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County Planning and Development Services
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Via email to: denise.russell@sdcounty.ca.gov

Regarding: Liberty Charter High School; PDS2015-MUP-15-027; PDS2015-ER-15-14-010
Comments on the draft General Plan Amendment and draft Mitigated Negative Declaration

Dear Planning and Development Services:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input on draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Liberty Charter High School. We understand that a new high school is proposed to be built on 7.7 acres at Chase Avenue just east of Jamacha Road. Liberty Charter High School would have 450 students and 33 faculty and staff members located in a 48,000-square-foot building with 22 classrooms, along with a gymnasium, sports field and 161 parking spaces.

We understand that the entrance and exit to the school would be off Chase Avenue, which is a two-lane road that is already designated as an F Level of Service for its traffic congestion. According to school's traffic study, it would generate 585 new daily trips, including 117 trips during the morning peak-hour traffic, 99 trips in the afternoon, and 59 trips during the evening commute hours.

To mitigate the traffic impacts, the school is proposing to widen Chase Avenue to provide a second eastbound lane and to provide space to accommodate a westbound turn lane. A payment would also be made to the county's Transportation Impact Fee program.

We support the Valle de Oro Planning Group that a full Environmental Impact Report should be conducted for the project as we are concerned with the following impacts:

1. Traffic congestion at the intersection of Chase and Jamacha
2. Increased traffic on our surface streets and our highways;
3. Safety concerns crossing Chase Avenue and at Fuerte and Chase due to increased traffic.

Thank you for considering our comments. Please contact me at kchedberg@cox.net or 619.994.6900 if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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