

**Momoko Ishijima**

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**From:** Council AnswerPoint  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Nunez  
**Cc:** Kent Steffens; Teri Silva; Trudi Ryan; Deborah Gorman; Andrew Miner; Momoko Ishijima; CityClerk AP  
**Subject:** POLICY--FW: Proposal for Summit Denali Charter School

Councilmembers:

Forwarding to you from Council AnswerPoint.

**Jennifer Nuñez**  
**Executive Assistant- Mayor & Council**  
Office of the City Manager  
City of Sunnyvale  
Phone: 408-730-7913

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**From:** MY-COMPUTER  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** Council AnswerPoint <council@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposal for Summit Denali Charter School

Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members:

Please vote against the proposed development of Summit Denali Charter School at 824 San Aleso Avenue.

In my opinion, it's the wrong type of development for that piece of property - and shoehorning a high school in there will not serve the students who would attend or neighboring residents.

Our Planning Commission recently voted against this proposed development - and I hope you examine their reasons for doing so.

A few reasons why I think you should vote against this proposal:

- it's the wrong type of development for that piece of property
- the school would be very near a motel known for illicit drug sales and prostitution
- the parking solution proposed by Summit Denali does not meet the City's parking requirements, and street parking on San Aleso Ave and Ahwanee Ave is already tight for residents along those two streets.
- the mechanical parking structure proposed by Summit Denali would be sited very near homes on West Hemlock Avenue and next to an apartment building on San Aleso Avenue. Those residents

don't believe adequate noise abatement will be provided for a mechanical parking structure sitting so near to their homes

So, please vote against the proposed development of Summit Denali Charter School at 824 San Aleso Avenue.

If possible, I would ask that the City work with Summit Denali Charter School proponents to identify another location within Sunnyvale that may be more suitable for this kind of development.

Thanks for listening,

Dave King  
680 Manzanita Ave  
Sunnyvale

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**From:** Council AnswerPoint  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 4:10 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Nunez  
**Cc:** Kent Steffens; Teri Silva; Trudi Ryan; Deborah Gorman; Andrew Miner; CityClerk AP; Momoko Ishijima  
**Subject:** POLICY--FW: Proposed Summit School at 824 San AlesoI'm not opposed

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**From:** sharon mcknight  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Council AnswerPoint <council@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposed Summit School at 824 San AlesoI'm not opposed

Dear Sunnyvale City Council Members.

I'm writing in regards to the proposed Summit High School. I'm not opposed to having this school in our neighborhood but do question if this site is the right building and location for the following reasons:

Parking: The size of this site limits the amount of parking space available. With the proposed parking solution the number of parking spaces doesn't meet the required spaces and includes a 3 level parking garage for the teachers and a limit of 20 spaces for a student body of 400. Street parking here is already extremely crowded and any additional cars would be in the local neighborhood.

Traffic: This is a 2 lane street. There are 3 major projects in progress that will impact the traffic, the Mc Donald's at Mathilda and 2 new housing projects that will add an additional 200 homes using this street. This will affect all means of travel in front of the school (car, bikes and walking) especially at drop off and pick up times. With traffic crossing to go to Summit, Columbia Middle School and Mc

Donald's The plan is to have 40 bike parking spaces at the school double the number of car spaces for students and currently there are no bike lanes on this street.

No Outside Space: There is no outside space to use other than the parking lot or side driving lane to the parking lot. The plans do not even include a single bench or table outside the building. There is no type of buffer between the school and the apartments and homes that surround the school. The sound from any type of outdoor activity would carry directly to the .

\*\*Please note that all conversations that I have been involved in were about this not being the right site if you were to consider this site there needs to be a review of the architecture to match the neighborhood.

\*\*If someone was to ask for my suggestion for a good place for the school it would be the Motel 6 facing Mathilda. Lots of rooms, large parking area and a direct exit on Mathilda.

Please vote against the proposed development of Summit High School at 824 San Aleso Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sharon Mc Knight

629 Madrone Aveune

Sunnyvale

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**From:** Council AnswerPoint  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 17, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Nunez  
**Cc:** Kent Steffens; Teri Silva; Trudi Ryan; Deborah Gorman; Andrew Miner; Momoko Ishijima; CityClerk AP  
**Subject:** POLICY--FW: Follow up to your Access Sunnyvale service request: SR-00015271  
CRM:000200000224

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**From:** AccessSunnyvale AP  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 16, 2019 10:35 AM  
**To:** SR-00015271  
**Subject:** Follow up to your Access Sunnyvale service request: SR-00015271 CRM:000200000224

Hello Sue,  
Thank you for submitting your request to the Council's Access Sunnyvale. I am forwarding your message to Council, copying key City staff for their review as well.

