

Planning Commission Meeting of October 19, 2021

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Project: Master Case No. 21-043; Tentative Parcel Map No. 21-008 (TPM No. 20466); Minor Use Permit No. 21-001; Design Review Project No. 21-017 - A request to operate a charter high school (Real Journey Academies, Inc.) grades 9th and 12th with a maximum capacity of 800 students within a new three-story, 51,000 square foot building.

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1. Email from Mr. Robert Constant

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Subject: Opposition to charter high schools on Sierra Avenue

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Dear Mr. Gonzales,

Because of the Covid pandemic I will not be able to attend the October 19, 2021 meeting. Please consider my comments below and also include them in the minutes of the meeting.

The proposed Red Hook Capital Partners charter high school on the east side of Sierra Avenue and south of Merrill Avenue will be very damaging to the City of Fontana and its residents, therefore, I am opposed to its approval by the City. There are several reasons for opposing its going forward. Some of the reasons are environmental, economic, social, racial, political, legal, constitutional, etc.

By declaring the project "A Mitigated Negative Declaration" project, the CEQA issues are not addressed. Such shortcuts to environmental issues are what has caused the air quality in Fontana and the Inland Empire to be unacceptable and unhealthy. The California Attorney General Rob Bonta has sued Fontana for its neglect of CEQA requirements. This project will cause traffic congestion, pollution, noise, safety, health, crime, policing and many other problems. Therefore it should be rejected.

The necessity for the project has not been investigated. Charter schools increase school costs and adversely impact the support and funding of the

regular public education system , that has served well the nation for centuries. Therefore it should be rejected

The project is located in a prime commercial and residential zoned area and it will adversely impact such uses. A zone change or special use permit may also be required. Therefore it should be rejected.

The project will reduce the value of the commercial and residential projects and that will result in smaller property tax income for the City. Many property owners will be damaged. Therefore it should be rejected.

The project adversely impacts the unity and cohesiveness of the community. Therefore it should be rejected.

Prior to reaching a decision, the City should seek "expert" advice on each of the items cited above.

Sincerely,

Robert Constant