces for performing and visual arts, Archer will continue to serve the needs of a diverse population of girls from across Los Angeles for generations to come.

Archer has a great track record of being a responsible neighbor in the community. This does not surprise me because every parent was well versed in the parking and driving restrictions during school hours. Archer prides itself on implementing one of the strictest traffic management programs in the city. Not only did the expansive bussing program make it easier for working parents, but having a robust traffic program is the green and responsible thing to do.

I believe that The Archer School for Girls is a valuable and upstanding member of the local Brentwood community and has done everything in its power to ensure that their plan is sensitive and respectful to the neighbors that live around the school.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope you'll agree that this project not only meets the needs of the students, but that it was constructed in a way that is appropriate and respectful of the community.

**Response to Comment No. 272-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 273**

Nicola Kerner
249 N. Tigertail Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 273-1**

This email is in reference to ENV-2011-2689-EIR, which has been submitted by the Archer School for Girls as part of it's [sic] Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan.

I am a current parent at Archer, where 2 of my 3 daughters attend school. I am also a Brentwood resident and live within 1/2 a mile of the Archer campus. Our family moved to Brentwood specifically to be near Archer. Archer is an outstanding school and a tremendous asset to the city of Los Angeles. It serves a really diverse population of students from over 90 zip codes across the city. It has implemented and maintains an impressive and unprecedented traffic management program which limits Archer's impact on traffic. Archer takes this program very seriously, both as a part of it's [sic] CUP, but also as part of it's [sic] role in the larger Los Angeles community. On a personal note, as a Brentwood resident who uses Sunset Blvd. daily, I can attest to the fact that on days when Archer is in session and other surrounding Brentwood schools are not in session, the traffic on Sunset is dramatically reduced. When I first noted this I was amazed at how little impact Archer really had on local traffic. Helping Archer realize it's [sic] Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan is essential for allowing the school to fulfill its potential and provide a 21st century environment. Modernizing classrooms, sports facilities and performing arts spaces will bring Archer up to par with other area schools, both public and private, that have modern and appropriate facilities for their students. An improved Archer surely cements Brentwood's position in the city as one of the neighborhoods most dedicated to quality, forward-thinking education.

Allowing this plan to move forward is an investment in Archer, but most certainly an investment in the city of LA and it's [sic] future success.

**Response to Comment No. 273-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 274**

Sandra and Brian Kiley
4222 Bellingham Ave.
Studio City, CA 91604

**Comment No. 274-1**

We are parents of an Archer School student and we want to stress how important this school is to our family and to our community here in Los Angeles. Archer School for Girls is a truly unique school and our daughter has bloomed into a confident, responsible and thoughtful young lady since starting there in 6th grade. The school is a rare oasis where teaching is focused on how girls learn, girls are encouraged to pursue their interests, and learning is fun, and the administration has created a challenging learning environment while ensuring that all are respectful of the neighbors in the Brentwood area. It is really important to us that the ARCHER FORWARD PLAN be given a chance so that the school can build better classrooms, and build athletic facilities and arts spaces. We hope that you will support the plan so that Archer can continue to grow and so that the student learning and development can be done on campus.

**Response to Comment No. 274-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 274-2**

Our address is

Sandra & Brian Kiley
4222 Bellingham Ave
Studio City, CA 91604

**Response to Comment No. 274-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 275**

Ebony O. King
329 S. Cloverdale Ave., #1
Los Angeles, CA 90036

**Comment No. 275-1**

Archer girls are strong, bold leaders of this community, and quite possibly future prominent leaders of this nation. I can personally attest to the confidence that an Archer education instills and I am writing today to express my support for Archer Forward and to urge you to do the same.

As a former Archer girl, I know just how much the school expects out of its students. The faculty and staff teach all Archer girls a sense of community and respect for others. The school has done so many great things for its students I could go on and on. However, it is important for you to know what they are missing.

Every other school in this area has a gymnasium and a place for the entire student body to gather—Archer does not. Furthermore, they don't have a regulation-sized field to practice sports or an aquatics center for the swim team to practice. They don't have a large enough theatre to perform in and the visual arts have not adequate space to showcase student work. Archer should be allowed to have the facilities they so desperately need.

I hope you support their plan and let them build the facilities they are requesting.

**Response to Comment No. 275-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 276**

Wendy Kirshner
wkirshner@aol.com

**Comment No. 276-1**

My daughter graduated from The Archer School for Girls 2008. I am an Archer advocate and I am writing because I strongly support Archer's plan for the future. I have seen firsthand Archer's commitment to being a good neighbor and creating a girl-centric environment to educate girls from all across of Los Angeles. I hope that the city will help Archer by moving this plan forward through the review process.

As a former parent, I know that the Archer Forward Plan is critical in order for Archer to remain competitive among independent schools. Participating in the arts and athletics are a fundamental part of the middle school and high school experiences. However, it can be difficult for current Archer girls who desperately need dedicated spaces for arts and athletics. Archer deserves to have these facilities on [sic] onsite. They have designed a wonderful plan for a campus that provides these facilities, and most importantly, it is respectful to the surrounding neighborhood.

I hope that the planning department, along with Council member Bonin, will work with Archer to move this plan forward in the city review process. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 276-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 277**

Amanda Kleiman
118 Grant St.
Denver, CO 80203

**Comment No. 277-1**

My name is Amanda Kleiman, and I am an alumni of the class of 2007 from the Archer School for Girls. Since it's conception, Archer has taken an input of young girls thirsty for an education in cultural experience and intellectual perspective. Over the past decade, Archer has molded these girls into fine young women, outputting successful philanthropists, actresses, engineers, creative thinkers and has helped to shape the growing identity of the female workforce across the country.

Personally, Archer pushed me to explore my limits, to approach new experiences and people boldly and without hesitation. That is a gift that very few can give, that I will never be able to express enough gratitude to Archer for providing. The faculty and staff at Archer see no limits to the ability of their students, and as a student, it's easy to feel like you are on top of the world and like your possibilities are truly endless.

The new Archer Campus Plan is designed to enhance the physical education of Archer girls. It wasn't until our Junior Year that the school developed a weight room, and shortly afterwards a dance studio. The new Archer campus plan further enhances these facilities. It provides a dynamic outdoor space for girls to mozy, to enjoy lunch and each others company, to review class notes and ideas, in addition to providing a real gym that the women of Archer truly deserve. These are girls who spend 40 hours per week with their heads buried in their books, and that is only within the walls of Archer (let alone the hours of homework). With immeasurable information currently available on the benefits of activity as not just a physical but a mental health break from constant work highlight the obvious necessity for the new plan.

B) your support of Archer as a whole; what you believe Archer is committed to and how you experienced that (feel free to mention any activities/clubs you participated in)

C) your support of the Archer Campus Plan (you can even use the phrase "I support this plan.") which will benefit generations of Archer girls to come

**Response to Comment No. 277-1**

This comment represents the original letter submitted by the commenter, which was superceded by the revised letter provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 277-2**

My name is Amanda Kleiman, and I am an alumni of the class of 2007 from the Archer School for Girls. Since it's conception, Archer has taken an input of young girls thirsty for an education in cultural experience and intellectual perspective, over the past decade, Archer has molded these girls into fine young women, outputting successful philanthropists, actresses, engineers, creative thinkers and has helped to shape the growing identity of the female workforce across the country.

Personally, Archer pushed me to explore my limits, to approach new experiences and people boldly and without hesitation. That is a gift that very few can give, that I will never be able to express enough gratitude to Archer for providing. The faculty and staff at Archer see no limits to the ability of their students, and as a student, it's easy to feel like you are on top of the world and like your possibilities are truly endless.

