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Opposition to Education First's Proposal For Parking Reduction

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Letter for Parking Reduction Opposition

Dear Members of the Land Use Committee of Bel-Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council,

I am strongly **OPPOSED** to any reduction in parking spaces at the current site of AJU where EF is proposing a massive increase in Enrollment and Housing from the current use.

The Campus was built in 1966 with 396 parking spaces. There must have been a reason for the City & the Developers to provide 396 spaces but now EF is proposing to reduce parking to 287 spaces, which equates to a 30 % decrease. Their stated total number of available spaces is misleading since it requires valet parking paid by others!

Their claim that students will not be allowed to drive or own a car and that the availability of shuttles to transport the students around town to justify the parking space reduction is not enforceable or practical.

EF publicizes that students will experience the attractions of Los Angeles as part of their program. Without any nearby public transportation near the campus, students will turn to rideshare services and are likely to rent cars out of convenience. These are wealthy individuals who are able to afford the hefty \$2000/week price tag for a study abroad program in the United States. They will certainly have the means to afford car rental as well, and this will facilitate their ability to visit attractions, beaches, and other entertainment, which would otherwise be unavailable. The result of students renting cars in conjunction with faculty and staff parking in the parking lots and EF reducing their parking lot capacity will be a spillover of parked cars into the neighborhood. This will deprive the homeowners of parking spaces in front of our homes.

I respectfully ask the Land Use Committee to deny EF's request for any parking space Reduction.

Sincerely,

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