

City Council Comment received from Ana Espinoza

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Tue 7/23/2024 4:06 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Contact Info:

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Commenting on behalf of:

Mater Academy of Northern Nevada

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-07-24.

Section:

I Items - Public Hearing Items

Item:

MUP24-00010 Mater Academy .

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

I'm 100 % support Mater Academy of Northern Nevada to built a second public charter school.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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Fees to use recreation centers

Notifications SN <Notifications@reno.gov>

Wed 7/24/2024 8:30 AM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Good morning,

We received this email at Reno Direct, which appears best suited for public comment. Please see below.

Thank you!

On Tuesday 23, July 10:21:00 PM PDT, 'cstrelo@yahoo.com' wrote:

Raising the fee from \$2 to \$8 per use priced many of us out of our favorite activities. What's next, an entrance fee to the city parks?

Shame on you for using the centers this way.

[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

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City Council Comment received from David Friedman

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Tue 7/23/2024 11:18 PM

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Section:

I Items - Public Hearing Items

Item:

I.1.

Position:

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

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I support the appeal of the Administrator's decision. Please do not approve the permit for Mater Academy of Northern Nevada.

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City Council Comment received from Dioselina Gonzalez

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Section:

General Closing Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

Item:

10.

Position:

In Favor

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Es muy Buena academy

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City Council Comment received from Elenor Sapien

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Elenor Sapien

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MUP24-00010 (Mater Academy) In support of Mater Academy..

Position:

In Favor

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City Council Comment received from Joanne Kots

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Wed 7/24/2024 8:53 AM

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Position:

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I began teaching in WCSD in 2004 when I moved to Reno. I made the best choice. I left the school district and began my journey in charter in 2016. At Mater, I am supported, valued, and have a voice. As a special education educator for 20 years, charter has exceeded my expectations! Administrators, teachers, and staff provide exceptional services and instruction. Building positive relationships with each individual student is part of the magic at Mater. The support provided by administrators, deans, instructional coaches, and teachers is second to none. The philosophy is all about providing the best quality education for the students. Are students are in a safe learning environment where every staff member knows each child by name. I am in favor of Mater's expansion. More students need to experience this type of leaning environment. Please vote to expand Mater.

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City Council Comment received from John Nunn

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Tue 7/23/2024 10:00 PM

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Contact Info:

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John Nunn

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 1

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Phone Number:

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Item:

I Item – Public Hearing Item – In support of MUP24-00010 (Mater Academy).

Position:

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City Council Comment received from Lacy Palmer

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Tue 7/23/2024 4:56 PM

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Section:

I Items - Public Hearing Items

Item:

MUP24-00010 (Mater Academy).

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

We really need this school out here, as all public schools in this area are underperforming, and under serving our children.

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City Council Comment received from Lindsey Nunn

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Tue 7/23/2024 10:01 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Contact Info:

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Lindsey Nunn

Commenting on behalf of:

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Ward 1

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Section:

I Items - Public Hearing Items

Item:

I Item – Public Hearing Item – In support of MUP24-00010 (Mater Academy).

Position:

In Favor

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City Council Comment received from Marcia Lopez

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/24/2024 7:45 AM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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A new comment has been submitted for the Reno City Council Meeting held on: 2024-07-24.

Section:

F Items - Ordinance Adoptions

Item:

F3.

Position:

