

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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DATE ISSUED:	April 16, 2024	
HEARING DATE:	April 17, 2024	AGENDA ITEM: 8
PROJECT NUMBER:	PRJ2022-004416-(1)	
PERMIT NUMBER(S):	Conditional Use Permit (“CUP”) No. RPPL2022013731 Environmental Assessment No. RPPL2022005113	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:	1	
PROJECT LOCATION:	1059 South Gage Avenue	
OWNER:	Oasis of Mercy	
APPLICANT:	Extera Public Schools	
CASE PLANNER:	Christina Nguyen, Planner Cnguyen@planning.lacounty.gov	

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### RECOMMENDATION

LA County Planning staff (“Staff”) recommends:

- **ADOPTION** of the Mitigated Negative Declaration along and the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program; and
- **APPROVAL** of Project Number PRJ2022-004416-(1), CUP Number RPPL2022013731, based on the Findings attached to the Report to the Regional Planning Commission dated April 4, 2024 (Exhibit C – Findings), and subject to the Draft Conditions of Approval attached to the Report to the Regional Planning Commission dated April 4, 2024 (Exhibit D – Conditions of Approval).

Staff recommends the following motions:

### CEQA:

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FINDINGS OF FACT AND ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL CEQA GUIDELINES.

**ENTITLEMENT:**

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. RPPL2022013731, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

A request by Extera Public Schools ("Permittee") for a CUP to establish and operate a charter school ("Project") in the R-3 (Limited Density Multiple Residence) Zone pursuant to County Code Section 22.18.030 (Land Use Regulations for Zones R-A, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5).

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT DATED APRIL 11, 2024**

Staff received a total of 47 public comments, including 34 emails, 7 petition letters, and six voice messages. Of these comments, 22 opposed to the project, and 25 supported the project. Those opposing the proposed Project convey there is an overconcentration of charter schools in the East Los Angeles, an overall reduction in student enrollment, increased vehicular traffic, air pollution, noise, and lead contamination from the Exide battery recycling plant. Those supporting the Project expressed the Project will benefit students in East Los Angeles and the school would be a community asset.

The public comments are attached.

**RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED**

The Permittee provided responses to public comment opposing the Project received on April 11, 2024. This comment was published in a supplemental report to the Regional Planning Commission dated on April 11, 2024.

The Permittee's response letter is attached.

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Report  
Reviewed By: *Carmen M. Rodriguez* for C. Sainz  
Carmen Sainz, Supervising Planner

Report  
Approved By: *Mitch Glaser* for Mitch Glaser  
Mitch Glaser, Assistant Deputy Director

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**Attachments:**

- 1) Public Comments

2) Permittee's Response Public Comment

**From:** [Paola C Ponce](#)  
**To:** [DRP Public Comment](#); [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Subject:** Extera Charter school  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 12:10:10 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County of Regional Planning,

I am sending you this email to express my opposition to project PRJ 2022-004416-(1), agenda item 8, the project to build a new extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Ave in East Los Angeles.

I strongly opposed the expansion of charter schools into my community. The construction will lead to more traffic in a residential neighborhood which would increase air and noise pollution. Charter schools are extremely selective with student applications and this leads to student enrollment not being reflective of the local community causing daily congestion to our residential streets.

Additionally the site being renovated is an old church in a danger zone that has tested positive for lead contamination from over 40 years of operation of the Exide battery recycling plant.

I urge you to stop this project.

In solidarity with Eastside Parents Contra la Privatizacion

Paola Caldera 626-482-3387

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 6:23:07 AM

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**From:** Jess Rivas <jjacobs@exteraschools.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 2:45 PM  
**To:** firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov; Duran-Medina, Guadalupe <GDuran-Medina@bos.lacounty.gov>; Camberos, Guadalupe <GCamberos@bos.lacounty.gov>; Rehman, Waqas <WRehman@bos.lacounty.gov>; [DRP Public Comment](#) <comment@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:**

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Dear Supervisor Solis and Planning Commission,

I am emailing you to share my support for the Extera Public Schools project. I am an employee at Extera Public Schools and I would like to share that Extera has made efforts to reach out to myself and my fellow neighbors to ensure we are updated on the project. I support the Extera Public Schools project because of how the queuing system was designed to alleviate traffic on the streets. I would like the Oasis of Mercy Church property to remain a community asset, like a school, that takes into consideration what people in East Los Angeles want for their community.

