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To: Catherine Palmer <Council@babcnc.org>, Info@babcnc.org, Travis Longcore <Tlongcore@babcnc.org>

Dear Bel Air- Beverly Crest Neighborhood council Members,

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

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Milken Community School E Campus (Also commonly known as [15600 Mulholland](#))
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My name is Mona Cohen Shargani, and I am a 20-year resident of Bel Air Park and a member of the Jewish community. I spent the majority of my formative years in an all-Orthodox Jewish school before transitioning to public education. Because I deeply understand the importance of a Jewish education, both of my daughters serve as ambassadors for the David Labkovski Project, bringing Holocaust education to life through art and student voices. My youngest daughter will soon receive the Ellie Lainer Youth Leadership Award in Holocaust Education for her dedication to educating schools and communities on this vital history.

I share this background to clarify that the concerns I bring before you are not about Milken as a Jewish institution; rather, they are significant questions regarding the safety and integrity of our shared neighborhood. For my family, a successful school and a protected neighborhood are not mutually exclusive.

While we have begun a dialogue with Milken, more work remains. To date, we have only had two meetings between the school and the community. While those conversations were a constructive start, we have serious reservations regarding:

1. **Emergency Preparedness:** We require a concrete, written evacuation plan. In a high-fire-risk area with many elderly neighbors, a clear and vetted safety strategy is a necessity, not an option.
2. **Traffic and Livability:** The current traffic report raises more questions than answers. Increased enrollment will have a major impact on congestion, safety, and the daily livability of our streets.
3. **Project "Piecemealing":** There are significant unanswered questions regarding the proposed dormitories and flat-land development. We are concerned that addressing enrollment now, while deferring these physical developments, constitutes "piecemealing"—a practice that prevents the community and this committee from evaluating the school's total long-term impact.

Our goal is to establish a formal, enforceable agreement that provides clarity and stability for both the school and the neighborhood. This approach is the established norm in our community—mirrored by schools such as **Mirman, Curtis, Brentwood, and Archer**—and aligns with similar recommendations this committee has made in the past. It is the only effective way to guarantee that promised mitigation plans are realized and that our relationship remains collaborative and predictable.

We are fully committed to this dialogue. The Milken administration has asked us for a list of suggested solutions, and we are currently finalizing those points to present to them early next month through our representative.

Given these outstanding issues, **approval of this application today is premature**. We respectfully ask this committee to **postpone the vote** on Milken's CUP Application until next month's BABCNC meeting. This will provide the necessary time for the community and Milken to reach a formal agreement that assures the safety and well-being of everyone involved.

Thank you for your time and your service to our community.

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