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To: Bel Air–Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council (BABCNC)
Land Use Planning Committee

RE: Agenda Item #6 for Tuesday, January 13, 2026

2785 N CASIANO ROAD; 2791 N CASIANO ROAD; 2845 N CASIANO ROAD
Milken Community School E Campus (Also commonly known as 15600 Mulholland)
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Dear BABCNC Board,

I am a disabled resident of Bel Air Park. Along with others, I have reviewed the submitted Milken Project presentation to the BABCNC committee and would like to address Milken Community School's "Scenario 2" regarding an evening evacuation of the Gindi Theater. While the school plans for a quick departure of roughly 200 attendees, my assessment reveals that the plan fails to account for the specific demographic and residential realities of the Bel Air Park community on a Saturday night.

The following vulnerabilities pose a direct threat to the safety of both the school's guests and the surrounding residents:

- **Residential Peak Occupancy:** Unlike a weekday scenario, at 7:00 pm on a Saturday, the vast majority of the Bel Air Park community will be home. If an incident requires Milken to evacuate, it is highly probable that neighbors (including myself) will also feel compelled to evacuate, creating a sudden, massive surge of vehicle traffic on roads that are not designed for high-volume egress.
- **Vulnerable Populations:** As I mentioned above, I am disabled and am unable to walk. Our community includes many elderly residents and others who have limited mobility and who may require additional time to mobilize or who may require medical equipment like myself that complicates a rapid departure. A sudden influx of 75 cars from the school at 7:16 pm creates a high-risk environment for neighbors like me who are also attempting to navigate the narrow hillside streets.
- **Information Lag and Neighborhood Panic:** In this scenario, there is a dangerous mismatch between the school's internal timeline and external emergency broadcast systems. While the school spends five minutes (7:10 pm to 7:15 pm) preparing the campus, neighbors in Bel Air Park will likely receive near-instant alerts via apps like Citizen, PulsePoint, or official LAFD emergency notifications. This means **residents** will be reacting to an emergency on their phones while **theater attendees** remain uninformed in their seats. By the time the

school finally notifies the 200 guests at 7:15 pm, the surrounding elderly and panicked neighbors—already alerted by our apps—will have already begun clogging the narrow residential streets.

- **Traffic Control Limitations:** While Security and Operations intend to conduct traffic control on Casiano Road to help the HOA community and Milken leave at 7:15 pm, their primary focus remains the school's 75 vehicles. There is no evidence of a coordinated plan to prioritize elderly residents or to manage the "clash" of theater-goers and residents all attempting to exit the same narrow corridor simultaneously.

The current plan assumes Milken operates in a vacuum. In reality, an evacuation at this hour is a community-wide event. I recommend that the BABCNC request a revised plan that includes specific protocols for assisting elderly and disabled neighbors and a more synchronized communication strategy with the community.

Sincerely,
Howard Deshong
Bel Air Park Resident