**Best,**

**Mrs. Rivas, M.Ed. (she/her)**  
Instructional Coach  
EPS2: Lorena and Eastman

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**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Charter school, Gage Ave, ELA  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 7:58:47 AM

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**From:** Marty Vicent <martyvicent@aol.com>  
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**To:** DRP Public Comment <comment@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Charter school, Gage Ave, ELA

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Sent from my iPhone

I am opposed of having a charter school in East Los Angeles it's site is in a dense neighborhood more traffic double parking it would not be a good idea please re think your decision

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Department of Regional Planning hearing on Wednesday April 17th, 2024  
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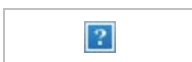
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Dear Supervisor Solis and Planning Commission,

I am emailing you to share my support for the Extera Public Schools project. I am a founding member of Extera Public Schools and I would like to share that Extera (We) have made efforts to reach out to neighbors to ensure we are updated on the project. I support the Extera Public Schools project because of how the queuing system was designed to alleviate traffic on the streets. I would like the Oasis of Mercy Church property to remain a community asset, like a school, that takes into consideration what people in East Los Angeles want for their community. It's imperative that the community has access to exceptional schools that not only deliver top-notch education to students but also prioritize equipping family members with the tools they need for success.

We are very different from other charter schools, and really want to give back something amazing to this community. You and your office have visited our school as well. Please consider endorsing our project.

[Thank You.](#)



Monica Salas (she/her)

*Lead Principal*

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**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Extera Charter School (Agenda Item #8) Project No. PRJ2022-004416-(1)  
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**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2024 7:50 PM  
**To:** DRP Public Comment <[comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Extera Charter School (Agenda Item #8) Project No. PRJ2022-004416-(1)

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Public Hearing: Not the Applicant  
**Extera Charter School (Item #8)**  
Project No. PRJ2022-004416-(1)  
Applicant: Extera Public Schools

### **Position: Opposed to Project**

Greetings, I am a resident of East Los Angeles, born and raised and still reside in ELA.

I am writing a public comment in relation to Item # 8 Extera charter school. I am opposed to further development of charter schools in East Los Angeles.

We have been disproportionately represented by over 25 charter schools in ELA unincorporated alone. The community has been densely impacted by the construction of charters on major business corridors and in neighborhoods. Many of the charter schools that have been constructed have not taken into account the surplus of LAUSD and other charters that are already in close proximity. ELA lacks political representation and a regional planning community plan that takes into consideration the needs of the local community. Additional construction of schools where there are already school structures in place will only continue to lower the property value of homes and densify traffic in neighborhoods and major thorough ways that residents utilize to move from home to work and in their daily errands.

I am adamantly opposed to this and any further charter school entering our community until a major community assessment is completed and the needs of the

ELA residents is taken into consideration for future economic growth and viability.

PS. South Gate is the same size as ELA unincorporated and they have only allowed three charters to enter their city. They also are opposed to bringing schools to their business corridors. They understand the value that bringing commercial business corridors means from the vitality of their city. Representation matters!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Laura Barrera

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**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Extera Public Schools  
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**From:** Ashley Oles <aoles@exteraschools.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 12:36 PM  
**To:** DRP Public Comment <comment@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Extera Public Schools

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Dear Supervisor Solis and Planning Commission,

I am emailing you to share my support for the Extera Public Schools project. I am an employee at Extera Public Schools and I would like to share that Extera has made efforts to reach out to myself and my fellow neighbors to ensure we are updated on the project. I support the Extera Public Schools project because of how the queuing system was designed to alleviate traffic on the streets. I would like the Oasis of Mercy Church property to remain a community asset, like a school, that takes into consideration what people in East Los Angeles want for their community.

Thank you,

Ashley Oles

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**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Extera public schools support  
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To: DRP Public Comment <[comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov)>  
Subject: Extera public schools support

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Dear Supervisor Solis and Planning Commission, I am emailing you in support of the new Extera Public Schools campus that will go before the Department of Regional Planning hearing on Wednesday April 17th, 2024, at 9:00am. I am a long-time resident of East Los Angeles, living at 1259 S. Townsend Ave Los Angeles ca 90023 and I support the Extera Public Schools project at 1059 S. Gage. The project site of the Oasis of Mercy Church has been a community serving facility for years, which Extera would continue to be a community asset. I would like the property to remain a community asset, like a school, which will positively impact our students in East Los Angeles versus a for-profit housing development that would not have to provide any parking

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Extera's Project  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 8:54:17 AM

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**From:** Alicia Gonzalez <gona0726@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 8:34 AM  
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**Subject:** Extera's Project

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Estimado supervisor Solís y Comisión de Planificación Regional,

Le envío un correo electrónico para compartir mi apoyo al proyecto de las Escuelas Públicas de Extera.