In opposition

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

This property does need to be developed however it should focus on the original zoning (RFP) and not amendments to rezone for a larger complex and more units. The original zoning regulation were put in place for a reason and should be adhered to especially in this case. I have outline 4 issues of concern, for not only me but several residents in this area. 1-Saturation: There are 6+ Multi-family properties within a standard block radius creating a saturated and overcrowded area. Several of these units have leasing/rentals available. By increasing the already agreed upon maximum units (zoning) it serves only the purpose, to increase revenue in the developer and landlords pockets. As a city we should make sure that we are to focus "quality" over quantity not only in this area, but in our entirety. 2-Disproportionate Parking: additional units will create more disproportionate parking availability. An example is Jones street (on any given day) it used largely for any overflow and disproportionate parking for all other multi-family properties in the area. We shouldn't ask our community members to have to park several blocks away from where they live. 3-Riverside/Booth Traffic: Access to this property will also hinder the flow of traffic at the "intersection" of Jones and Riverside. Residents will have to turn W/B onto Riverside from Booth facing a blind corner with an excess of vehicular traffic from Keystone, 1st Street and East Riverside along with pedestrian traffic from the walking path on our River. Without a intersection redesign plan in place, we are placing our community members in an unnecessary and increasingly hazardous situation. 4-Hasty Review: Having the traffic study completed in November in no way shape or form represents the multitude of activities we enjoy in that area on a regular basis. Idlewild park, McKinley park, the Riverwalk and California Ave Farmer's Market host events many times throughout a typical year creating increased congestion further exasperated by increasing units for the proposed complex at this property. This leads me to believe the consideration for the increased development of this property was haphazardly submitted, rushed and several factors overlooked by both the planning commission and members of the council. I would request that this amendment be reviewed again more THOUROUGHLY with emphasis on the issues I have brought before you today, before a final decision is made.

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No

MUP24-00010 Mater Academy

Markie Wilder <wildermarkie@gmail.com>

Wed 7/24/2024 10:07 AM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Good Morning,

For the record, my name is Markie Wilder. I have dedicated the last 15 years of my life to education, working in various capacities including childcare, summer camps, and recreation. I have served at Natchez Elementary School within the Washoe County School District and Pyramid Lake High School, a Bureau of Indian Education school. I am also a mom scholar, currently pursuing a doctoral degree in educational leadership, and I serve as the Interim Director of The Multicultural Center at The University of Nevada, Reno. Since my daughter started school, we have lived in Sparks and Reno, choosing Mater Academy for her education. She is currently entering 2nd grade and has been there since Kindergarten.

Mater Academy excels due to its passionate and dedicated staff. Their learning approach is scaffolded and consistent across all grade levels, from kindergarten through 8th grade. The school's Positive Behavior Intervention System, Multi-Tiered Student Supports, and attention to neurodiversity and best practices are exemplary, largely due to their strong leadership. My child is actively engaged in her learning, leads her parent-teacher conferences, understands her goals, and is excited about school. The teachers make learning enjoyable and engaging, which I have not witnessed in any other school.

I am privileged to choose a school for my daughter, but I see the educational gaps in some of the low-performing schools where her relatives attend. At Mater Academy, she receives a curriculum aligned with today's needs, including consistent social-emotional learning, mindfulness, and group projects—skills vital for future careers and higher education. My daughter is known by name by every staff member, who also know our family. She is greeted by the principal with hugs, high fives, and smiles.

An overcrowded school in the Washoe County School District is not an option for us because my daughter is more than just a student; She is brilliant and supported holistically by her teachers, who attend her games and care for her beyond the classroom. In an overcrowded environment, she would not have those privileges. As a working mom with late hours, the Boys & Girls Club at Mater Academy provides low-cost, and accommodating childcare. Adding another Boys & Girls Club at Mater Academy would benefit many families like ours. I look forward to the day my child can attend Mater Academy of Northern Nevada High School.

In summary, I urge you to:

1. Support the conditional use permit for a new Mater Academy school, thoroughly analyzed and approved by staff, the Mater Academy School Board, and the State Public Charter School Authority.
2. Approve the high-performing Mater Academy school to alleviate the burden on poor-performing and overcrowded schools in the North Valleys.
3. Establish a second Boys & Girls Club at Mater Academy to provide before and after school support for all children.

Thank you for your time and consideration in supporting Mater Academy and the future of our children's education.

Markie Wilder

Overturn the Mater Academy Approval

Paola Godinez <paolagodinez@everyactioncustom.com>

Wed 7/24/2024 7:24 AM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Reno City Council,

Please overturn the approval of a new charter school facility in the North Valleys, as it will harm the operations of the Washoe County School District, compromise student and educator safety, and is out of alignment with the Reno Master Plan.

