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Re: South Shores Elementary Magnet School Construction Project

Dear Representatives:

Please be advised that at a regularly held public meeting of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board on June 17, 2019, the Board approved and adopted the following Resolution:

SOUTH SHORES ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Whereas Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) plans to replace existing single story portable classrooms with a larger permanent 2-story building at South Shores Elementary Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts, 2060 W. 35th St., San Pedro CA, and

Whereas project management has failed to adequately engage the surrounding neighbors on the adjacent streets, and

Whereas a presentation by LAUSD on June 18, 2018 to the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council did not clearly explain the 2-story nature of the project, and

Whereas a new 2-story school building is out of scale and character with the neighborhood and the existing school, and

Whereas the proposed 2-story building would adversely affect the coastal view shed, and

Whereas a 2-story building would overlook the back yards of some homes on Anchovy Avenue, which would adversely impact privacy, and
Whereas the Project Manager, Issam Dahdul, stated to residents on June 5, 2019 that LAUSD would not consider changing the design or size of the new building to address neighbors’ concerns.

Therefore be it Resolved, the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes LAUSD continuing with these expansion plans for this 2-story building until they conduct outreach with the surrounding neighborhood that takes into account the South Shores neighbors’ concerns in order to find an alternative plan that satisfies both the requirements of education and the aesthetics of the coastal area, with the initial planning to be completed within one year.

Thank you for your attention to our request. Please don’t hesitate to contact Board Member Robin Rudisill at (310) 721-2343 if you have any questions in this regard.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Doug Epperhart, President
On behalf of the Coastal San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board

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