Soy un padre de Extera y me gustaría compartir que Extera ha hecho esfuerzos para comunicarse conmigo y con mis compañeros vecinos para garantizar que estemos actualizados sobre el proyecto.

Apoyo el proyecto de las Escuelas Públicas de Extera por cómo se diseñó el sistema de colas para aliviar el tráfico en las calles. Me gustaría que la propiedad de la Iglesia Oasis of Mercy siga siendo un activo comunitario, como una escuela, que tenga en cuenta lo que la gente del Este de Los Ángeles quiere para su comunidad.

Sinceramente,  
Alicia Gonzalez

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Hilda Solís & County Planning  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 6:22:31 AM

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Subject: Hilda Solís & County Planning

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Estimado Supervisor Solís y Comisión de Planificación Regional,

Le envío un correo electrónico en apoyo del nuevo campus de las Escuelas Públicas de Extera que se presentará ante la audiencia del Departamento de Planificación Regional el miércoles 17 de Abril de 2024 a las 9 am. Soy residente desde hace mucho tiempo del este de Los Angeles, vivo en 122 S Lorena St y apoyo el proyecto de las Escuelas Públicas de Extera en 1059 S Gage. El sitio del proyecto De la Iglesia Oasis of Mercy ha sido una instalación de servicio comunitario durante años, y Extera continuará siendo un activo comunitario. Me gustaría que la propiedad siga siendo un activo comunitario, como una escuela, lo que tendrá un impacto positivo en nuestros estudiantes en el este de Los Angeles en comparación con un desarrollo de viviendas con fines de lucro que no tendría que proporcionar estacionamiento.

Atentamente,  
Adalberto Morales

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Item #24-026 Extera Public Schools  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 11:50:38 AM

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**ELIDA LUNA** (she/her/hers)

**COMMISSION SECRETARY, Operations & Major Projects (OMP)**

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**From:** Genesis for Assembly <genesisforassembly@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 11:31 AM  
**To:** DRP Public Comment <comment@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Item #24-026 Extera Public Schools

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Dear Regional Planning Commission,

My name is Genesis Coronado. I am a concerned resident of Unincorporated East Los Angeles that is writing to oppose Extera Public School's CUP application for the following reasons:

- 1) East Los Angeles is a highly dense community that is burdened with traffic congestion and lack of parking. We have seen how charter schools have come in to our community and have caused major traffic congestion during drop off and pick up. This CUP would cause major safety concerns in our community.
- 2) East Los Angeles is already burdened with a high concentration of charter schools. As we plan for the future, we need to consider the overall low birth rates decreased school enrollment overall. We don't need more schools. We need more grocery stores, green spaces and small business. The County needs to consider the true needs of our community and prioritize planning and zoning changes to meet those needs.
- 3) Extera Public Schools are currently co-located across LAUSD schools mostly in Boyle Heights. Only one school is located on an LAUSD campus in Unincorporated East LA- Lorena Campus. The claim that this new building would consolidate 3 campuses and result in a net negative only rings true if this new building would be in Boyle Heights, not East LA. A new school in East LA would cause an a net positive impact in our community.
- 4) As stated in their Petition Renewal 2012-2026 to LAUSD, "the target population... the primary zip code of 90033". The zip code 90033 is in the a City of Los Angeles, Boyle Heights community. Again, this school/new campus should be explored in the community that it's stated to serve and not in Unincorporated East Los Angeles.
- 5) This proposed location is also only about a block away from the 5 freeway. This is not an adequate location for children and youth. We need to do better for our children and consider their health. A lot of the students attending these schools have already been impacted by environmental injustice in their own neighborhoods,

i.e. Exide. We cannot continue to build schools next to or in the vicinity of a freeway.

Once again, I ask you to consider and prioritize the needs of the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles and deny Extera Public Schools' CUP request.

Thank you,  
Genesis Coronado



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**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: Item 8 - extera project  
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**From:** Irene Viramontes <[aridarimami@gmail.com](mailto:aridarimami@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 7:25 AM  
**To:** DRP Public Comment <[comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Item 8 - extera project

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Dear Los Angeles County of regional planning,

I, Irene Viramontes, am sending you this email to express opposition to project PRJ 2022-00416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Ave. in East Los Angeles.

I strongly oppose the expansion of charter schools into my community for several reasons. The construction of this Extera charter school will lead to more traffic in a residential neighborhood which would increase noise and air pollution. Charter schools are extremely selective with student applications and this leads to student enrollment not being reflective of the local community causing daily traffic congestion to our residential streets.

