

December 3rd, 2018

City of Sunnyvale Planning Commission
City Hall
456 W. Olive Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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RE: Summit Denali high school facility in Sunnyvale

Dear Members of the Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

As Sunnyvale continues to grow, we need to ensure quality schools thrive in our community. The Summit Denali public charter school is a proven asset to Sunnyvale. By allowing the school to establish a permanent home on San Aleso Ave., this innovative school will provide a continued benefit to the families who make the city, and this neighborhood, their home.

Charter schools offer choice to parents which is very much needed in Sunnyvale. This innovative school has redesigned education for the 21st century and their results prove the effectiveness of their model. They're offering a model that is not available at any of the Sunnyvale public schools. Restricting their ability to obtain stable facilities negatively impacts the students and their families. Even with all the changes in facilities, Denali continues to obtain some of the best scores for both general education students and students with special needs.

As the Summit project comes before the Planning Commission for review, please consider the tremendous value that this school will bring to our community and I ask for your support.

Sincerely,



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Sunnyvale Community Services

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Working to Prevent Homelessness and Hunger

December 10, 2018

Sunnyvale Planning Commission
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Dear Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

I am writing to express our support of the Summit School in Sunnyvale. Summit School has partnered with Sunnyvale Community Services' food distribution for several years and their location in north Sunnyvale provides a valuable option to Sunnyvale students.

Summit school has donated over 25,000 pounds of healthy food to SCS over the past three years. Summit staff and parent volunteers drop off about 50 lbs. of unused school lunches daily to SCS for immediate distribution to our homeless and hungry clients. It would be very easy for Summit to dispose of this food, but instead they have been a dedicated partner, boxing and transporting their daily donation so that it does not go to waste.

Sunnyvale Community Services is located in north Sunnyvale and we know from our work with our 8,750 low-income clients that many reside north Sunnyvale. We understand that approximately 28% of the Summit's current students are eligible for free or reduce lunch. We know that our north Sunnyvale low-income clients often do not have personal vehicles and struggle with transportation to and from the other public middle and high school options, which may be much further from their homes.

Sunnyvale Community Services can attest to the partnership we have built with Summit School and would anticipate that they will continue to contribute to the community and support the needs of many students in Sunnyvale.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn R. Alexander'.

Carolyn R. Alexander
Director of Operations