

## Rendell Bustos

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**From:** Karen Kizis <kkizis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2018 1:35 PM  
**To:** Rendell Bustos  
**Subject:** Carey School Project

Hi Rendell,

I wanted to followup my questions/concerns from last night along with an additional thought I had.

1. Since Carey School is under a Special Use Permit, the neighbors on W 20th (and I am guessing other surrounding neighbors as well) would like to request that Carey school provide the neighbors with a calendar with key dates for the school year so we can plan. Serra currently does this as part of their SUP, as Darcy mentioned. I did go back into my email history with Carey School and prior to Duncan being there, the previous Principal did provide this to us as a neighborly thing but it fell away as Duncan took over. Since Administrations will change, we would like to add this to their SUP so we don' need to keep requesting it and not receiving it.

2. In the current SUP, it states that Carey needs to rent 150 spaces for larger school events, but given the current size of the school and the fact that they will be increasing, we would like to ask that they are required to acquire additional off street spaces. While I know some families may have multiple children at the school we see alot of working parents attend events after work singly, so there are more than 150 vehicles attending with 258 students attending. Also, the temple was also renting from the same lot so we would like to ensure that Carey is able to get the spaces required when needed.

3. Duncan mentioned that due to the nature of teaching in the Bay Area, he might need to be creative about his hires and maybe not all will be full time hires which is understandable. But we would like to ensure those additional teachers are required to park in the rental lot and not on the streets as we are already greatly impacted.

4. Once the project plans are under way, can we request the haul route be out to Alameda and not down W 20th Ave? The likely hood is high that the Serra project will be happening simultaneously and we would like to mitigate the impact and also don't believe it's safe to have the trucks passing by schools on W 20th with so many students and families using the roadway already.

5. And since the last Serra construction happened, we have put 2 hour parking in on W 20th. but we would still like to request that none of the workers be able to park on the streets. The neighborhood currently is impacted with the cars it has already so we don't need to add to it. I went back through my notes from past construction projects at Carey and we had issues with trucks parking on the streets blocking driveways, workers arriving early blasting music and getting dressed in cars, etc. While I understand they come a distance to work, giving them a dedicated space will be more affective for everyone involved and will result in less calls to the police.

And lastly, I know you are newer to the city but I just wanted to make sure that what you heard last night from a variety of neighbors is that we are about to be greatly impacted yet again as a neighborhood by multiple projects. And we just finished dealing with the 92/El Camino nightly construction noise. We understand that we can't legally ask for construction projects to be staggered although it would be ideal. The City may see this is 3 separate projects, (Temple, Carey and Serra) but the neighbors see this as a big looming noise, dirt, traffic and safety headache for our quality of life. So we would like some empathy and goodwill from all involved as we yet embark on more projects on the W 20th corridor.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

Karen Smith  
486 W 20th

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**From:** Brian Mendonca <brian.mendonca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2018 8:36 AM  
**To:** Rendell Bustos; dlyon@careyschool.org  
**Subject:** PA-2018-029 - Carey School project

Hi - I was unable to attend the neighborhood meeting about this project last night. I live directly across from Carey School on Alameda de las Pulgas. I am very concerned about how this construction could impact the views from home, particularly from my front yard. The views are an important part of the value of my home, so impacting them is a significant concern.

Can you please provide more information about exactly what buildings are having a floor added so that I can better understand how this is going to impact me?

Thanks,  
Brian Mendonca

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**From:** John Carrillo <johndcarrillo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 9:27 PM  
**To:** Rendell Bustos  
**Subject:** Carey School Meeting

Hello Mr Bustos

Were you at the Carey school meeting this evening?

Could you please advise all the city staff that attended the meeting?

I did not appreciate some of the comments by city staff at the meeting.

Thank you,

John Carrillo

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**From:** Mark Gondek <mark.gondek@sri.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 5:27 PM  
**To:** jim de la riva  
**Cc:** Rendell Bustos; dkohn@daksystcons.com; David Pearl; roxannedelariva@gmail.com; Janet Tang  
**Subject:** Re: The Carey School expansion

Totally agree--they are big enough, and should not get bigger.. Where did you learn this?

thanks,

Mark g.

On 9/10/2018 2:46 PM, jim de la riva wrote:

> Dear Rendell,

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> I respectfully oppose this request from The Carey School to further expand thereby increasing the student rolls.

