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Education First Proposal CPC-2023-153-CU-DRB-SPP-MSP letter of opposition

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Karen Furie and I am a homeowner in Bel Air Park. I am writing to express my objection to Case Number: **CPC-2023-153-CU-DRB-SPP-MSP**.

I vehemently oppose the proposal set forth by Education First to purchase the American Jewish University because the number of students they propose to house on campus is far beyond what the campus is designed and permitted to handle.

The number of students they plan on shuttling to the campus will result in gridlock on the neighboring roads and highways. They would need 35 shuttles to handle the 700 students on campus which is completely unfathomable considering the mountain roads we have here. Additionally, their proposal to have more students than the CUP allows enrolled will pose a grave threat to my family should there be another fire or other emergency requiring an evacuation from our homes, as happened during the Skirball Fire of 2017. Furthermore, their plans for "shelter-in-place" or possible evacuation are inadequate and simply dangerous and non-sensical. They would need 35-40 shuttles to evacuate all the students/staff and more if they are at their peak attendance of 1,200 students. If they shelter in-place they will need to provide for 700 students plus 150 staff without leaving the campus. How will they contain that many with the news of fire, smell of smoke and sounds of sirens and helicopters overhead?

EF is purely motivated by dollars, not taking into consideration the safety needs of the neighborhood they are imposing upon. **But most importantly, they are not acting in good faith in regards to the safety of their tuition**

paying students and staff, who will be put in grave danger should an emergency arise.

EF is “selling” this campus as a fun, party atmosphere in the glamorous setting of urban Los Angeles which is so far from the truth. Our setting is a quiet, mountain retreat set in a calm, sub-urban neighborhood. There is nothing here to entertain foreign students unless they want to engage in hiking or relaxing by the pool they plan to build on campus.

For all of these reasons and more, I object to EF's proposal.

Sincerely,

Karen Furie