Trivest Land Company proposes building a campus to house a 1500-seat charter school next to WCSD's Alice Smith Elementary School. Approval of this charter facility in this location is poor planning and is especially concerning given the separate and unequal dynamics between charter schools and neighborhood public schools. Locating such a large charter facility directly next to an at-risk school like Alice Smith will have the effect of siphoning away students with the most engaged parents, leaving students with greater needs and fewer resources. Our neighborhood public schools are responsible for educating the vast majority of our kids, particularly the most vulnerable. Meanwhile, development of this large charter will disrupt WCSD's 2020-2039 Facilities Plan and the collective efforts of this community to faithfully implement WC-1, including new WCSD schools in North Valleys. All the WCSD schools in the North Valleys are operating under capacity and a large new charter in the area could force WCSD to close an elementary school.

Traffic in this area already is a serious problem. This project will only make matters worse and is out of line with the Safe Routes to Schools Program. Numerous comments from those in the area have pointed out problems during drop-off and pick-up already. This includes U-turns in the middle of the street, double parking, and driving through parking lots to avoid intersections. The addition of nearly 2000 vehicle trips per day will put the safety of educators, students, and their families at greater risk. Alternatives like bicycling should usually be encouraged, but promoting bicycling to school at this location while also increasing vehicle congestion will put even more student lives at risk.

The Reno Master Plan calls on the City to work with WCSD to support their education programs and collaborate with the district in planning for the design and location of new public schools. This is in direct contrast to the process Trivest Land Company and Mater Academy of Northern Nevada undertook for their new facility. Significant input from the community input was not solicited, and comments from WCSD were largely ignored. Following your own guidance in the master plan, we ask that you consider how this project will negatively impact both public safety and WCSD. Please overturn the approval of Trivest Land Company's proposal for a new school facility and ask the project sponsor to work with WCSD and the community on any future plans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Paola Godinez
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City Council Comment received from Perla Zepeda

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Tue 7/23/2024 7:34 PM

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I Items - Public Hearing Items

Item:

MUP24-00010 Mater Academy .

Position:

In Favor

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If no, enter comments below:

Hello, As a parent to 2 children that have had the pleasure of attending Mater Academy since kindergarden and as a Stead resident, it is to mine and my children's best interest to build the new Mater Academy in the North Valleys area. I say this as a resident, because I have witnessed the real necessity of providing us options in that area. 2 elementary school, 1 middle school, and 1 high school is not enough due to the influx of new builds in the area and more people moving to the North end of town. Not only that my children feel welcomed and loved by all the staff members, but it truley is very comforting to know that all the staff knows the children by there names. The welcoming hugs and dances are truley something that eases your mind when dropping them off and knowing that they are in a safe place during the time your are not with them. To my family it is to our best interest that a new Mater Academy is built in the North Valleys area not just because of the location, but because of what the school stands for and the curriculum being brought forth. The teachers will not let your child fall behind and there is so much support from all the staff. I feel that at Mater Academy we do matter. Thank you.

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Overturn the Mater Academy Approval

SYBELLA POPE-SEARS <sybellasgarden@everyactioncustom.com>

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
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City Council Comment received from Trudy Nunn

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Tue 7/23/2024 9:59 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Contact Info:

Name:

Trudy Nunn

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 1

Email Address:

Phone Number:

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City Council Comment received from Viridiana Gonzalez-Becerra

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To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

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In Favor

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We are requesting the city to please approve of a second building for our growing school. We as parents love this school and how much we've grown to become a family. Our children/student's have done an amazing job in showing a commitment with their school and staff as they would deserve to continue their education with mater academy. Approving of this would allow our children to prosper and be educated in a school of they're choice as our next generation our city of Reno and future of this city.