John LoFranco  
Senior Office Assistant  
Office of the City Manager  
City of Sunnyvale  
(408) 730-7480

Regarding your recent Access Sunnyvale service request:

Service Request Number: SR-00015271  
Submitted On: 1/16/2019 10:29 AM  
Request Type: Contact Us Request  
Description: Hello City Council,

I'm a member of the SNAIL neighborhood association , a humble home owner.

I attended the last SNAIL meeting on January 10 and I was horrified.  
our new chair , June Valenti said she is speaking to you individually "on behalf of SNAIL" to urge a

no vote against Denali High School's new proposed campus.

approx 13 people were in attendance at that meeting out of 1400 homes.  
these 13 people don't represent a majority of thought about this volatile issue.  
I feel it is my responsibility to make you aware of this. I'm quite upset - still.

There have been NO pamphlets circulated to the neighborhood regarding thoughts or votes on this issue.  
1 person cannot speak for 1400 homes without knowing the population's idea and feelings.  
I feel her behavior is immoral and unethical.  
she cannot say she will back you with SNAIL in your no vote  
she has no right to represent all of us this way.

Sincerely,  
Sue Johnson @ 560 Manzanita Ave  
Initial Response Complete: No

Contact Info  
First Name: Sue  
Last Name: Johnson  
Phone:  
Email:  
Address 1: 560 Manzanita Ave  
Address 2:  
City: Sunnyvale  
State:California  
Zip: 94085

Thank you,  
Access Sunnyvale

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

City of Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

As home owners in the Snail neighborhood we would like there to be a high school close to our house. We request you vote yes on the review of the San Aleso high school plans submitted by Summit Denali.

We believe accessible public schools are a benefit to the families in Snail. San Aleso is a perfect street because it is at the edge of the neighborhood but still accessible for walking.



Alex Padilla, Cindy Padilla  
592 Waite Ave  
Sunnyvale CA 94085

Sunnyvale City Council  
456 W. Olive Ave. P.O.  
Box 3707 Sunnyvale, CA  
94088-3707

January 22, 2019

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

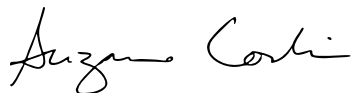
My name is Suzanne Corkins and I have a student in 9th grade at Summit Public School: Denali.

My son started at Denali in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and became more excited about school than he had ever been before! He has been there ever since and is thriving. The personalized and project-based learning approach that Summit Schools uses meets his needs like no other environment. Also, having a mentor who takes a personal interest in his progress each and every day has been incredibly valuable, and is hard to find at any other school.

As our elected city officials, I ask for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing my child and more children in our community a high-quality education. We need your help to make that happen. **Please support Summit Denali.**

Summit Denali is an invaluable asset to our community and to my family. Please continue to provide the school community your strong support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Corkins".

Suzanne Corkins



1/20/2019

James D. O'Neill

827 San Pablo Avenue

Sunnyvale, California 94085

Sunnyvale City Council

456 W. Olive Ave.

P.O. Box 3707

Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

I have lived in the North Sunnyvale community of San Miguel for 15 years. My oldest daughter is currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Summit Public School: Denali. Denali has been truly a bright spot in the educational void of this generally neglected side of Sunnyvale. My daughter has truly thrived at this school and it has had a huge impact on our family!

As you know, there is no public high school option on this side of town. For our daughter to attend high school, she would have to commute across town in absolutely horrendous traffic with the carbon footprint to go with it. We are so excited about the prospect of a high school campus within walking distance of our house. The only parking we would need is for a bicycle at most! That is true for many of the Denali families. To decline the school its permanent high school on the underserved side of town is absolutely ludicrous, especially since the city handed the only public school here over to King's Academy. Also, after the continued approval of high density housing clogging our North Sunnyvale neighborhoods, it is incomprehensible that high school parking would be such an issue.

As North Sunnyvale residents and registered voters, our family asks you, our elected city officials, for your partnership so that Summit Denali can continue providing our child and the children in this neighborhood a high-quality education. We need your help to make that happen. Summit Denali is an invaluable asset to our community and to our family. Please support Summit Denali and all the "forgotten" kids of North Sunnyvale. Please continue to provide the school community with your strong support.

Sincerely,



James D. O'Neill and Family

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1/18/19

Hon. Mayor Klein, Hon. Vice-Mayor Melton, and Hon.  
Councilmembers Larsson, Hendricks, Smith, Goldman and Fong,

My name is Lorien Cunningham and I will have a student at Summit Public School: Denali who will attend the Denali High School next year. I was raised in Sunnyvale and am proud to have roots as a graduate of our excellent local public schools.