The new Archer campus Plan is designed to enhance the physical education of Archer girls. It wasn't until our Junior Year that the school developed a weight room, and shortly afterwards a dance studio. The new Archer campus plan further enhances these facilities. It provides a dynamic outdoor space for girls to mozy, to enjoy lunch and each others company, to review class notes and ideas, in addition to providing a real gym that the women of Archer truly deserve. These are girls who spend 40 hours per week with their heads buried in their books, and that is only within the walls of Archer (let alone the hours of homework). With immeasurable information currently available on the benefits of activity as not just a physical but a mental health break from constant work highlight the obvious necessity for the new plan. It brings the Archer Campus up to the caliber of private schools in the Los Angeles area, and can only be seen as a benefit to the school.

Despite the fact that I graduated 7 years ago, Archer remains an important part of my life. I took away from Archer as much if not more than I took away from my undergraduate experience. I am still afforded opportunities to connect with my classmates by organizing reunion events and attending annual socials. As a student, I was granted the opportunity to begin an Outdoor Education Club that fed my interest in rock climbing, which has become a source of exercise and employment for me over the last 7 years as a rock climbing Instructor. Archer is a foundation for women that is committed to their (our) excellence and success. Any plan to further elevate these opportunities for young women at Archer fully receives my enthusiastic support.

As a sidebar, please disregard my previous letter as my internet connection sent the draft prematurely. Despite the ask from Archer for our support, it would not be something I'd contribute to if it wasn't something in which I truly believe. Thank you for your time and energy to help strengthen Archer's impact on young women.

**Response to Comment No. 277-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 277-3**

My USPS mailing address is:

118 Grant St.
Denver CO 80203

Thank you for adding me to the list!

**Response to Comment No. 277-3**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 278**

Eunkyung Koh
jivkorea@yahoo.com

**Comment No. 278-1**

My name is Eunkyung Koh, and my daughter Audrey is a current ninth grader at the Archer School for Girls. She and I cannot express how grateful we are to the school for providing her with invaluable opportunities to further her education.

The Archer Forward Plan is essential for the future of Archer and girls' education in Los Angeles. This plan would provide facilities that girls need, which include modernized classrooms, underground parking, and athletics and arts centers. Because the athletics and arts programs are rapidly growing and improving, it is necessary that girls receive what they deserve.

I thank you for your consideration and support.

**Response to Comment No. 278-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 279**

Stacey Kohl
422 21st Pl.
Santa Monica, CA 90402

**Comment No. 279-1**

I am a parent of a student at the Archer School for Girls and I am writing to show my support for the Archer Forward Plan.

With Archer Forward, the School will make numerous commitments to reduce any burdens on its neighbors, as it has since moving into the neighborhood in 1998, including raising the number of students riding the bus to school from 50 to 70%, preserving "silent Sundays," and planting ample mature trees around the campus to green the area and block noise from campus. Archer Forward was drafted with enormous input from the Brentwood community.

Most of the peer independent schools in the area already have or are permitted to build the facilities that Archer is requesting to add to its campus. Archer Forward will permit the School to provide its excellent curriculum and extracurricular activities *on campus*. As a parent who has to drive around the City to see my daughter compete or perform, this is a major benefit.

Archer and its students deserve to have this plan. I fully support it and hope that the Planning Department and Councilmember Bonin will do everything they can to move this forward quickly and secure City approval. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 279-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 280**

Mayumi Koyabu
10840 Vicenza Way
Los Angeles, CA 90077

**Comment No. 280-1**

My daughter is enrolled at the Archer School for Girls, and I am writing you today in order to show my support of the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan. This project will allow the school to continue providing an excellent education for girls from all kinds of backgrounds and neighborhoods in our city.

Even from my first days involved with the school, I saw Archer's commitment to abide by its promises to its neighbors and the City as defined in its CUP. With regards to traffic and parking, we are clearly instructed each year on the restrictions that we have to abide by when we drop and pick up our girls from school. Most parents elect to send their children by the bus. This is due to the school administration's efforts to reduce its traffic burden in the area and be a responsible neighbor.

The school has continued its promise of being a good neighbor throughout the introduction of the Archer Forward plan. The school has even held many community and stakeholder meetings specifically about the plan in the last year. These meetings have included community groups and individuals from around the immediate area, creating productive dialogue to create a plan that is good for Archer and the community.

This project will promise a bright future for the school and for generations of young women who will walk through its doors. I fully support this plan and look forward to the City's approval.

**Response to Comment No. 280-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 281**

John T. Kretchmer
13452 Valley Vista Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

**Comment No. 281-1**

I am writing you in support of the Archer Forward plan which is currently being examined by the City of Los Angeles. I am the parent of a student at the Archer School for Girls, and have been particularly impressed by the extraordinary efforts the school has made to be a good neighbor, and adhere to the Conditional Use Permit. I think this is best evidenced by the school's policy that all students must take a bus to school (unlike any other school in Brentwood), which helps to control the amount of traffic and pollution in the immediate area.

I feel that the Archer Forward plan is critical to continue the excellent reputation that Archer is known for—the students and the faculty deserve to have a first-rate facility which the plan will provide. In examining the plan, it is clear to me that the entire Archer community is committed to have as little impact as is possible on the surrounding area. This has been done not out of legal necessity, but out of a genuine concern for the quality of life in Brentwood and for the people who live and work there. In fact, because so many activities that currently take place off-campus would be brought on site, traffic would be diminished even more because it would no longer be necessary to transport the students to the many different venues they must now attend.

In addition, the Archer Forward plan would enhance the prestige not only of Archer, but of the entire Brentwood community. Much as Cambridge enjoys the benefits of its association with Harvard, I feel that Brentwood would be further enriched by the location of a world-class educational facility within its borders, a school that would add to the cultural and intellectual life of the neighborhood.

I support the Archer Forward plan without reservation, and I have every confidence that the City will come to the same conclusion as the review process continues.

**Response to Comment No. 281-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 282**

Craig Krull
Craig Krull Gallery
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., Bldg. B3
Santa Monica, CA 90404

**Comment No. 282-1**

I am a parent of two students at the Archer School for Girls and I can proudly and unequivocally say that this school has changed their lives. Unlike any other school that I know, Archer instills an extraordinary sense of self-confidence, compassion, and enthusiasm for learning.

Although there are other single-sex schools in Southern California, there is no other like Archer. Unlike other "prep schools," Archer does not maintain a stressful environment that often leads to educational burn-out.

This school is recognized across the nation as a leading exemplar of the importance and success of an all-girl educational institution, graduating joyful, spirited and optimistic young women. The unique school that Archer has become is vital not only to our community, but as a model for other schools to follow.

I consider these bright girls to be the leaders of our future. In order to give them the opportunities and basic, fundamental facilities they deserve, it now becomes necessary to make the proper additions to the school.

The school simply seeks to add the vital amenities that all schools require; modern classrooms, athletic facilities and spaces for performing and visual arts.

I ask you to lend your support to our promising future. Your endorsement will continue to change the lives of our girls as well as those eager to join Archer in the years to come.

**Response to Comment No. 282-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 282-2**

Thank you for your response, my mailing address is below.

Craig Krull
Craig Krull Gallery
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Avenue Building B3
Santa Monica, California 90404
310.828.6410 fax: 310.828.7320
craig@craigkrullgallery.com
www.craigkrullgallery.com

**Response to Comment No. 282-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 283**

Shari Young Kuchenbecker, Ph.D.
Stephen L. Kuchenbecker, M.D.
157 N. Saltair Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 283-1**

Please read our letter opposing Archer expansion.

You may also visit our Facebook grassroots campaign to alert our neighbors and neighboring communities to Archer's ambitions and the traffic, noise, pollution, city compromise and well-being at great risk.

**Response to Comment No. 283-1**

This introductory comment expressing oppositiong to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 283-2**

Please read our letter opposing Archer expansion.