Additionally and importantly, the site being renovated is an old church in a danger zone that has been tested for lead contamination from the over 40 years of operation of the Exide battery recycling plant.

I urge you to oppose this project.

In solidarity,

Eastside Padres contra la privatizacion

Irene Viramontes, 626-252-6820, [aridarimami@gmail.com](mailto:aridarimami@gmail.com)

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**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item #8  
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**From:** Antonia Montes <[antoniamentes8@gmail.com](mailto:antoniamentes8@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item #8

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I, Antonia Montes, am sending this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item #8, the project to build a new Extera school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles. I strongly oppose the expansion of a charter school because this will lead to more traffic in a residential neighborhood which would increase air and noise pollution. This would negatively affect the local community. Charter schools are extremely selective with student applications and this leads to student enrollment not being reflective of the local community causing daily traffic congestion in the residential streets. It will also have a negative impact on the local neighborhood public schools. There is no need for another school in this area.

Additionally and importantly, the site being renovated is an old church in a danger zone that has been tested for lead contamination from the over 40 years of operation of the Exide battery recycling plant.

I urge to oppose this project

Sincerely,

Antonia Montes,

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**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Permita el proyecto de Extera en East Los Angeles  
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Estimada supervisora Solís y Comisión de Planificación Regional,

Le envío un correo electrónico para compartir mi apoyo al proyecto de las Escuelas Públicas de Extera. Soy hermana de un estudiante de Extera y me gustaría compartir que Extera ha hecho esfuerzos para comunicarse conmigo y con mis compañeros vecinos para garantizar que estemos actualizados sobre el proyecto.

Apoyo el proyecto de las Escuelas Públicas de Extera por cómo se diseñó el sistema de colas para aliviar el tráfico en las calles. Me gustaría que la propiedad de la Iglesia Oasis of Mercy siga siendo un activo comunitario, como una escuela, que tenga en cuenta lo que la gente del Este de Los Ángeles quiere para su comunidad.

Sinceramente,  
Cecilia Valencia González

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Photo from Erykah  
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**From:** Erika Blake <[eblake06@gmail.com](mailto:eblake06@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 11:16 AM  
**To:** [DRP Public Comment](#) <[comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Photo from Erykah

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I, Erika Blake, am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416(1) agenda item 8. The project to build a new Extera Charter School at 1059 S. GAGE AVENUE in East Los Angeles.

I strongly oppose the expansion of charter schools.

I urge you to oppose this project.

In solidarity,  
Eastman Padres contra la Privatizacion

Erika Blake

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Regional Planning Commission  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 6:21:30 AM

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**From:** Janet Andrade <[andradejan92@gmail.com](mailto:andradejan92@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 12:38 PM  
**To:** DRP Public Comment <[comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Regional Planning Commission

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Dear Supervisor Solis and Planning commission,

I am emailing you in support of the new Extera Public Schools campus that will go before the Department of Regional Planning hearing on Wednesday April 17th, 2024, at 9:00 am. I am a long-time resident of East Los Angeles, living at 2430 Folsom St, Los Angeles, CA 90033, and I support the Extera Public Schools project at 1059 S Gage. The project of the Oasis of Mercy Church has been a community serving facility for years which Extera would continue to be a community asset. I would like the property to remain a community asset, like a school, which will positively impact our students in East Los Angeles versus a for-profit housing development that would have to provide any parking.

Kindest regards,

Janet Andrade

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support EXTERA Public Schools at 1059 S. Gage  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 6:20:59 AM

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**From:** Jessi <jessica.ramon90@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 10:46 AM  
**To:** DRP Public Comment <comment@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Support EXTERA Public Schools at 1059 S. Gage

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Dear Supervisor Solis and Planning Commission,

My name is Jessica Ramon. I am emailing you in support of the new EXTERA Public Schools campus that will go before the Department of Regional Planning hearing on Wednesday April 17th, 2024, at 9:00am. I am a long-time resident of East Los Angeles, living at 3732 Hubbard St, Los Angeles, CA 90023, and I support the EXTERA Public Schools project at 1059 S. Gage. The Project site of the Oasis of Mercy Church has been a community serving facility for years, which EXTERA would continue to be a community asset. I would like the property to remain a community asset, like a school, which will positively impact our students in East Los Angeles versus a for-profit housing development that would not have to provide any parking.