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City Council Comment received from Yadira Loza

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Tue 7/23/2024 8:11 PM

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As a teacher at Mater Academy, I just want to say that I 100% support building a new school in the North Valleys area. Our students, our families should have a school choice; I ask that you don't take that away from them, and let us continue to expand. Thank you for your time.

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City Council Comment received from Yolanda Herrera

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Good Morning My name is Yolanda Herrera and my husbands name is Kevin, I am speaking on behalf of both of us. We are the proud parents of two amazing children, a 10 year old girl and 8 year old boy. Both of whom attend mater academy. In 2019, our daughter was old enough to attend kindergarten, and we were fortunate enough to have won the enrollment lottery for mater academy. This was our first experience being a parent of a child in school, and we were very impressed with how welcoming and helpful the staff was. They displayed great patience with all our questions, and made sure we felt comfortable leaving our child in their care. Our first impression of the school was great. 2019 was an especially difficult school year for our country, as we all had to learn how to navigate a nation wide pandemic and shut down. We were impressed with the speed and attention by MATER Academy, as they responded quickly and effectively to modify their lesson plan and issue our daughter an ipad, and a weekly program to maintain consistency with her daily education. The lesson plan included daily digital classrooms through zoom, and packets with educational activities. I can say that was not the case for all students in education, as we had friends with children that were attending a school within the W C S D, that only met with their teachers once a week. Our friends expressed to us that their kids had a harder time with the abrupt change and loss of education. However, our experience with Mater Academy during this unprecedented issue was great. Our son enrolled into Mater academy in 2021, and we greatly appreciated the schools policy that allows siblings to join without needing to apply for the enrollment lottery. The school expressed that they want to allow the opportunity to keep siblings together at the same school, and how difficult and distracting it could be otherwise. We felt that this policy was another example of the commitment mater academy has to the children and their education. Morning drop offs consist of Warm and energetic greetings from the principle and supporting staff, with music and dancing to set the mood for the children to get excited. Our kids look forward to going to school every morning because of how Mater academy has found a way to engage them. This extends into after school programs and events that reinforce the environment for our children. I wish I could say it was like that for me when I was attending public school. The teachers communicate with us regularly to provide feedback on our children, to include how we can help in areas of need, or if our child was having a tough day. In our experience, over the past five years, the schools commitment to the children and staff have continued to be consistent. In our opinion, they exemplify what we are all striving to find in an education program and school. We believe it would be of great benefit to our children if Mater Academy was allowed the opportunity to expand into higher levels of education for high school. To see first hand, what they have accomplished to date, It excites us to think of what they could do with the future. Thank you all for your time, and for the opportunity to have a voice in this meeting.

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Public Comment - Mater Academy Special Use Permit

Angela Orr <Angela.Orr@doralnnv.org>

Wed 7/24/2024 5:08 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Mayor Schieve and Esteemed Members of the Reno City Council,

I am writing to express my views on the Mater Academy of Northern Nevada expansion appeal. As a dedicated educator in Washoe County for 23 years, serving in various roles including teacher, curriculum specialist, professional learning facilitator, and principal, and as a parent of a high school student within WCSD, I am deeply invested in the future of education in our community. I also serve on the Nevada State Board of Education representing Washoe County and Congressional District 2, although the opinions expressed here are solely my own and do not reflect an official statement from my office.

First and foremost, I am committed to ensuring that every student in our community has access to high-quality education, irrespective of their background or financial circumstances. Our public schools must continuously strive to improve, but our students cannot afford to wait. It is imperative that our city leaders support economic diversity and development while also providing ample educational choices for our children so that they are prepared and able to participate in these economic opportunities.

The Washoe County School District itself values school choice, stating on their website, **“School of Choice is a system where Washoe County School District (WCSD) families can choose which school they want their children to attend. We believe students will be the most successful in the school where they feel connected and seen and with an academic program that best suits their needs.”** This principle of choice is crucial for all families, particularly those underserved by existing school options. Mater Academy currently serves a highly impacted student population similar to nearby elementary schools, facing comparable challenges but with less public funding and higher standards to meet. Families choose Mater Academy because they witness the tangible difference in their children's education—a testament to its highly qualified staff, exemplary leadership, community involvement, rigorous curriculum, daily emphasis on social-emotional learning, and valuable partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. Mater Academy has consistently demonstrated higher student growth rates compared to neighboring schools, affirming its appeal to many families in our community, including those in the North Valleys who deserve similar educational opportunities.

