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Fwd: Memo re BABC Neighborhood Council K-6 Private Schools representative

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To: Catherine Palmer <council@babnc.org>

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Please add as attachment for the September Board Agenda.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Elizabeth Barcohana <ebarcohana@gmail.com>
Subject: Memo re BABC Neighborhood Council K-6 Private Schools representative
Date: September 19, 2023 at 1:38:29 PM PDT
To: Travis Longcore <tlongcore@babnc.org>

Dear Dr. Longcore and members of the Council,

I write to request your consideration of my nomination to be the K-6 Private School Representative for the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council. As discussed in detail below, I have significant ties to the Los Angeles community in general and a substantial connection to the K-6 private schools in particular.

My family moved to the Los Angeles area when I was 5 years old, and grew up in a home off of Beverly Glen in the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood. I graduated from UCLA with a degree in Political Science in 2004, and from USC Gould School of Law in 2007. For my entire career, I have been an associate at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP, where I now practice part time as a class action defense litigator. My husband, Dr. Babak Barcohana, and I have been married for 11 years, and we moved to our home in the Casiano neighborhood in 2016. I quickly became an active member of our homeowner's association, first as the head of the Wildlife Committee, then as the Vice President of Legal Affairs, and now I serve as Vice President of the Executive Board. In that role, I became familiar with the important work of the Bel Air Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council.

Bob and I have four children, ages 2 through 9, and are grateful to live in a community so conducive to raising a family. In particular, we are

fortunate to live close to so many wonderful schools. Even before we moved to our current home, I brought my children to Mommy and Me classes at Stephen S. Wise and we made it our second home. We then decided we wanted our children to attend a Jewish day school, and now all three of our school-aged children are enrolled in Wise School (Kindergarten, 3rd grade, and 4th grade) and the baby is enrolled in Aaron Milken Center. I am very active on numerous committees at Wise School, including Annual Giving and Wise Hearts, and I chair or host events regularly every year to build community or fundraise. My husband and I have a very close relationship with the head of school, Tami Weiser, and the entire administration. Given our deep roots in the Los Angeles community, we know not only families in all grade levels at Wise School, but also several families at John Thomas Dye. Through these relationships, I am closely tuned in to the local issues parents care about, such as public safety, emergency preparedness, and traffic.

I am interested in serving on the BABC Neighborhood Council because I feel a sense of duty for civic engagement. Our City is faced with many issues that I believe sound, reasonable, and determined leadership can resolve. My primary motivation is to protect and advance the interests of children, and when I learned the seat for the K-6 private schools representative is vacant, I could not turn down the call to serve. It is perfect for me.

I appreciate the Council's time to consider supporting my nomination and, if voted in, I look forward to working together.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Barcohana
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