As a fellow elected official in our community, I know that we share a common interest in our local public school systems and in delivering on the promise of public education for every child in our community. I'm fond of saying that as parents, we can all only do the best we can by the learners we have -- but that is true of our local governments as well. Every child needs resources, support, mentorship and love to thrive. Doing the best we can by the learners we have in this community means creating opportunities for each and every one of them to succeed. As the mom of a learner that thrives in a personalized learning and mentorship model, I'm so thankful that we have a public school option that works for him at Denali in Sunnyvale.

As our elected city officials, I ask for your partnership on behalf of our family so that Summit Denali can continue providing our child and more children in our community a high-quality education. We need your help to make that happen. **Please support Summit Denali.**

Summit Denali is an invaluable asset to our community and to our family. Please continue to provide the school community your strong support.

Sincerely,

*Lorien Cunningham*

Sunnyvale City Council  
456 W. Olive Ave.  
P.O. Box 3707  
Sunnyvale, CA 94088-3707

15 Jan 2019

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,


My name is James "Bo" Begole and I have three students in 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades at Summit Denali. I reside in Sunnyvale, in the Snail district which contains the proposed new location for Summit Denali High School. I ask that you please support Summit Denali's application for modifying the property on San Aleso so that it may bring high-quality education to our northern Sunnyvale community.

I chose to reside in the Snail district because of its proximity the Summit Denali Middle School campus on Weddell Drive. That building is within 20 minutes walking distance of our home. It is critical for me as a single parent who needs to work during the day that my children can get home themselves, either walking or bicycling. My oldest is 16 years old and he bicycles to school now and has no desire to attain a driver's license. It is important for my job that I not have to leave in the middle of the afternoon to pick the kids up. The proposed San Aleso Denali High School site is less than a mile from my home, less than 15 minutes' walk, whereas the temporary Denali HS site at St Cyprian's is 2.5 miles and takes almost an hour for my middle child to walk. The children carry heavy packs to school and so a shorter walk is healthier and safer for them.

Summit Denali has been a great experience for my family and an enhancement to Sunnyvale – the Middle School on Weddell transformed a drab industrial building into a vibrant and lively facility. The children and I regularly participate in volunteer work days to maintain and upgrade the school, providing a sense of community involvement in the school. The directors of the school are exceptional in their ability to control both the students and the parents as we drop off and pick up the kids in morning and afternoon, keeping traffic flowing smoothly in the neighborhood. I am certain this practice will continue.

Please support Summit Denali in its application to transform the building on San Aleso into a welcoming and nurturing facility that elevates the value of our community in Sunnyvale.

Sincerely,



James "Bo" Begole, PhD

## Momoko Ishijima

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**From:** Council AnswerPoint  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2019 2:15 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Nunez  
**Cc:** Kent Steffens; Teri Silva; Trudi Ryan; Deborah Gorman; Andrew Miner; Momoko Ishijima; CityClerk AP  
**Subject:** POLICY--FW: For Jan. 29, 2019-Arguments against proposed development of Summit Denali Charter School at 824 San Aleso Ave.

Councilmembers:

Forwarding to you from Council AnswerPoint.

### Jennifer Nuñez

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**From:** Valerie Soares  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 19, 2019 9:48 AM  
**To:** Council AnswerPoint <council@sunnyvale.ca.gov>  
**Cc:** vsuares@gmail.com  
**Subject:** For Jan. 29, 2019-Arguments against proposed development of Summit Denali Charter School at 824 San Aleso Ave.

Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members:

Speaking for myself and not as the Chair of the SNAIL Community, I would like to address the Council Members on the Summit School submission for the Peery Park Specific Plan Conditional Use Permit.

I urge you to vote against the proposed development of Summit Denali Charter School at 824 San Aleso Avenue, considering the City Staff did not recommend supporting the school proposal, and the Planning Commission voted against the proposed development on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Let me tell you that as a former teacher myself, I am not opposed to having a high school in the north part of Sunnyvale this is just not the right site for it, and these are the reasons:

1. The lot is too small to accommodate a campus of 400 high school students.
2. The lot is too close to residents as it is situated right behind some properties where most of these residences have their bedrooms facing the would be school parking lot; which (if this project gets approved) will be noisy with high school students trying to rush to class early morning, taking an outdoor break at lunch, relaxing between classes, or just hanging out.
3. On this lot, there is no creative outdoor places catered for the students sporting activities and no outdoor learning environments for these young adults' intellect. This lot and the asphalt around it, are not - in my

opinion - an adequate environment that enhances safety, facilitates supervision, stimulates learning, nurtures collegial atmosphere or creates aesthetics.