Addressing concerns that Mater Academy might "steal" students and teachers from WCSD schools, it's important to note that school choice inherently involves shifts in student populations and teacher assignments within districts. This happens annually in Washoe County School District, because by design, public school teachers follow public school students. If Mater Academy expands, it will create employment opportunities for teachers who will receive competitive wages, benefits, and PERS enrollment. These educators will benefit from a positive and professional school culture focused on student success, family engagement and increased opportunities for professional learning. Moreover, using terms like "steal" to describe parental choice undermines and insults the informed decisions families make regarding their children's education.

Throughout my career, I have advocated passionately for our dedicated teachers, believing they are fundamental to our democratic society. With a steadfast commitment to public education and the belief that every student deserves an exceptional learning environment, I urge you to support the special use permit for Mater Academy. Their rigorous approval process with the State Public Charter School Authority affirms their readiness to meet or exceed all standards for expansion, including site selection criteria.

Our community seeks diverse educational options to meet the needs of our children. I urge the City Council to respect the thorough evaluation conducted by your Administrator and to honor the desires of citizens like myself who advocate for the best possible education for all young people.

Sincerely,

Angela Orr

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Wed 7/24/2024 5:09 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

I see no reason to not re-approve this request. Mater is a public charter school and this particular school will service a unique group of children. I do hate to see school funds go to private schools, but since this is a public charter, I am in favor as long as many contingencies are met.

Wendy Boszak

Ward 4

City Council Comment received from Amanda Poole

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Wed 7/24/2024 1:25 PM

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Our current natter academy is over full and there's a huge waiting list this would benefit our children tremendously to have another campus Bill and open so that the bigger kids can be separated from the little kids and have their own space I think this would be a great asset to us and I'm all for this being passed.

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City Council Comment received from Anthony Tavares

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City Council Comment received from Génesis Alvarez-Cortéz

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Wed 7/24/2024 2:26 PM

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There is a misconception that Title I parents, who themselves have experienced Title I education, lack the knowledge or capability to drive change. However, the real issue lies with the district's policies, not with the parents. Many of us want to stay in our community and believe that our children deserve the choice to attend quality schools without having to leave our beloved roots even with the expansion into North Valleys it is still our comunidad. Notably, Mater Academy serves underserved communities across WCSD. Through Mater's inception, I witnessed an opportunity to demonstrate what it truly means to serve a marginalized community. The expansion opportunity highlights the importance of having Mater's first campus on Ninth Street. It showed our community that we don't have to leave our beloved community to provide our children with the education they deserve. That's why we chose Mater: at its core, Mater is more than a school; it is a community that emphasizes the importance of having a village behind every child who walks through those double doors. Many of us have faced or will be facing the difficult decision of where to send our children once they age out of the current campus's grade levels. Imagine if they could continue that journey through high school, a critical period in their lives. It is during these years that the communities sacrifices truly shine through. Ultimately, supporting the expansion of Mater means supporting our children as they cross the finish line into high school and beyond. These very children will one day sit where the council is sitting, reflecting on this very day and seeing the need in a community that deserved to be served.

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Overturn the Mater Academy Approval

Jordan Gotchy <jordan.gotchy@everyactioncustom.com>

Wed 7/24/2024 1:08 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Reno City Council,

Please overturn the approval of a new charter school facility in the North Valleys, as it will harm the operations of the Washoe County School District, compromise student and educator safety, and is out of alignment with the Reno Master Plan.

