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Regarding Case #: CPC-2025-3449-CU3-SPPC-DRB-MSP ENV-2025-3450-CE

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RE: Agenda Item #9, Wednesday, January 28, 2026

2785 N CASIANO ROAD; 2791 N CASIANO ROAD; 2845 N
CASIANO ROADMilken Community School E Campus (Also commonly known as
[15600 Mulholland](#))

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Dear Bel Air–Beverly Crest Neighborhood Council Members,

As a resident of Bel Air Park, I want to begin by saying that our community genuinely welcomes Milken Community School and values having them as a neighbor. This objection is not about opposition to Milken as an institution, but about ensuring that student safety, neighborhood safety, and legal standards are applied consistently and responsibly.

In 2023, the BABCNC recommended approval for up to 400 EF students at this site, including approximately 200 students living on campus, meaning only about 200 students would be commuting or bused during peak hours. While this was a different applicant, the physical conditions of Casiano Road have not changed. In fact, the safety concerns have only increased with the proposed intensification to approximately 900 high school students arriving and departing during concentrated peak periods.

Casiano Road remains a constrained, one way in and one way out access route. Emergency access, traffic queuing, and evacuation capacity were critical issues then, and they are even more serious now. These conditions raise clear life safety concerns that cannot be dismissed as minor alterations under a Class 1 CEQA Exemption.

Additionally, Milken's East Campus should be held to the same safety and environmental review standards as other private schools along the Mulholland corridor, including Mirman, Milken's existing campus, and Curtis, as well as Archer, Brentwood Schools, Campbell Hall, and Buckley. Granting a categorical exemption here would create an uneven standard and undermine consistent application of CEQA where student density and emergency access are at issue.

Finally, several key documents containing substantial new information, including several studies, were uploaded right before the last meeting, and we are still actively reviewing them. As we continue going through the materials, we are finding multiple inconsistencies and public safety concerns. To prevent unintentionally overlooking critical fire-safety and evacuation issues, we need additional time to organize our comments, understand the updates, and constructive participation.

A vote postponement will allow for a more productive and informed discussion for everyone involved.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the BABCNC to postpone this vote as it's the most responsible path forward and will allow for meaningful negotiations, as well as more productive and informed discussion to ensure better outcomes and wider acceptance.

Thank you for your time and for your continued commitment to public safety.

Sincerely,

Beth Gal

Bel Air Park Resident