Archer school is at the heart of the Brentwood, West LA, Bel Air traffic congestion.

To consider adding any additional buildings, traffic, noise, pollution, school events—for profit of a private school … is to compromise the well-being of our neighborhood and nearby neighborhoods at great risk. Please read our great concerns.

**Response to Comment No. 283-2**

As evaluated in Section IV.H, Land Use, of the Draft EIR, the proposed buildings would be designed to complement the historic Main Building and respond to and respect the residential scale and character of the surrounding area. As such, the Project would be consistent with the goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan and the Brentwood–Pacific Palisades Community Plan regarding conservation of and compatibility with the scale and character of the City's residential neighborhoods. Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the

Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood.

As evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, and as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, with implementation of the operational mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR and Final EIR, all operational significant traffic impacts would be reduced to below a level of significance.

With regard to noise, as described on page II-27 of Section II, Project Description, of the Draft EIR, the buildings would be designed to shield neighbors from internal campus activities and noise, including having no operable windows that open on the sides of buildings directly adjacent to Chaparal Street and Barrington Avenue. In addition, as discussed in Topical Response No. 4, Additional Measures to Reduce Noise, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce the significant noise impacts of the Project. With implementation of such mitigation measures, noise impacts associated with use of the athletic field for athletic activities on weekdays and use of the Aquatics Center would be reduced to a less than significant level.

As provided on page IV.B-61 of Section IV.B, Air Quality, of the Draft EIR, the Project would result in less than significant localized ($NO_X$, CO, $PM_{10}$, and $PM_{2.5}$) construction impacts with incorporation of mitigation measures. The Project would also result in less than significant localized operational impacts.

As discussed in Topical Response No. 1, Refinements to Proposed Operations, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional restrictions on Archer operations are proposed including additional limitations on the hours of operation including additional limitations on Saturdays, reducing the number of proposed School Functions from 98 to 86, and eliminating community use of the facilities and the rental, lease, or use of the facilities for non-School Uses.

It is noted that Archer is a 501(c)(3) public charity. As such, all of the School's revenue is used to support its educational mission.

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 283-3**

We strongly oppose the proposed Archer Forward Plan (ENV-2011-2689) seeking additional expansion of facilities and operations.

**Response to Comment No. 283-3**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 283-4**

Our Sunset Boulevard traffic arteries and veins are clogged to near standstill from 7:30am–9am and 2:30pm to 6:45pm every school days. [sic] When schools are on vacation, as the first week of April, our traffic, noise, pollution, and crowding problems are fewer. When there are no special events at our current schools, the Sunset traverse is more open.

Indeed, 15 years ago, concerned with traffic, I placed a video camera on the driver's outside side rearview mirror of our Ford van and drove along Sunset Boulevard from Bundy to Barrington, filming the clogged narrow passage, overcrowding, and frequent gridlock. On a traverse that can take as little as 4 minutes 15 years ago, heavy traffic then burdened this main through fare requiring 9–20 minutes in the morning and similarly long and longer times after 2:45 pm. I have these videos and would happily share them with you.

Knowing the traffic has gotten worse since Archer joined our neighborhood, I decided to try this same route again. On **3/19/2014**, I left my home on Saltair at 5:30 pm and did not reach the San Diego Freeway until 6:05 pm. This is **35 minutes to traverse 1.1 miles**. The neighbors and I observe, commuters shooting north on Saltair Avenue off of Sunset Blvd., and cutting across Chaparal St. and Crescenda St. to then traverse down Barrington, further over-burdening the left turn signal onto Sunset. The short-cutting, neighborhood invading, often speeding, queue-jumping commuters, often have a line of cars backing up Barrington to above, Chaparal and even north of Crescenda!

Concerned, on **Wednesday, April 2nd**, I started out on Sunset Boulevard and made it to the San Diego freeway in 43 minutes. Indeed, Archer School for Girls was on Spring Break. And while **43 minutes** seemed very long, I tried to make it go quicker, as do many commuters, by cutting up Westgate or Saltair, going across Chaparal, and then down Barrington, then left onto Sunset to the freeway.

The following week, **Wednesday, April 9th**, starting at out at the back of the traffic queue which extended to before Canyon View and around the bend. I have posted the photographs and here is my progress:

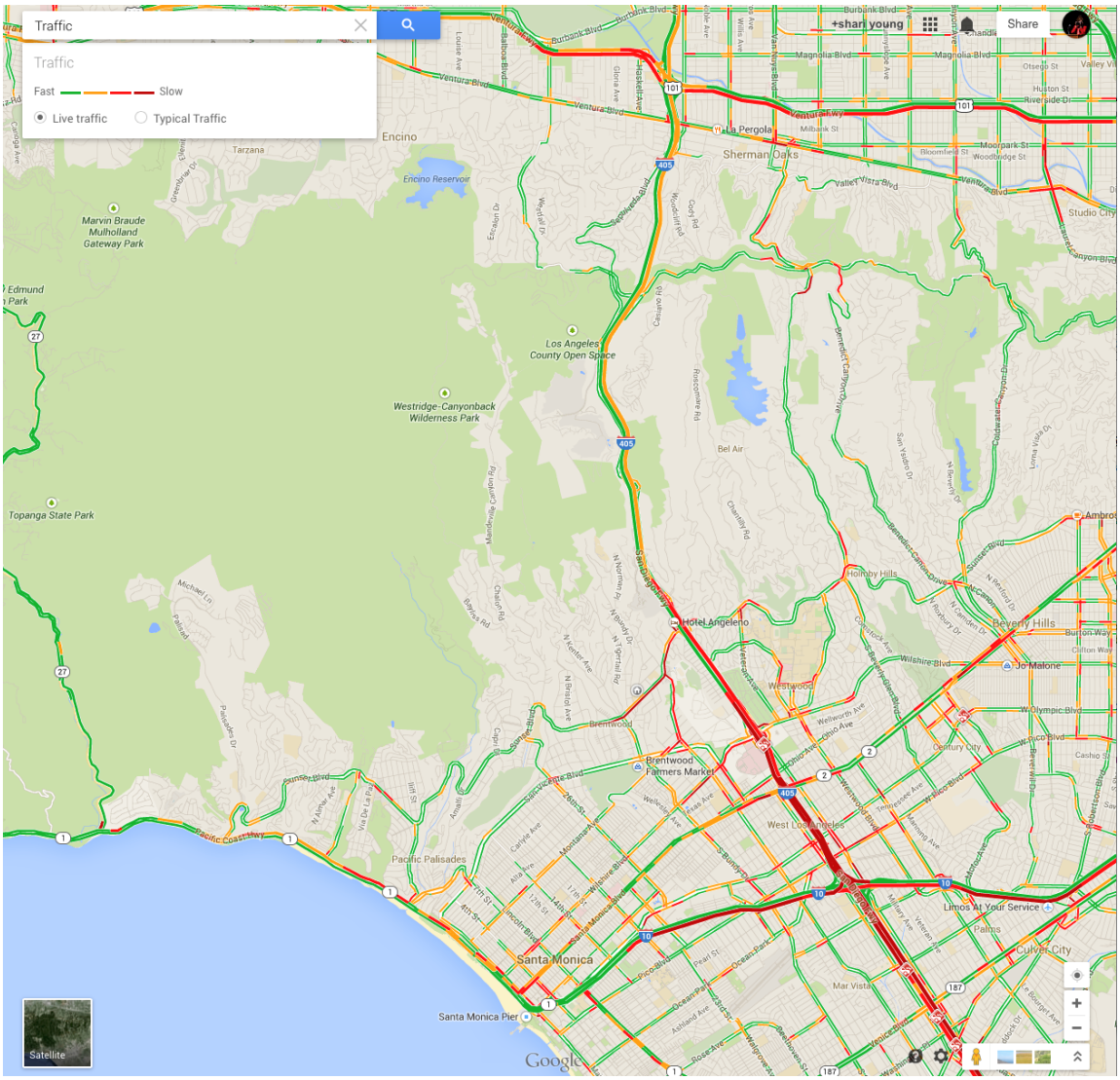
4:42 pm Sunset Boulevard before Canyon View.
4:53 pm to the fire Station
4:55 pm Emergency vehicle drives EAST on WESTBOUND Sunset Blvd—gridlock

traffic!
4:57 (4 photos)
5:00 to Kenter
5:08 still a long way from Bundy
5:14 almost to Bundy
5:27 to Saltair
5:51 almost to Westgate—Left (4 photos)
5:52 Chaparal—Right turn
6:12 to Barrington Left onto Sunset
6:20 to Barrington Place
6:32 San Diego Freeway TAH DAH