Trivest Land Company proposes building a campus to house a 1500-seat charter school next to WCSD's Alice Smith Elementary School. Approval of this charter facility in this location is poor planning and is especially concerning given the separate and unequal dynamics between charter schools and neighborhood public schools. Locating such a large charter facility directly next to an at-risk school like Alice Smith will have the effect of siphoning away students with the most engaged parents, leaving students with greater needs and fewer resources. Our neighborhood public schools are responsible for educating the vast majority of our kids, particularly the most vulnerable. Meanwhile, development of this large charter will disrupt WCSD's 2020-2039 Facilities Plan and the collective efforts of this community to faithfully implement WC-1, including new WCSD schools in North Valleys. All the WCSD schools in the North Valleys are operating under capacity and a large new charter in the area could force WCSD to close an elementary school.

Traffic in this area already is a serious problem. This project will only make matters worse and is out of line with the Safe Routes to Schools Program. Numerous comments from those in the area have pointed out problems during drop-off and pick-up already. This includes U-turns in the middle of the street, double parking, and driving through parking lots to avoid intersections. The addition of nearly 2000 vehicle trips per day will put the safety of educators, students, and their families at greater risk. Alternatives like bicycling should usually be encouraged, but promoting bicycling to school at this location while also increasing vehicle congestion will put even more student lives at risk.

The Reno Master Plan calls on the City to work with WCSD to support their education programs and collaborate with the district in planning for the design and location of new public schools. This is in direct contrast to the process Trivest Land Company and Mater Academy of Northern Nevada undertook for their new facility. Significant input from the community input was not solicited, and comments from WCSD were largely ignored. Following your own guidance in the master plan, we ask that you consider how this project will negatively impact both public safety and WCSD. Please overturn the approval of Trivest Land Company's proposal for a new school facility and ask the project sponsor to work with WCSD and the community on any future plans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Overturn the Mater Academy Approval

Kristen De Haan <kristenirene@everyactioncustom.com>

Wed 7/24/2024 2:59 PM

To:Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Dear Reno City Council,

If I had not had surgery today, I would be there in person to make a public comment about this. As I did have surgery, I wanted to send in my public comment as this is important to me and it is important to the students in our district.

As a public school teacher, an advocate of all students, and as a parent of two WCSD graduates, please overturn the approval of a new charter school facility in the North Valleys.

I do not understand why this was approved. There is a WCSD school right there. It is a title I school with high needs students. School choice rarely benefits high needs students and students of color. This charter school WILL, at least initially, siphon away students with the most engaged parents, leaving students with greater needs and fewer resources. When I say most engaged parents, I want you to understand that I mean the parents who are privileged enough to be able to volunteer in schools, and attend all events at schools, it is to highlight that many parents of children in Title I schools are working two jobs and are unable to attend/participate as fully.

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Thank you.

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City Council Comment received from Marissah Harjo

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Wed 7/24/2024 12:32 PM

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Good Afternoon Madam Mayor and members of the Council,

I am Jena Lanini here representing the Sierra Nevada REALTORS. We greatly appreciate this council's willingness to attempt to address the affordable housing issues Reno and the rest of Northern Nevada are facing.

The REALTORS believe that producing more supply and creating mechanisms that allow our development and building communities to construct more housing of all use types are positive steps forward to addressing the housing shortage. These initiatives before us do help move the needle, but there are opportunities to do more.

Homeownership is the most effective way to build equity and generational wealth, however, this is becoming more unattainable for Reno residents. High interest rates and rising home costs are pricing people out of the traditional market. The Sierra Nevada REALTORS were disappointed to see the Missing Middle components removed from the original ordinance draft.

These nontraditional housing units could provide an opportunity for people that are priced out of the traditional market to gain entry to home ownership with a new and innovative approach to entry-level housing. There will always be a market for the 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom standalone home that we are so accustomed too, but in the modern market that is no longer being considered the entry level home for most people. Having a product that hard-working members of our community can afford will allow them to build equity and leverage that equity as their housing needs change.

The Sierra Nevada REALTORS are in favor of the changes proposed today and would like to see further progress be made, especially in the new entry level housing space.

• Thank you for your time and we look forward to working together in the future.