4. The parking lot and parking structures are too close to the residential properties of Ahwanee apartments, and the homes on West Hemlock and Madrone avenues, which will inevitably be polluted with car fumes, and impact the residents of the neighboring properties.
5. The total spaces included in the parking lot and mechanic parking structure are under the required and necessary parking spaces to accommodate administrative, educators' and students' vehicles for a 400 high school students. Even with the proposed garage the site is still lacking 11 parking spaces as per city regulations.
6. The proposed drop off and pick up on the back of the building is right against the back fence of SNAIL properties which would create excessive noise up to 90 minutes prior to school hours and throughout the day, with their proposed "bussing" students on and off campus for the multiple off campus activities.
7. The Motels across from the proposed school are a magnet for prostitution, and drug activity in the area (this is a serious safety issue for the teen-aged students).
8. With the upcoming constructions of the Perry Park townhomes, circulation along San Aleso from Mathilda to Ahwanee or vice versa, traffic is expected to increase drastically.
9. Lastly, since the proposed site has no space for physical education, students will have to be bussed or driven in and out, which will inevitably be creating far more traffic than already existing.

For these reasons I urge you to vote against the proposed development of Summit Denali Charter School at 824 San Aleso Avenue and deny the Peery Park Specific Plan Conditional Use Permit by supporting both staff's recommendation and the negative vote of the planning commission.

I would ask that the City work with Summit Denali Charter School proponents to identify a different location within north Sunnyvale boundaries that may be far more suitable for such development.

Thank you for your "NO" vote which would illustrate your understanding of the above mentioned reasons to vote against the Conditional Use Permit for the 824 San Aleso Avenue property.



Valérie Suarès

Special Mayor's Award of Excellence (City of Sunnyvale, Sept. 2018)

Outstanding Community Volunteer (City of Sunnyvale, July 2017)

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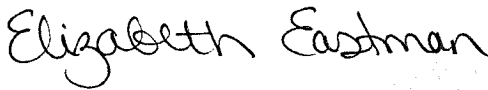
January 28, 2019

Dear Sunnyvale City Council,

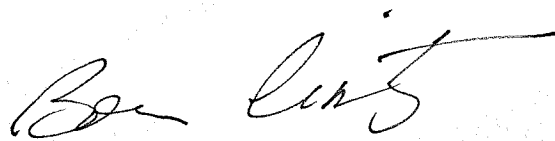
We are writing to ask for support for Summit Public School: Denali. We have twin sons in the 10th grade at Denali. When they were in sixth grade, we decided to transfer them to Denali because both of them were not well suited for the school they were in. We were concerned about middle school, and, even more so, about what high school would be like for them. Over the last four years, we have been surprised, relieved, and very happy about the changes we have seen. One of our sons has straight "A's" and high test scores; he is planning to take AP courses soon. Our other son has found a love of English, history, ethics, and philosophy, and is considering being a teacher. Denali's unique combination of being caring and having a small student body, coupled with the values the school embodies, and that each student has a Mentor and community group is the right combination for our kids. Additionally, our kids report there is no bullying at Denali; the atmosphere is, instead, supportive. As parents, we are very grateful for all of this.

We ask you, as our elected City officials, to please partner with Summit Denali so that it can continue providing our children and others in our community with a high-quality education. We need your help to make that happen. Please support Summit Denali.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Eastman



Benjamin Cintz

## Momoko Ishijima

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**From:** AHWANEE APARTMENTS <ahwaneeppts@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 4:22 PM  
**To:** Momoko Ishijima  
**Subject:** Summit School Project

Good Afternoon Momoko Ishijima,

I am writing this to whom it may concern on behalf of Ahwanee Apartments and its tenants. This is in regards to the proposed school. My co-manager Michelle has attended a few meetings to voice her concerns over a school here and I am going to reiterate them.

We do not feel a school in the middle of our neighborhood is a good idea for several reasons.

- 1) A few months back, there was a drive-by shooting. No one was injured but a car was hit.
- 2) At the end of December, there was a robbery in the middle of the day.
- 3) The hotels and motels nearby are not good places. They will rent a room to whoever. There is still prostitution and drug dealing going on there.
- 4) Because of these hotels/motels, several of our tenant's cars have been broken into or stolen.
- 5) There is already a LOT of traffic down this street. The speed limit is 25mph, yet people will do 40-50. The traffic will only get worse as the housing begins to get built and bought next to where the proposed school is.
- 6) We have lots of children on our property who attend schools nearby. With another school here, it will make them getting to school not only on time but at all, more difficult due to the increased traffic in this area.
- 7) We have people who work all different hours of the day and night. A school here will only add to the noise congestion, making it hard to obtain any peace & quiet and sleep.

In closing, a school here just doesn't make sense! There are safety concerns for all involved as well as an unsettled neighborhood with more traffic, people, and housing to come. We are thinking of not only our own tenants and their families, but also the children, teachers, staff of the school. We feel it would be in the best interest of all involved to look elsewhere for this school.

Thank You for Your Time,

Ahwanee Apartments