**Total TIME—1 hour 52 minutes... (112 minutes)**

You will find our new Facebook page we just posted for Sunset Commuters and residents: https://www.facebook.com/Sunset Commuters. There I have posted the photos with time stamps for others to see and... grass roots people now are able to share their driving experiences—photos, videos, traffic—on Sunset Boulevard and feeder streets.

As you know, you can go to Google maps and see in live time, the traffic conditions in any area. Here is a screenshot of my GoogleMaps Live Traffic on Monday, 4.14.2014 at 4:49 pm. If you monitor this or any similar website such as Waze, our traffic on Sunset Boulevard and feeder streets is RED, assessed as “F”, a majority of the time. And F... means “slow” now... some days, it means stopped! All Reds and all “F” are not equal. Scale ceiling effect is the result of an inadequate measure.




Experience has taught us well. We are the families nearest and continuously observing the flow of tired, irritated, gridlocking commuters on our narrow Sunset Boulevard traffic artery. We are but a part of this sad parade attempting to return to or leave our homes.

Our communities using this through fare of Brentwood, Brentwood Glen, West L.A., Westwood, Bel Air, Santa Monica, Venice, Mar Vista, Pacific Palisades, Malibu and beyond are constrained already trying to approach or depart the 405. We are at saturation and collapse as it is near.

**Response to Comment No. 283-4**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

The commenter mentions a travel time of 1 hour and 52 minutes on Sunset Boulevard between Canyon View Drive and the San Diego Freeway. While speeds during the afternoon peak period are slow, the commenter notes that emergency vehicles were observed. Although not mentioned in the comment, this would potentially suggest that the conditions observed on that day may have been incident-related and not day-to-day recurring congestion.

**Comment No. 283-5**

The LA City Planning Commission has only one logical alternative. No Archer expansion permission of facilities and events (including Archer and Outsider sponsored).

As happened in 1998, Archer's spokespeople are painting a neighborhood friendly plan emphasizing their ongoing commitment to our neighborhood, the historic value of the Eastern Star Home, and the environment. At that time, a few of Archer's requests seemed reckless, but their spokespeople murmured sweet nothings, said appeasing banalities, and bamboozled many into believing their sales pitch. As neighbors with past Archer negotiation experience, we fully anticipate a similar bait and switch in voiced aspirations and actual intrusive, demanding requests and expansion as happened then. Coming in with 125 students in 1999, Archer now houses nearly 500 students with increasing faculty, administrative staff, and all the required ancillary support personnel.

Based on our past dealings with Archer School for Girls, we share tremendous distrust of their promises and would like to see your Department of City Planning and Mike Bonin make the only choice possible. Archer school must be held to its past promises and not permitted to expand its on campus events—be they sport or art.

**Response to Comment No. 283-5**

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval

governing campus operations and physical improvements. A CUP is a discretionary approval issued after environmental review and a public process. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 283-6**

Non-residents who do not see what our neighborhood sees may ask: "Why not build more schools, businesses, and multi-resident buildings? Isn't the axiom the more business the better?"

**The answer is simple. We are at capacity now.**

1. **Our drives and commutes are already at tolerance limits;**

2. **Our green environment has been compromised in favor of too many structures;**

3. **more parking spaces for more events in a neighborhood community compromises our neighborhood and commuters quality of life, for a private school gain.**

**Response to Comment No. 283-6**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site. In addition, as evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, and as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, with implementation of the operational mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR and Final EIR, all Project operational traffic impacts would be reduced to below a level of significance. As described in Topical Response No. 3, Overview of Reduced Parking Spaces, Parking Demand, and Parking Enforcement, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, the underground parking structure is proposed to be reduced.

**Comment No. 283-7**

In support, attached you will find:

- Schwarz, Kahneman and Xu {2009} article on commuter time and compromising well-being
  - **Any commute over 20 minutes is associated with significantly decreased well-being.**
- Princeton professor and Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman and Krueger {2006} article on activities positive affect experience and well-being.
  - **Commuting to and from work is already at the bottom of the activity list.**
    - Intimate relations—top of the Positive affect list (net affect=4.83 higher is more positive)
    - Morning commute—Last on the list (net affect=2.09)
    - Evening commute—third from the last (net affect=2.77)
    - [sic]
- Assistant Professor Kristen Malecki, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health article on the association of greenery and reduced depression, stress, and negative emotional experiences.
  - **"the results are striking... higher levels of green space were associated with lower symptoms of anxiety, depression and stress."**
- Quoting Richard Florida's seminal book, "Who's Your City.

"The place we choose to live affects every aspect of our being..."

From page 5:

- **Without question, both of those decisions—the *what* (you do) and the *who* (you marry/partner)—mean a great deal to our lives. But there is another decision that has an equal, if not greater, effect on our economic future, happiness, and overall life outcome. The question of *where*.**
- Maybe this seems so obvious that people overlook it. Finding the right place is as important as—if not more important than—finding the right job or partner because it not only influences those choices but also determines how easy or

hard it will be to correct mistakes made along the way. Still, few of us actually look at a place that way. Perhaps it's because so few of us have the understanding or mental framework necessary to make informed choices about our location.

- The place we choose to live affects every aspect of our being. It can determine the income we earn, the people we meet, the friends we make, the partners we choose, and the options available to our children and families. People are not equally happy everywhere, and some places do a better job of providing a high quality of life than others. Some places offer us more vibrant labor markets, better career prospects, higher real estate appreciation, and stronger investment and earnings opportunities. Some places offer more promising mating markets. Others are better environments for raising children.

From page 6:

- Place also affects how happy we are in other, less palpable ways. It can be an island of stability in a sea of uncertainty and risk. Jobs end. Relationships break up. Choosing the right place can be a hedge against life's downsides. I hate to dwell on the negative, but you need to think about this. It's always terrible to lose a job, even worse to suffer a breakup with a significant other. As bad as those are, however, they are substantially worse if you also happen to live somewhere with few options in the job market or the mating market. It's exponentially easier to get back on your feet when your location has a vibrant economy with lots of jobs to choose from, or a lot of eligible single people in your age range to date.

- The point is, where we live is a central life factor that affects all the others—work, education, and love—follow.

Commuting to and from work each earns the last and third-from-last Well-Being scores in our daily lives (Kahneman and Kreuger, 2006). Any commute greater that 20 minutes is associated with a statistically significant drop in positive affect and well-being (Schwarz and Kahneman, 2009) as demonstrated in figure 4a and 4b of this article. Interestingly, not even a fancy car (BMW) can assuage the negative feeling of longer commutes. All commuters suffer equally. Is that the goal of the City Planners? The current city residents and commuters should suffer by adding to their daily commute to benefit a private educational institution and its students?

**Why are residents and commuters asked to PAY for the luxury of Archer School home campus sport, theater, and assembly events?** Why are residents and commuters asked to support fund raising events for a private school by adding to our commute time so they can have weddings, filming, and extended school days? Indeed,

Professor Kahneman's line of research helps us understand why those of us nearest and most observant at the juncture our traffic flow myocardial infarction (Bundy to Barrington) want to stop the expansion before the inevitable shut down.