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for the New Extera Public School Campus  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 6:21:55 AM

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**From:** Ivett Dillarza <[iveale.ia@gmail.com](mailto:iveale.ia@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2024 1:46 PM  
**To:** [firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov); Duran-Medina, Guadalupe <[GDuran-Medina@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:GDuran-Medina@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Camberos, Guadalupe <[GCamberos@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:GCamberos@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Rehman, Waqas <[WRehman@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:WRehman@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [DRP Public Comment](#) <[comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Support for the New Extera Public School Campus

**CAUTION:** External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear supervisor Solis and Planning Commission,

I am emailing you in support of the new Exters Public School campus that will go before the Department of Regional Planning hearing on Wednesday April 17th, 2024, at 9:00am. I am a longtime resident of East Los Angeles, living at 2112 E. 2nd St. Los Angeles, CA 90033, and I support the Extera Public Schools projects at 1059 S. Gage. The project site of the Oasis of Mercy CHurch has been a community serving facility for years, which Exters would continue to be a community asset. I would like the property to remain a community asset, like a school, which will positively impact our students in East Los Angeles versus a for- profit housing development that would not have to provide any parking.

Best regards,  
Ivett Dillarza



**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Support Gage Project  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 10:39:39 AM

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**From:** April Hannon <ahannon@exteraschools.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 9:15 AM  
**To:** firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov <firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov>; Duran-Medina, Guadalupe <GDuran-Medina@bos.lacounty.gov>; Camberos, Guadalupe <GCamberos@bos.lacounty.gov>; Rehman, Waqas <WRehman@bos.lacounty.gov>; [DRP Public Comment](#) <comment@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Support Gage Project

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Dear Supervisor Solis and Planning Commission,

I am emailing you to share my support for the Extera Public Schools project. I am an employee at Extera Public Schools and I would like to share that Extera has made efforts to reach out to myself and my fellow neighbors to ensure we are updated on the project. I support the Extera Public Schools project because of how the queuing system was designed to alleviate traffic on the streets. I would like the Oasis of Mercy Church property to remain a community asset, like a school, that takes into consideration what people in East Los Angeles want for their community.

Best,  
April Hannon

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**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Supporting Extera Public Schools Campus  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 10:40:13 AM

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**From:** Lorian Gonzalez <lrngnzlz33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 10:01 AM  
**To:** DRP Public Comment <comment@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Supporting Extera Public Schools Campus

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Dear Planning Commision;

I am emailing you in support of the new Extera Public Schools campus that will go before the Department of Regional Planning hearing on Wednesday April 17, 2024, at 9:00 am. I am a long-time resident of East Los Angeles, living at 3231 Hunter St. #8, Los Angeles, Ca 90023, and I support the Extera Public Schools project at 1059 S. Gage. The project site of the Oasis of Mercy Church has been a community serving facility for years, which Extera would continue to be a community asset. I would like the property to remain a community asset, like a school, which will positively impact our students in East Los Angeles versus a for-profit housing development that would not have to provide any parking.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Lorian Gonzalez

**From:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [Carmen Sainz](#)  
**Cc:** [Elida Luna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Urgent Extera  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 7:00:45 AM

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**From:** margaret.rep@twc.com <margaret.rep@twc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2024 10:10 PM  
**To:** DRP Public Comment <comment@planning.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Urgent Extera

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ITEM#8

OPPOSE

Margaret Fuentes

Not the applicant

East Los Angeles does not need another school. Enrollment is down and we are already over saturated with development. We do not need more traffic that this would bring.

**From:** [Carlos Montes](#)  
**To:** [comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov); [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Extera Charter school project PRJ2022-004416-(1)  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:54:56 AM

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I write to oppose this Extera Charter school construkciton project. First of all we cannot trust Extera to abide by the expressed conditions, they have a history of misleading and not meeting their obligations. They owe LAUSD back rent for co-locating at local school, they have misrepresented their enrollment.

But primarily this project will cause pollution from car exhaust, oil and rubber from tires while idling and driving in and out of our quiet residential community.

They will cause daily car trips in the morning and afternoon 5 days a week. This will disrupt our residential community. We already have heavy traffic on Whittier BL and other streets; this will make conditions worse.

I urge you to vote no on this project.

Carlos Montes

Local resident and Graduate from Garfield HS.

[carlosmmontes@gmail.com](mailto:carlosmmontes@gmail.com)

**From:** [Juan Parrino](#)  
**To:** [DRP Public Comment](#); [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Cc:** [Juan Parrino](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition - Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) Agenda Item 8  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 11:12:27 AM

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August 15, 2024

Dear Los Angeles County

Department of Regional Planning,

My name is Juan Parrino and I am an activist in East Los Angeles. I am sending this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a Extera charter school at 1059 So. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

In general, I strongly oppose the expansion of charter schools. The construction of this Extera charter school would lead to more traffic in a residential neighborhood which would increase air and noise pollution. Charter schools are extremely selective with student applications and this leads to student enrollment not being reflective of the local community thereby causing daily traffic congestion to residential streets.

