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PLU 4/11 Meeting, Agenda Item 7 - Statement of Opposition

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Dear Members of the Planning & Land Use Committee,

This week, EF and Stephen S. Wise Temple announced their agreement for parking and part-time use of a soccer field in exchange for Wise's support of EF. I write today not only as a homeowner, but also as a member of Wise Temple and parent of 4 children who attend Wise schools. The announcement to parents by Wise School failed to mention the size of EF's proposed enrollment or the ages of their students, which would have given an indication of the safety, fire, traffic and other concerns the homeowners have raised.

As a parent of Wise School students, I am now **even more** concerned about my young Jewish children using a soccer field not on Wise's secure campus but on a non-religious school's field, and not on a campus shared by Jewish rabbinical students but rather in close proximity to hundreds of late teens and adults visiting LA for a good time. Indeed, the field itself is not even a good offer. EF **took away** Wise's use of the larger, lower field (which Wise used before the Pandemic) and instead offered a much smaller field. Wise School needs a soccer field for 9-12 year olds, but the dimensions of the smaller field EF offered Wise are for 6-8 year olds. EF is trying to paint their offer for the smaller field as a "benefit to the Jewish community," when in reality it is not. It is yet another adverse impact, this time on my children.

Thank you for your consideration of this update.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Barcohana

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