Ambitious and self-serving, this Archer institution does not fool me. It did not fool us 16 years ago. Money talks, but grass roots activism can make a difference.

As residents of Brentwood since 1986, we and our neighbors can document that the traffic has increased for a number of reasons including new and remodeling home construction, service industry personnel, but also significantly due to inadequate review and planning by the LA City Planning Commission.

**Response to Comment No. 283-7**

The comment presenting citations and research from an article by Schwarz, Kahneman, and Xu (2009) on commuter time and well-being noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration. This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR.

**Comment No. 283-8**

Please do not let the Archer School for Girls pull yet another fast one on the City Planning Commission, serving their own needs for profit and fame, not LA city's and our general and greater LA city residents' best interests.

Our neighborhood and the Brentwood Homeowners Association vehemently opposed permitting Archer School to take over the Eastern Star home 15 years ago, anticipating their future requests for more students, more cars, more events, and more intrusions into our neighborhood. Experiences with Brentwood Middle and High School, Marymount Elementary later Brentwood Elementary School, St. Martin of Tours Elementary and Middle school, and even Mount St. Mary's College let us know that Parkinson's law of bureaucracy and organizational expansion continue to thrive. Stringent parameters limiting Archer's expansion were put in place then... and are now being disrespected. The restrictions were put in place for good reason.

Archer School for Girls is seeking only to push their own private needs. They certainly do not have the city's best interests nor residents' from West L.A., Brentwood, Westwood, Bel Air, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, and even Malibu's interests at heart. Though our Brentwood community is rallying in unison, we speak for the larger communities around us who are unaware and certainly do not want additional un-mitigatable traffic burden in this

area. They and we certainly do not want any daily or event additional traffic on a 1.25 mile stretch that can take up to one hour already!

**Response to Comment No. 283-8**

Refer to Response to Comment No. 283-5. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 283-9**

We thank you for your considerations on this matter. I would be happy to supply the 15 year old videos and... the new videos of the same over inundated Sunset Boulevard roadway peak travel hours of 7-9 am and 2:45 to 7 pm.* Now on our Sunset Commuters Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/SunsetCommuters, others will be able to see and post their own experiences, too.

Seeing the profound slow-moving, often grid locked cars is worth a thousand words. Please visit our Facebook page, Google live, or Waze and then let me know when and where I might bring this persuasive footage from 1998 and NOW for your committee's review.

Please contact us at your convenience. Our home phone is (310) 476.1745 or cell (310) 435.8070. Grassroots voices need to be heard.

**Response to Comment No. 283-9**

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

As evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, and as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, with implementation of the operational mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR and Final EIR, all operational Project traffic impacts would be reduced to below a level of significance.

As discussed in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, as part of Project Design Feature K-1, the Project shall include implementation of a comprehensive Traffic Management Program that would include, but not be limited to, maintenance of an average vehicle ridership of three persons per vehicle; a maximum of 15-student driven carpools consisting of three students in each vehicle with additional carpools permitted consisting of four or more students in each vehicle; restricting students from driving to

School alone; and requiring that students who do not ride the bus be dropped off either in a parent-driven carpool or student-driven carpool. In addition, pursuant to Mitigation Measure K-1, Archer shall be required to raise the percentage of students who are required to utilize the fixed-route bus service from 50 percent to 70 percent.

**Comment No. 283-10**

See following page.

*Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health* **2014**, *11*, 3453-3472; doi:10.3390/ijerph110303453

OPEN ACCESS

International Journal of
Environmental Research and
Public Health
**ISSN 1660-4601**
www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph

*Article*

# Exposure to Neighborhood Green Space and Mental Health: Evidence from the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin

**Kirsten M. M. Beyer [1,*], Andrea Kaltenbach [1], Aniko Szabo [2], Sandra Bogar [3], F. Javier Nieto [4] and Kristen M. Malecki [4]**

[1] Division of Epidemiology, Institute for Health and Society, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226, USA; E-Mail: drea2340@gmail.com

[2] Division of Biostatistics, Institute for Health and Society, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226, USA; E-Mail: aszabo@mcw.edu

[3] PhD Program in Public and Community Health, Institute for Health and Society, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226, USA; E-Mail: sbogar@mcw.edu

[4] Department of Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, 610 Walnut St., Madison, WI 53726, USA; E-Mails: fjnieto@wisc.edu (F.J.N.); kmalecki@wisc.edu (K.M.M.)

* Author to whom correspondence should be addressed; E-Mail: kbeyer@mcw.edu; Tel.: +1-414-955-7530; Fax: +1-414-955-6529.

*Received: 31 January 2014; in revised form: 5 March 2014 / Accepted: 13 March 2014 / Published: 21 March 2014*

---

**Abstract:** Green space is now widely viewed as a health-promoting characteristic of residential environments, and has been linked to mental health benefits such as recovery from mental fatigue and reduced stress, particularly through experimental work in environmental psychology. Few population level studies have examined the relationships between green space and mental health. Further, few studies have considered the role of green space in non-urban settings. This study contributes a population-level perspective from the United States to examine the relationship between environmental green space and mental health outcomes in a study area that includes a spectrum of urban to rural environments. Multivariate survey regression analyses examine the association between green space and mental health using the unique, population-based Survey of the Health of Wisconsin database. Analyses were adjusted for length of residence in the neighborhood to reduce the impact of neighborhood selection bias. Higher levels of neighborhood green space were associated with significantly lower levels of symptomology for depression,

anxiety and stress, after controlling for a wide range of confounding factors. Results suggest that "greening" could be a potential population mental health improvement strategy in the United States.

**Keywords:** green space; nature; neighborhood environment; mental health; population-based surveys; United States

## 1. Introduction

The presence of green space, such as forests and parks, is now widely viewed as a health-promoting characteristic of residential environments, and has been linked to benefits such as recovery from mental fatigue [1–7], stress reduction [8–10] neighborhood social cohesion [11], reductions in crime, violence and aggression [12–15], reduced morbidity in multiple disease categories [16–18] and better self-reported health [17–19].

Some studies have demonstrated that the relationship between green space and health is stronger among lower socioeconomic status groups, the elderly, and others who stay home during the day, providing some support for the notion that the size of the effect of local green space on health is related to the amount of an individual's exposure to the local environment [17,19]. These findings suggest that increasing neighborhood access to green space could be a cost-effective strategy to improving health and reducing health disparities, as lower socioeconomic status groups have a more limited ability to travel beyond local neighborhoods, resulting in increased dependence on local environments for healthy lifestyles and exposures [7,17,19–23]. Given evidence suggesting health benefits of exposure to green space and stronger effects among some racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic groups, it has been suggested that green spaces could be "systematically deployed to mitigate health inequalities" in addition to improving health overall [7,23].

However, while green space holds great promise as an innovative, place-based solution to improving population health, understanding where and for whom green space confers health benefits has proven complex. Some evidence and theoretical guidance has suggested that several main pathways may be important in linking green space exposure to health benefits. Green space can have direct protective effects against health hazards posed by air pollution, extreme temperature, and noise pollution [24,25]; has been associated with increased health promoting behaviors such as physical activity [23,26]; and linked to increased levels of social support, social cohesion, and sense of community [11,27–29]; and to mental health benefits such as stress reduction [8,10,23]; buffering between stressors and health outcomes [30]; and attention restoration that reduces mental fatigue [1–6]. Recent research has linked green space directly to biomarkers of stress and attention—diurnal variation of salivary cortisol [8,10] and brain waves as measured by portable EEG devices [9,31]—suggesting a biologically plausible link between exposure to green space and reduction of stress and mental fatigue.