With the overflow traffic, there are concerns of double parking, blocking of private driveways and pedestrian safety concerns thereby impacting greatly the existing residential neighbors.

Additionally, and very importantly, the site being renovated is an old church in a danger zone that has been tested for lead contamination from the over 40 years operation of the Exide battery recycling plant.

I urge you to oppose this project.

Sincerely,

Juan Parrino

626-703-6470

[juanparrino@sbcglobal.net](mailto:juanparrino@sbcglobal.net)

**From:** [CHUCK VAUGHN](#)  
**To:** [comment@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov)  
**Cc:** [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Project PRJ - 2022-004416-1, Agenda Item 8  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2024 5:57:43 PM

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Opposition - Project PRJ - 2022-004416-(1) Agenda Item 8

August 15, 2024

Dear Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,

My name is Chuck Vaughn and I am a long time teacher activist in East Los Angeles., having taught in the area for over 30 years. I am sending this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a Extera charter school at 1059 So. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

In general, I strongly oppose the expansion of charter schools. The construction of this Extera charter school would lead to more traffic in a residential neighborhood which would increase air and noise pollution. Charter schools are extremely selective with student applications. This will heavily affect the school enrollment at the local public schools. This will also lead to student enrollment not being reflective of the local community thereby causing daily traffic congestion to residential streets

Thank you for your consideration  
Chuck Vaughn

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Gabriel quiroz](#)  
**To:** [DRP Public Comment](#); [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Subject:** Protect public education.docx  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:04:24 AM  
**Attachments:** [Protect public education.docx](#)

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Sent from my iPhone

**DIRECTIONS:**

PLEASE COPY THE MESSAGE BELOW AND PASTE INTO YOUR EMAIL DRAFT. SEND TO THE 2 EMAIL ADDRESSES LISTED BELOW. **Please remember to input your information in the highlighted sections before you send!**

<b>To</b>	<a href="mailto:comment@planning.lacounty.gov">comment@planning.lacounty.gov</a> , <a href="mailto:cnguyen@planning.lacounty.gov">cnguyen@planning.lacounty.gov</a>
<b>Cc</b>	
<b>Bcc</b>	
<b>Subject</b>	Regional Planning Commission, April 17, Agenda Item 8 - Extera Charter School

Dear Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,

I, Gabriel Quiroz Jr , am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

I strongly oppose the expansion of charter schools into my community for several reasons. The construction of this Extera charter school will lead to more traffic in a residential neighborhood which would increase air and noise pollution. Charter schools are extremely selective with student applications and this leads to student enrollment not being reflective of the local community causing daily traffic congestion to our residential streets.

Additionally and importantly, the site being renovated is an old church in a danger zone that has been tested for lead contamination from the over 40 years of operation of the Exide battery recycling plant.

I urge you to oppose this project.

In Solidarity,  
Member of Centro CSO  
[Gabriel Quiroz Jr, 323-812-5152, [gabrielquirozjr40@yahoo.com](mailto:gabrielquirozjr40@yahoo.com)]



**From:** [Jordan Pena](#)  
**To:** [DRP Public Comment](#); [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Planning Commission, April 17, Agenda Item 8 - Extera Charter School  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:36:51 AM

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Dear Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,

I, Jordan Peña, am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

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Additionally and importantly, the site being renovated is an old church in a danger zone that has been tested for lead contamination from the over 40 years of operation of the Exide battery recycling plant.

I urge you to oppose this project.

In Solidarity,  
Member of Centro CSO  
Jordan Peña, [jordanpena47@gmail.com](mailto:jordanpena47@gmail.com)

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**From:** [Karina Sanchez](#)  
**To:** [DRP Public Comment](#); [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Planning Commission, April 17, Agenda Item 8 - Extera Charter School  
**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024 8:39:48 AM

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Dear Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,

I, Karina Sanchez, am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

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I urge you to oppose this project.

In Solidarity,  
Member of Centro CSO  
Karina Sanchez, 626.491.2865

**From:** [Benny M.](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#); [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Planning Commission, April 17, Agenda Item 8 - Extera Charter School  
**Date:** Saturday, April 13, 2024 2:22:20 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,

I, Benny-Adrian, am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

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I urge you to oppose this project.

In Solidarity,  
Member of Centro CSO,

[benny.martinez@gmail.com](mailto:benny.martinez@gmail.com)

**From:** [Antonieta Garcia](#)  
**To:** [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Cc:** [DRP Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Planning Commission, April 17, Agenda Item 8 - Extera Charter School  
**Date:** Saturday, April 13, 2024 4:45:09 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,

I, Antonieta Garcia , am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

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I urge you to oppose this project.