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> Sincerely,

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> Jim de la Riva

> 509 Madera Drive

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** jim de la riva <jimdelariva@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 2:47 PM  
**To:** Rendell Bustos  
**Cc:** dkohn@daksystcons.com; Mark Gondek; David Pearl; roxannedelariva@gmail.com  
**Subject:** The Carey School expansion

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Jim de la Riva  
509 Madera Drive

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** georgette <ggfly66@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 22, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** Rendell Bustos  
**Cc:** ggfly66@aol.com  
**Subject:** Carey School Project

*April 22, 2019*

*Planning Commission*

*City of San Mateo,*

*330 West 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue*

*San Mateo, CA 94403*

*Attn: Planning Commission*

*And Rendell Bustos, Associate Planner*

*Gentlemen:*

**Re: PA-2018-069/Carey School**

*I am unable to attend tonight's Planning hearing on the above subject, but do wish to strongly state my opposition to the proposed project.*

*While an increase in 5 Carey staff and 9 students—14 in all—may seem insignificant should it increase the number of cars trapesing through a residential neighborhood, consider which neighborhood we are discussing—by far the most impacted school neighbor in San Mateo, and I'd dare to say in the entire mid-Peninsula area.*

*I'm fairly certain that while many of the Planning Commissioners, Councilmembers, Public Works Director, City Attorney, Project Planners and various City staff members who were present in the days of the neighborhood vs. Serra High School's numerous expansion projects (and attempted expansion projects) may be long gone, the annals of past years' hard fought battles are yet buried in City files. They would provide proof of how long and difficult was the neighborhood's fight to curtail Serra's expansion of both building and activities. A Special Use Permit worked out in 2003 sought to meliorate the conditions to which many of us residents had been and would be subjected. While posing some small improvement, let anyone City official, old or new, to the Serra situation not be misled that the Special Use Permit went far enough or has even been satisfactorily upheld by Serra (or the City). If anyone's noticed relatively few or no residents attending the semi-annual check-in meetings set up with Serra in 2003, it is because many of us have grown old and/or tired of repeating our concerns which always fall on deaf ears. Most of those meetings went nowhere since the City has always shown undue favor toward Serra. Few might know that meetings with Serra and the City go back to the late 80's.*

Serra is still a 24-7 365 day year-round activity center imbedded within too small of a residential community (which was present **before** the school was allowed to be built in the mid 50's). One major premise of the 2003 SUP was a respect for the neighborhood's right to some peace and quiet during certain weekend days by diminishing and not expanding perpetual use, which would in and of itself help in reducing noise and traffic.

Now, you seek to allow the Carey school expansion? Let's not kid ourselves, that small increase in proposed attendance isn't the real problem. The increase in school construction **will** allow more room for activities to take place—the real goal. All will bring on an increase in traffic in already burgeoning City streets surrounding these two schools. The corner of West 22<sup>nd</sup> and Alameda already poses a danger with obstructed views both on the left and the right. When you make the right turn at that corner onto Alameda—especially at the time school lets out, one is impacted with parents' pick-up vehicles—many large SUV's which expand out close to the right traffic lane, and for which a driver would have to inch considerably into the on-coming lane of traffic and risk getting side-swiped. Parents descend from their vehicles opening their wide doors onto coming traffic from right-turning vehicles. Are you prepared to erect restricted parking zones around the Carey property? This will, of course, push parking cars out

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further into 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and north 20<sup>th</sup>—**if** someone can even find room. We petitioned and were granted some parking restriction zones around Serra in 1986, but with the same and increased activity at Serra through the years, they have not given the promised relief. How could they when the number of sports activities haven't been curtailed and the volume of people attending them has significantly increased.

Do any of us residents believe for a second that traffic will be mitigated by this Carey project?? Look about and view the mess on Stratford, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and consider the increase of impact that the Carey project will also contribute to the residents and the flow of traffic.

Of course, most of us would request that you **not** approve this project and consider your responsibility to the residents and anyone traveling through our City streets. Reality check....has the City ever heeded?

Downtown San Mateo (as well as some other areas) is proof of the wanton disregard and poor planning decisions that many and various residential and merchant organizations have fought the City on through the years. Would anyone at City Hall behind closed doors ever admit the mistakes that have been made?

If these schools wish to expand their dreams, perhaps it is time that they consider changing locations.

*Respectfully,*

*georgette guerra*

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## Rendell Bustos

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**From:** Jeff Sfakianos <jeff@sfakianos.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** Rendell Bustos  
**Subject:** PA-2018-069

Dear Rendell,

Thank you for the Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing (PA-2018-069) for the Carey School. It is not clear whether concerns can be raised at a subsequent meeting for the project, so I would like to bring one matter to the attention of the San Mateo Planning Division;

The closest 2 pedestrian crosswalks for Alameda de las Pulgas on either side of the Carey School are at 20th Street and 26th Street. For neighbors of the school, this is a long walk that is also quite hilly and has poor visibility for car traversing the along the road. While it is unlikely that the construction would access the Carey School via Alameda de las Pulgas, I would like to request that the architect be asked to not block the sidewalk along Alameda de las Pulgas at anytime during the project.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Sfakianos

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