The mental health benefits conferred by green space are of particular interest given a growing body of knowledge that emphasizes stress responses as a main link between neighborhood conditions and health outcomes. Attention Restoration Theory posits that experiences in natural environments can reduce mental fatigue and restore the capability for directed attention. Directed attention is employed

**Response to Comment No. 283-10**

This comment transmits the attachment to the letter submitted by the commenter. This attachment has been included and responded to as part of this Final EIR.

**Comment No. 283-11**

See following page.

*Journal of Economic Perspectives—Volume 20, Number 1—Winter 2006—Pages 3–24*

# Developments in the Measurement of Subjective Well-Being

Daniel Kahneman and Alan B. Krueger

For good reasons, economists have had a long-standing preference for studying peoples' revealed preferences; that is, looking at individuals' actual choices and decisions rather than their stated intentions or subjective reports of likes and dislikes. Yet people often make choices that bear a mixed relationship to their own happiness. A large literature from behavioral economics and psychology finds that people often make inconsistent choices, fail to learn from experience, exhibit reluctance to trade, base their own satisfaction on how their situation compares with the satisfaction of others and depart from the standard model of the rational economic agent in other ways. If people display bounded rationality when it comes to maximizing utility, then their choices do not necessarily reflect their "true" preferences, and an exclusive reliance on choices to infer what people desire loses some of its appeal.

Direct reports of subjective well-being may have a useful role in the measurement of consumer preferences and social welfare, *if* they can be done in a credible way. Indeed, economists have already made much use of subjective well-being data. From 2001 to 2005, more than 100 papers were written analyzing data on self-reported life satisfaction or happiness, according to a tabulation of *EconLit*, up from just four in 1991–1995. Data on subjective well-being have been used by economists to examine both macro- and micro-oriented questions. In a classic paper, Easterlin (1974) examined the relationship between economic growth and happiness. More recently, Di Tella, MacCulloch and Oswald (2001) use data on life satisfaction from the Eurobarometer to infer how people trade off inflation for unemployment, and Alesina, Glaeser and Sacerdote (2005) use the same data to study whether labor

■ *Daniel Kahneman is Eugene Higgins Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs, and Alan B. Krueger is Bendheim Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, both at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.*

market regulation makes people better off. Gruber and Mullainathan (2004) examine the effect of cigarette taxes on self-reported happiness to draw inferences about the rationality of smoking using data from the General Social Surveys for the United States and Canada. Questions about subjective well-being, like the extent to which the respondent feels calm and peaceful, have also been included as outcome measures in the Moving to Opportunity for Fair Housing and Rand Health Insurance experiments (Kling, Liebman and Katz, 2005).

Yet another use of subjective well-being has been to provide an external check on economic indicators. For example, Nordhaus (1998) and Krueger and Siskind (1998) compare income growth deflated by the consumer price index to changes in the percentage of the population that reports an improvement in their financial position to assess bias in the price deflator. In discovering the potential value of subjective well-being surveys, researchers are following in the footsteps of profit-seeking companies like Gallup, which regularly conduct morale and satisfaction surveys of workers and customers for their corporate clients.

What are economists to make of this enterprise? Can well-being be measured by a subjective survey, even approximately?

In this paper, we discuss research on how individuals' responses to subjective well-being questions vary with their circumstances and other factors. We will argue that it is fruitful to distinguish among different conceptions of utility rather than presume to measure a single, unifying concept that motivates all human choices and registers all relevant feelings and experiences. While various measures of well-being are useful for some purposes, it is important to recognize that subjective well-being measures features of individuals' perceptions of their experiences, not their utility as economists typically conceive of it. Those perceptions are a more accurate gauge of actual feelings if they are reported closer to the time of, and in direct reference to, the actual experience. We conclude by proposing the U-index, a misery index of sorts, which measures the proportion of time that people spend in an unpleasant state, and has the virtue of not requiring a cardinal conception of individuals' feelings.

## Measuring Subjective Experience in Principle and in the Lab

The earliest popular conceptions of utility, from Jeremy Bentham through Francis Ysidro Edgeworth and Alfred Marshall, was as a continuous hedonic flow of pleasure or pain. Kahneman has called this conception *experienced utility*, and it is also similar to what Juster, Courant and Dow (1985) call *process benefits*.[1] Edgeworth

[1] Juster, Courant and Dow define process benefits as the "direct subjective consequences from engaging in some activities to the exclusion of others. . . . For instance, how much an individual likes or dislikes the activity 'painting one's house,' in conjunction with the amount of time one spends in painting the house, is as important determinant of well-being independent of how satisfied one feels about having a freshly painted house."

**Response to Comment No. 283-11**

This comment transmits the attachment to the letter submitted by the commenter. This attachment has been included and responded to as part of this Final EIR.

**Comment No. 283-12**

See following page.

# Global and Episodic Reports of Hedonic Experience

Norbert Schwarz

University of Michigan

Daniel Kahneman

Princeton University

Jing Xu

University of Michigan

Preliminary draft for

R. Belli, F. Stafford, & D. Alwin (eds.).

*Using Calendar and Diary Methods in Life Events Research.*

Sage

Most people would agree that a life filled with pleasant activities is preferable over a life filled with unpleasant ones. As Juster (1985, p. 333) noted, "an important ingredient in the production and distribution of well-being is the set of satisfactions generated by activities themselves." As the contributions to this volume illustrate, life-events may change a person's mix of activities and the time allocated to them. If this is a good or bad thing in terms of the person's quality of life depends, in part, on whether the activities are experienced as pleasant or unpleasant. The integral of experienced enjoyment and misery over time provides an indicator of well-being that addresses this issue (Kahneman, 1999). To compute it, we need two sources of data: (i) time-use data that bear on the allocation of time to activities and (ii) data that indicate the extent to which a given activity is enjoyable. While most contributions to this volume address the former component, this chapter is primarily concerned with the latter: How do we determine if people enjoy what they do?

One answer, usually favored by economists, is to rely on people's choices. Presumably, they know what is good for them and reveal their preferences in their choice of activities. A second answer, usually favored by psychologists and social scientists, is to ask for self-reports of enjoyment. Such reports may take one of three forms. First, we may ask respondents to provide global reports of how much they generally enjoy an activity, e.g., along a rating scale from "dislike very much" to "enjoy a great deal." This is the strategy used by Juster and colleagues (e.g., Juster & Stafford, 1985; Robinson, 1977) in their pioneering studies of Americans' use of time. Second, we may assess people's hedonic experience in situ, using methods of momentary data capture, like experience sampling (e.g., Stone, Shiffman, & DeVries, 1999). For reasons discussed below, these concurrent reports set the gold standard for assessing hedonic experience, but the associated high cost and respondent burden render experience sampling unsuitable for

**Response to Comment No. 283-12**

This comment transmits the attachment to the letter submitted by the commenter. This attachment has been included and responded to as part of this Final EIR.

**Comment Letter No. 284**

Stephen L. Kuchenbecker, M.D.
Shari Young Kuchenbecker, Ph.D.
157 N. Saltair Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 284-1**

We strongly oppose the proposed 2014 Archer Forward Plan (ENY-2011-2689) seeking additional expansion of facilities and operations,

**Response to Comment No. 284-1**

This comment expressing opposition to the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 284-2**

Our Sunset Boulevard traffic arteries and veins are clogged to near standstill from 7:30–9 am and 2:30–6:45 pm most school days. There is too much traffic pouring into already over-burdened roadways and we are at near saturation. Collapse is inevitable. Like blood flow, traffic flow requires simple observation and careful, mindful preventative planning for a successful future.