In Solidarity,  
Eastside Padres Contra la Privatización

**From:** [Avery Raimondo](#)  
**To:** [DRP Public Comment](#); [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Planning Commission, April 17, Agenda Item 8 - Extera Charter School  
**Date:** Sunday, April 14, 2024 9:46:14 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,

I, Avery Raimondo, am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

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I urge you to oppose this project.

In Solidarity,  
Member of Centro CSO  
Avery Raimondo, 631-384-1380, [avery.raimondo@gmail.com](mailto:avery.raimondo@gmail.com)

**From:** [Julie regalado](#)  
**To:** [DRP Public Comment](#); [Christina Nguyen](#)  
**Subject:** Regional Planning Commission, April 17, Agenda Item 8 - Extera Charter School  
**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 8:23:34 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning,

I, Julie Regalado, am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

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I urge you to oppose this project.

In Solidarity,  
Eastside Padres Contra la Privatización  
Centro CSO

Julie Regalado  
[Jufelu3@Gmail.com](mailto:Jufelu3@Gmail.com)  
323 2440968



Dear Members of the Regional Planning Commission,

I am writing to you as the proud owner of a local business, closely adjacent to the 1059 S Gage Avenue proposed Extera site. I consider my business a local establishment deeply rooted in the Boyle Heights community. I want to express my excitement and support for the approval of the Conditional Use Permit for the construction of the Extera Public Schools new facility. As a business owner who cares deeply about the community, I believe that the presence of Extera Public Schools in Boyle Heights brings immense hope and positive prospects for our neighborhood.

Extera coming to our neighborhood represents an investment in the educational well-being of our youth. The presence of a neighbor like Extera not only enriches the academic landscape but also fosters a sense of pride and optimism among us that serves everyone. For example, this optimism translates into increased community engagement and support for local businesses like mine.

This is not just about a school building; it's about investing in the future of Boyle Heights and creating an environment where local businesses, residents, and educational institutions collaborate for the greater good. I sincerely hope you will support this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Margarita Ganay  
4080 Whittier Blvd.  
Los Angeles CA 90023



Dear Members of the Regional Planning Commission,

I am writing to you as the proud owner of a local business, closely adjacent to the 1059 S Gage Avenue proposed Extera site. I consider my business a local establishment deeply rooted in the Boyle Heights community. I want to express my excitement and support for the approval of the Conditional Use Permit for the construction of the Extera Public Schools new facility. As a business owner who cares deeply about the community, I believe that the presence of Extera Public Schools in Boyle Heights brings immense hope and positive prospects for our neighborhood.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Raul Salmorán

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4012 Whittier Boulevard





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Sincerely,

*By f/aur*  
Lr barbershop  
4016 Whittier Blvd  
LA CA 90023



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Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Keon Jeannette DeLeon*  
cell 323 495-53-06  
4008 White St Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90023



Dear Members of the Regional Planning Commission,


I am writing to express my support for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed Extera Public Schools new facility on South Gage Avenue in Boyle Heights. As a proud resident of East Los Angeles, I have witnessed the positive impact Extera has had on our community over the years, and I believe that granting the permit for their new facility will contribute very much to our neighborhood.

Extera has a long-standing presence in Boyle Heights, providing a nurturing learning environment.

Granting the Conditional Use Permit for their new facility will not only enhance educational options in Boyle Heights but also contribute to the well-being of our community. I am confident that with your support, Extera will continue to be an invaluable asset to our beloved Boyle Heights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Neemi Velazquez  
2816 Lanfranco St  
Los Angeles CA 90033  
(323) 788-6084  




Dear Members of the Regional Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my support for the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed Extera Public Schools new facility on South Gage Avenue in Boyle Heights. As a proud resident of East Los Angeles, I have witnessed the positive impact Extera has had on our community over the years, and I believe that granting the permit for their new facility will contribute very much to our neighborhood.

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Sincerely,

Ernesto Ortega

947 S. Eastman Ave  
Los Angeles CA, 90023





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Sincerely,

EVERLYN SANDOZ  
1049 1/2 S Gage Ave  
LA CA 90023  
323/518-4439

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474 n townsend ave  
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*Matt*

*1063 Seastman Ave*



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Kimberly Robles  
1019. S. Herbert Ave  
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Maria Diaz 1037. S. Herbert Ave  
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## **Responses to Comments, Part 2**

### **Extera Public Schools Project**

Project No. PRJ2022-004416-(1)  
Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2022013731  
Environmental Plan No. RPPL2023005113

### **Introduction**

Responses to Comments received during the MND public comment period, was provided to the County on April 10, 2024.

