

WESTWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

March 9, 2016

Agenda Item #8

MOTION TO OPPOSE NEW CITY SCHOOL LOCATION

The Westwood Neighborhood Council stands with StandUp4Neighborhoods and opposes the City's approval of a new location of the City School, a charter school, at the corner of Motor Avenue and National Boulevard. This Middle School/High School will bring 890+ students, faculty, and staff to this location and our opposition is based on the following reasons:

- Their traffic study shows the school would generate over 2,000 new car trips daily.
- At least four times a day, cars headed to and from the school will be traveling up and down Manning, Motor, Northvale, Earlmart, Queensbury, Shelby, and Club, with adjacent side streets used as cut-throughs.
- City School is currently located on Pico Boulevard near Barrington, with the majority of its students coming from West Los Angeles.
- Their design calls for a single driveway for all cars to enter eastbound on National and exit northbound on Motor, which already is 10% over legal capacity. Manning, National, Northvale, and all of this neighborhoods' side streets also will be severely impacted but were not included in City School's traffic study.
- City School is located within 100 feet of the freeway and adjacent to Metro Line train tracks. California SB 352 prohibits a school being located within 500 feet of the freeway unless it can be proven that exposure to the air quality at the site does not pose significant health risks to pupils or staff.
- THIS IS NOT A NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL.** Admission is by lottery only, with preferences given to founding families and current students.
- Neighborhood educational gems like Hamilton High School, University High School, Palms Middle School, and Emerson Middle School stand to lose community support and vital funding with the addition of a charter school at this site.
- City School has not committed to ANY meaningful traffic mitigation.
- Our position is about the impact of this relocation on our neighborhoods. It will dramatically increase traffic on our already gridlocked streets, lead to unsafe conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, and undermine our neighborhood schools.