You should know that unlike human blood circulation problems, there will be no saving traffic quadruple bypass operation to save Sunset Boulevard traffic flow. Any additional school and facility expansion that brings in outside events and additional trips to the Bundy to Barrington corridor will also add:

More cars
Pollution from car emissions
Noise
Construction vehicles
Service personnel
Emergency vehicle challenges traveling on crowded roadways

We must curb Archer growth and stop traffic expansion now for indeed, whether the analogy is health or team play, there will be no quick-fix operation or Hail Mary traffic remediation solution in the future; only regret for our failure to plan. To quote John Wooden, “Failing to plan is planning to fail!”

The Bundy to Barrington thoroughfare within which Archer resides affects many communities including Brentwood, Brentwood Glen, West L.A., Westwood, Bel Air, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Malibu and beyond. All are constrained already trying to approach or depart the 405 Freeway. Like preventative health maintenance, LA City Planners mindfully should make only one decision…deny Archer's requests.

It can and will get worse if Archer is given a green light.

As residents of Brentwood since 1986, we and our neighbors can document that the traffic has increased for a number of reasons including new and remodeling home construction, service industry personnel, but also significantly due to inadequate review and planning by the LA City Planning Commission in several instances. Please do not let the Archer School for Girls pull yet another fast one on the City Planning Commission, serving their own needs for profit and fame, not LA city's and our general and greater LA city residents' best interests.

**Response to Comment No. 284-2**

This comment does not address the adequacy of the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to decision-makers for review and consideration.

Refer to Topical Response No. 10, Traffic Congestion Along Sunset Boulevard, for a detailed discussion of traffic congestion in the vicinity of the Project Site.

In addition, as evaluated in Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR, and as discussed in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, with implementation of the operational mitigation measures presented in the Draft EIR and Final EIR, all Project operational traffic impacts would be reduced to below a level of significance. Also refer to Topical Response No. 7, Potential Traffic Impacts Associated with Proposed Campus Operations, for a detailed discussion of potential traffic impacts associated with proposed campus operations.

Refer to Section IV.J.1, Public Services—Fire Protection, and Section IV.J.2, Public Services—Police Protection, of the Draft EIR, and Topical Response No. 9, Emergency Vehicle Access, regarding emergency vehicle access. Refer to Section IV.B, Air Quality, of the Draft EIR for analysis of pollution. Refer to Section IV.I, Noise, of the Draft EIR for analysis of Project noise. Refer to Section IV.K, Traffic, Access, and Parking, of the Draft EIR for analysis of Project construction and operation traffic.

**Comment No. 284-3**

In 1998, many residents in our neighborhood and the Brentwood Homeowners Association vehemently opposed permitting Archer School to take over the Eastern Star home. That was 15 years ago and at that time we anticipated Archer's future requests for more students, more cars, more events, and more intrusions into our neighborhood. Indeed, they are behaving just as we expected. Experiences with Brentwood Middle and High School, Marymount Elementary later Brentwood Elementary School, St Martin of Tours Elementary and Middle school, and even Mount St Mary's College let us know that Parkinson's law of bureaucracy and organizational expansion continue to be demonstrated. Organizations expand by 6% per year independent of need or economic contribution. Stringent parameters limiting Archer's expansion were put in place then ... and are now being disrespected. The restrictions were put in place for good reasons.

Bamboozling many people in community meetings, Archer's 1998 promises included honoring the historical Eastern Star Home building, the neighborhood, and the environment, but Archer clearly now has decided to break their promises. We needed a Covenant to keep them honest. Some, but not all of us were fooled once. Shame on them. Fool us twice, shame on us! Indeed, Archer lied to us about their ambitions then ... and are surely telling more lies now!

Archer School for Girls has shown its character as an organization run by leadership, seeking only to push their private needs for their own private gain. Bringing athletic events and 4 new buildings to 6 acres means their students do not have to travel. Their gains would come at the expense of every person who tries to enter, leave, or commute across Sunset Boulevard. The money-making events proposed benefit no one other than their own financial offers. Education is big business and can be done on sites that do not compromise the surrounding environment and historical value of the community they join. Like a parasite, they are willing to exploit us, our time, our property, our property values, and the environment as well. They certainly do not have any city's best interests at heart nor residents' from West L.A, Brentwood, Westwood, Bel Air, Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, and even Malibu's interests. They have their own profit in mind.

**Response to Comment No. 284-3**

As described in Topical Response No. 16, Environmental Review and Conditional Use Permit Processes, Archer is currently operating pursuant to CUP No. 98-0158, which was approved through the required public process and contains conditions of approval governing campus operations and physical improvements. A CUP is a discretionary approval issued after environmental review and a public process. A new CUP and other concurrent entitlement requests, if approved by the decision-makers, would subject the

School to a new set of conditions of approval, including conditions regarding compatibility of the School's operations and its facilities with the surrounding neighborhood.

The potential impacts of the Project to the historic Main Building were evaluated in Section IV.D, Cultural Resources, of the Draft EIR. As discussed therein, the Project, including the North Wing Renovation, would not result in significant impacts to the historic Main Building.

This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 284-4**

Though our Brentwood community neighborhood is rallying in unison, we speak for the larger communities around us who currently may be unaware but certainly do not want additional un-mitigatable traffic burden in this area. They ... and we certainly do not want any daily or event additional cars on a 1.25 mile stretch that can take up to 43-112 minutes already!

Indeed, we endorse education and highly value the importance of a quality education. This is not a challenge to the value of Archer School, rather it is a challenge to the land use and environmental challenges. Indeed, quality education should not be at the expense of others. Brentwood Elementary and High School has done an excellent job of mindfully respecting our community. We ask Archer to do the same. Off site athletic events, plays, art shows do not lower the quality of the educational experience. Off site events simply require the participants to pay the time needed, not the neighborhood and other commuters already burdened.

Your consideration on this matter must be mindfully given. We are ready, willing, and able to supply the historical perspective from the 1998 Archer School for Girls proposals and promises. We are also ready to make the surrounding communities aware via media and Facebook grassroots methods.

Please contact us at your convenience. Our home phone is (310) 476.1745 or cell (310) 435.8070.

**Response to Comment No. 284-4**

As described in Topical Response No. 5, Additional Mitigation Measures to Eliminate Significant Traffic Impacts, in response to comments on the Draft EIR, additional

operational mitigation measures are proposed to reduce significant traffic impacts related to School Functions and Interscholastic Athletic Competitions to below a level of significance.

Also refer to Topical Response No. 12, Site Plan Consistency with the Residential Scale and Character of the Neighborhood, for a discussion of the Project's consistency with the residential scale and character of the neighborhood. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 285**

Mati Laan
1205 Pacific St.
Santa Monica, CA 90405

**Comment No. 285-1**

I am writing to show my support for the Archer School for Girls Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan.

Our daughter is a student at Archer School, and while it is a very lovely campus, it is without many facilities found in most other schools. The proposed campus preservation and improvement plan strikes a nice balance of preserving the historic features of the school, and providing updated classrooms, as well as improvements to the school's athletic and art facilities. The scope of the project is quite is quite [sic] reasonable yet will help the school provide quality educations for years to come.

Thank you -

**Response to Comment No. 285-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 286**

Patty Lancaster
806 Wellesley Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 286-1**

I have lived in Brentwood for 18 years, and I recently attended the Brentwood Homeowners Annual meeting. I am writing to express my support for the Archer Forward Campus Preservation and Improvement Project. I fully support the school's efforts to modernize its campus in a manner that also benefits the community.

In the years I have lived here, I have seen my entire neighborhood be rebuilt, and the Westside completely upgraded and businesses booming. We need to keep all the good schools on the Westside in top shape, and Archer has been an exemplary option for our families. I have several friends whose daughters have been educated there and are thriving. The school has a personality of its own, and has stayed true to its mission. I remember when they first moved to the Sunset Location and how proud I was that this school succeeded in establishing itself in Brentwood.