### **Additional List of Comments**

The County received the following additional written Comment Letter after the closure of the public comment period, related to the Project:

- Karina Lopez, April 10, 2024

Responses to the comments are provided below.

The individual comments within the Comment Letters will be provided and identified as **Comment “X”**.

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### **Conclusion**

In summary, based on our technical review, the Comment Letters do not raise any new CEQA issues and do not require any change to any conclusion identified in the MND. The Comment Letters do not provide substantial evidence or a fair argument that further review under CEQA is required, or that the Project may have a significant environmental impact. As analyzed in the MND, the whole of the record supports the conclusion that the Project would result in impacts below a level of significance.

### **Seth Wulkan**

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Seth Wulkan has over 17 years of experience and is responsible for all aspects of preparation of environmental review documents. He began his career with CAJA in 2007. Mr. Wulkan is proficient in drafting all sections of environmental review documents; incorporating technical reports into documents; and personally corresponding with public and private sector clients. Mr. Wulkan regularly participates in team strategy meetings from the beginning of the environmental review process through the final project hearings. Mr. Wulkan graduated with college honors from UCLA and completed a Certificate Program in Sustainability at UCLA Extension.

## **Comment Letter Lopez**

Karina Lopez  
April 10, 2024

### **Comment Lopez-1**

I, Karina Lopez, am sending you this email to express my opposition to Project PRJ 2022-004416-(1) agenda item 8, the project to build a new Extera charter school at 1059 S. Gage Avenue in East Los Angeles.

### **Response to Comment Lopez-1**

The comment provides an introduction and opposition to the Project.

The comment does not state a specific concern or question regarding the adequacy of the MND in identifying and analyzing the environmental impacts of the Project, nor does the comment identify any physical environmental impacts caused by the Project. This comment is noted for the administrative record and will be forwarded to the decision-makers for review and consideration.

### **Comment Lopez-2**

I strongly oppose the expansion of charter schools into my community for several reasons. The construction of this Extera charter school will lead to more traffic in a residential neighborhood which would increase air and noise pollution.

### **Response to Comment Lopez-2**

As analyzed in the MND, the Project would have a less than significant impact on traffic and air quality. The comment does not provide any specific substantial evidence that traffic air emissions will result in a significant impact. Under PRC Section 21082.2(c), "[a]rgument, speculation, unsubstantiated opinion or narrative, evidence which is clearly inaccurate or erroneous, or evidence of social or economic impacts which do not contribute to, or are not caused by, physical impacts on the environment, is not substantial evidence. Substantial evidence shall include facts, reasonable assumptions predicated upon facts, and expert opinion supported by facts."

### **Comment Lopez-3**

Charter schools are extremely selective with student applications and this leads to student enrollment not being reflective of the local community causing daily traffic congestion to our residential streets.

### **Response to Comment Lopez-3**

The Project would seek enrollment from the local community, and the Applicant, Extera, has been in East LA community since 2011. The Project would be the only Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade charter school in a two-mile radius.

The student dropoff/pickup procedure is discussed on page 4-145 of the MND and analyzed in Appendix J-2 to the MND (Vehicle Queuing Analysis, Linscott, Law & Greenspan, January 3, 2024).

Using trip generation rates published by ITE and based on the M/M/s queuing model, it is forecasted that during the morning student drop-off period, the Project will generate an average queue of 5.02 vehicles and a peak queue of eleven vehicles. This peak queue can be accommodated by the Project's drop-off/pick-up area which can accommodate 20 queued vehicles onsite. The Project will not cause vehicles to queue onto Gage Avenue.

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#### **Comment Lopez-4**

Additionally and importantly, the site being renovated is an old church in a danger zone that has been tested for lead contamination from the over 40 years of operation of the Exide battery recycling plant.

#### **Response to Comment Lopez-4**

The potential hazards found in the surrounding land uses are discussed on page 4-76 of the MND and analyzed in Appendix F to the MND (Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, Hazard Management Consulting, October 4, 2022). The analysis found the elevated concentrations of lead found in surface soils at the Site as a result of the release of lead into the air from the former Exide Technologies Facility. The soil impacts can be effectively managed with a Soil Management Plan (SMP) to guide the overall grading activities. (See Mitigation Measure MM-HAZ-1 of the MND.).

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#### **Comment Lopez-5**

I urge you to oppose this project.

#### **Response to Comment Lopez-5**

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