The school deserves to have modern facilities for its students that allow them the same privileges as other private schools on the Westside have. The facilities they are requesting that were displayed at the Homeowners meeting are all standard facilities in most schools.

Because they have been so transparent and willing to work with their neighbors, I support their proposal to improve their campus. Almost every other school in this area, independent or public, has the facilities it needs for their students. I believe Archer deserves the same.

I hope you will join me and support their plan.

**Response to Comment No. 286-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 287**

Quinci Land
15926 Index St.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

**Comment No. 287-1**

I am an Archer graduate and I wanted to reach out to express my support for the school, the current Archer girls, and the school's campus improvement plan. I cannot even put into words how great Archer is, but I can tell you that in my opinion, it is one of the best schools in the LA.

I was happy to attend a school that was so diverse. I think that even the student body truly represents the diversity that exists within this city, with students coming from more than 90 zip codes in L.A. I believe that the perspectives of the people in the room largely influence what you learn in class and Archer girls truly come from all walks of life. This made my educational experience rich and varied.

Archer helped me grow into a strong, confident, self-assured woman, and I will never be able to thank the faculty and staff enough for that. I know they are doing the same for the current girls that attend the school.

Please do the right thing and allow Archer to build the facilities they need.

**Response to Comment No. 287-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 288**

Dr. John and Debbi Landsberger
10970 Bellagio Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90077

**Comment No. 288-1**

Our daughter graduated from Archer in 2013. Even though it has been one year since she graduated, Archer still holds a special place in her heart. We wanted to reach out to express our support for the school, the girls, and the school's campus improvement plan, Archer Forward. We cannot even put into words how great of a school Archer is, but we can tell you that in our opinion, it is one of the best schools in the city of Los Angeles.

It was important to us that our child attended a school that was not homogenous and we found that at Archer. The girls who attend the school come from all different walks of life and represent the diversity that exists within Los Angeles.

Archer helped our daughter grow into a mature, beautiful, well spoken, confidant woman who has assimilated beautifully into the rigorous academics of Tufts University in Boston.

Although we are no longer attending Archer and will not benefit directly from the campus plan, we fully support the school's proposal The administration is simply asking fur facilities that every other school in this area already have on their campuses, including: on-site parking, a performing and visual arts center, and a regulation-sized field. We do not think this is too much to ask.

The school has been a team player and has kept its neighbors up-to-date with any changes to their plans, despite what is being said otherwise. Please do the right thing and allow Archer to build the facilities they need.

**Response to Comment No. 288-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 288-2**

Thank you.

Our address is:

Dr. John & Debbi Landsberger
10970 Bellagio Rd
Los Angeles, CA 90077

**Response to Comment No. 288-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 289**

David A. Lapin
Lapin & Davis, LLP
9201 W. Olympic Blvd., Ste. 200
Beverly Hills, CA 90212

**Comment No. 289-1**

Please our [sic] letter to you which is attached to this email.

Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 289-1**

This introductory comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration. Specific comments regarding the Draft EIR are provided and responded to below.

**Comment No. 289-2**

We ardently support Archer's Campus Preservation and Improvement Plan and urge the City of Los Angeles to accept it as soon as reasonably possible.

We are parents of a daughter who has attended Archer for almost 7 years. Archer has been a tremendous school for our daughter and it would be shame if other girls were not able to receive the excellent educational opportunities our daughter has been luck [sic] enough to enjoy.

However, in order to prepare girls and young women for the new economy, Archer desperately needs more modem facilities.

Education is the backbone of economic improvement for our City. Archer is doing its part to produce productive, socially aware, self-sufficient and confident young women. The dividends the City will reap by approving Archer's Plan will be far greater than any perceived negative impacts.

**Response to Comment No. 289-2**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 289-3**

Here is my USPS mailing address:

David A. Lapin
Lapin & Davis, LLP
9201 W. Olympic Boulevard
Suite 200
Beverly Hills, California 90212

**Response to Comment No. 289-3**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list.

**Comment Letter No. 290**

Fran Lasker
11918 Chaparal St.
Los Angeles, CA 90049

**Comment No. 290-1**

I have lived in this neighborhood for 16 years and traffic grows worse each day. I support a plan that would,

- Increase the current size of the school by adding two new buildings, not four, which includes one gym, and one multi-use building,
- Expand and renovate the campus within the current footprint of the school, thus preserving the two residences and creating a needed buffer between the neighbors and the institutional use of the school,
- Add more landscaping to provide an attractive buffer between the school and residences,
- Increase the set back of the buildings placed adjacent to Chaparal Street,
- Maintain the number of special events and athletic events at the current level,
- Maintain the current condition of no lights on the athletic field,
- Follow the guidelines of the current Conditional Use Permit regarding hours of operation and limits on the use of the facilities at night, on the weekends and for outside use,
- Improve the school's facilities with only one phase of construction.

**Response to Comment No. 290-1**

Refer to Topical Response No. 14, Residential Neighbors' Proposed Alternative, for a detailed response to the alternative proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer. In response to comments on the Draft EIR, several of the modifications proposed by the Residential Neighbors of Archer have been incorporated into the Project.

**Comment Letter No. 291**

Anthony Leach
leacha@cox.net

**Comment No. 291-1**

As a grandparent of a student at The Archer School for Girls, I am a strong supporter of the Archer Forward Plan. I can attest to the school's efforts to reach out to its neighbors and be a responsible and responsive member of the community. I believe that Archer's compliance to its CUP and its dedication to its neighborhood has become ingrained into the culture and character of the school as a whole. Girls at Archer are taught the importance of community and about being a good neighbor. This value of responsible stewardship is translated into a real spirit of community service, as these girls give back to their community in several different ways. The facilities and upgrades that make up this plan will be vital to continuing the school's mission to provide a 21st century education for girls. Currently, the school lacks athletic, performing arts and visual arts facilities—all necessary components of a well-rounded education. These are all facilities that other independent and public schools in Los Angeles already have and these girls shouldn't miss out on that too. I know this plan has been discussed at length, and input has come from neighbors that live close to Archer. Many of their comments and concerns were addressed and this is how they have landed on the current design they have now. I hope that you will agree that Archer Forward is a good plan for the school and the community. I strongly support it and hope that you will help Archer move quickly through the City's process. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 291-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment Letter No. 292**

Amanda Leach-Rouvi
4910 Valjean Ave.
Encino, CA 91436

**Comment No. 292-1**

As a parent of a student at The Archer School for Girls, I am a strong supporter of the Archer Forward Plan.

I can attest to the school's efforts to reach out to its neighbors and be a responsible and responsive member of the community. I believe that Archer's compliance to its CUP and its dedication to its neighborhood has become ingrained into the culture and character of the school as a whole. Girls at Archer are taught the importance of community and about being a good neighbor. This value of responsible stewardship is translated into a real spirit of community service, as these girls give back to their community in several different ways.

The facilities and upgrades that make up this plan will be vital to continuing the school's mission to provide a 21st century education for girls. Currently, the school lacks athletic, performing arts and visual arts facilities—all necessary components of a well-rounded education. These are all facilities that other independent and public schools in Los Angeles already have and these girls shouldn't miss out on that too. I know this plan has been discussed at length, and input has come from neighbors that live close to Archer. Many of their comments and concerns were addressed and this is how they have landed on the current design they have now.

I hope that you will agree that Archer Forward is a good plan for the school and the community. I strongly support it and hope that you will help Archer move quickly through the City's process. Thank you.

**Response to Comment No. 292-1**

This comment indicating support for the Project is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

**Comment No. 292-2**

Thank you!

Amanda Leach-Rouvi
4910 Valjean Avenue
Encino, CA 91436.

My daughter is an Archer student.

**Response to Comment No. 292-2**

In response to this comment, the commenter will be added to the EIR mailing list. This comment is noted for the record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.