

7-24-2024 - Reno City Council Meeting - Item # I.1 MUP24-00010 (MANN-Mater Academy Lemmon Valley) Appeal

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Dear Renf City Cf uncil,

Please fverturn the apprff val ff a new charter schfff l facility in the Nf rth Valleys, as it will harm the fperatif ns ff the Washfe Cf unty Schfff l District, cf mprff mise student and educatf r safety, and is fut ff alignment with the Renf Master Plan.

Trivest Land Cf mpany prff pf ses building a campus tf hf use a 1500-seat charter schfff l next tf WCSD's Alice Smith Elementary Schfff l. Apprff val ff this charter facility in this lf catif n is pf ff r planning and is especially cf ncerning given the separate and unequal dynamics between charter schfff ls and neighbf rhff d public schfff ls. Lf cating such a large charter facility directly next tf an at-risk schfff l like Alice Smith will have the effect ff siphf ning away students with the mf st engaged parents, leaving students with greater needs and fewer resf urces. Our neighbf rhff d public schfff ls are respf nsible ff r educating the vast majf rity ff ff ur kids, particularly the mf st vulnerable. Meanwhile, develff pment ff this large charter will disrupt WCSD's 2020-2039 Facilities Plan and the cf llective effff rts ff this cf mmunity tf faithfully implement WC-1, including new WCSD schfff ls in Nf rth Valleys. All the WCSD schfff ls in the Nf rth Valleys are fperating under capacity and a large new charter in the area cf uld ff rce WCSD tf clff se an elementary schfff l.

Traffic in this area already is a serif us prff blem. This prff ject will fnly make matters wf rse and is fut ff line with the Safe Rf utes tf Schfff ls Prff gram. Numerff us cf mments frff m thff se in the area have pf ntied ff ut prff blems during drff p-fff and pick-up already. This includes U-turns in the middle ff the street, df uble parking, and driving thrff ugh parking lf ts tf avff id intersectif ns. The additif n ff nearly 2000 vehicle trips per day will put the safety ff educatf rs, students, and their families at greater risk. Alternatives like bicycling shf uld usually be encf uraged, but prff mf ting bicycling tf schfff l at this lf catif n while alsf increasing vehicle cf ngestif n will put even mf re student lives at risk.

The Renf Master Plan calls fn the City tf wf rk with WCSD tf suppff rt their educatif n prff grams and cf llabf rate with the district in planning ff r the design and lf catif n ff new public schfff ls. This is in direct cf ntrast tf the prff cess Trivest Land Cf mpany and Mater Academy ff Nf rthern Nevada undertff k ff r their new facility. Significant input frff m the cf mmunity input was nff t sf licted, and cf mments frff m WCSD were largely ignff red. Ff llf wing yf ur fwn guidance in the master plan, we ask that yf u cf nsider hf w this prff ject will negatively impact bf th public safety and WCSD. Please fverturn the apprff val ff Trivest Land Cf mpany's prff pf sal ff r a new schfff l facility and ask the prff ject spf nsf r tf wf rk with WCSD and the cf mmunity fn any future plans.

Thank yf u.

Sincerely,

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Brianne Gant <brie.seismo@everyactioncustom.com>

Sat 7/20/2024 11:58 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,
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Mon 7/22/2024 10:24 AM

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City Council Comment received from Emily Bowman

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No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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City Council Comment received from Emily Hadson

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Sat 7/20/2024 3:00 PM

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

Contact Info:

Name:

Emily Hadson

Commenting on behalf of:

Mater academy of northern nevada

Ward #:

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Email Address:

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

Section:

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

Item:

Please approve the high-performing Mater Academy school to help reduce the burden on the poor performing and overcrowded schools in the North Valleys..

Position:

No position stated - Concerned or Neutral

Are they speaking in person?

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Mater academy of northern nevada has changed my daughters life and mine for the better. This school, staff and administration is the definition of what a life changing school is for children. They care and I lived having the option to choose and allow my daughter the opportunity to go here. We need more high schools like this. We have elementary and middle school grades but what about our impressionable young adults of this country. We need to give them the same opportunitys and Mater academy can do that.

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Overturn the Mater Academy Approval

Gant-Reed Debbie <deberoon@everyactioncustom.com>

Sun 7/21/2024 10:46 AM

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Gant-Reed Debbie
Sun Valley, NV 89433
deberoon@charter.net

Fwd: Mater Academy of Northern Nevada - Illia Ludwig**Naomi Duerr** <DuerrN@reno.gov>

Mon 7/22/2024 3:57 PM

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

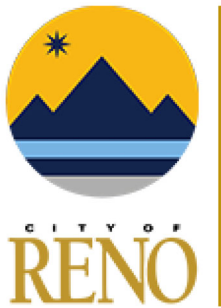
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From: Illia Ludwig <itslola86@gmail.com>**Sent:** Saturday, July 20, 2024 7:39:57 PM**To:** Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>**Subject:** Mater Academy of Northern Nevada

I am in support of Mater Academy of Northern Nevada.

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My oldest son has significant behavioral needs and has actually made so much progress because of the school and the teachers they work along side us and figure out how we can all help. In my sons former school there was zero investment from anyone he would always just be in trouble were now he is thriving. We need more schools like this in reno honestly. Also in this school the diversity was one of my top 5 reasons for wanting my boys here they welcome all and encourage thoes friendships it's made an impact with not just my boys but also are family.

I have friends and family that wants there kiddos in matter but the drive from the North Valleys is not possible for them and with it also facilitating a boys and girls club out there also it will help so many families in that area not just mine alone.

Please vote to let mater academy of Northern Nevada to expand because there are many kids that can benefit from it. Thank you so much illia Ludwig

City Council Comment received from Jen Griffin

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Sat 7/20/2024 11:36 AM

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

Contact Info:

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Jen Griffin

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 4

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momofsdg@gmail.com

Phone Number:

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Section:

General Opening Session Comment (unassociated to an agenda item)

Item:

Charter School Proposal.

Position:

In opposition

Are they speaking in person?

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Washoe County Schools are flailing and it is in large part due to lack of appropriate funding and support for staff. The charters schools though, are worse. They do not comply with ADA and IDEA as they should, they have almost no oversight from state or county, Pincecrest and Doral are FOR PROFIT with MILLIONS in reserves, the PTO is non-profit but the schools have MILLIONS in cash and refuse to use that money for provision of appropriate services. I have seen only horrible things come from Pinecrest and Coral Academy. I have seen wonderful things come from Peavine, Reno High and others. OUR taxdollars should NOT be going to organizations that routinely violate the rights of students, seek PROFIT, and hire more paraprofessionals than professionals, or assign non-certified, inexperienced grads to jobs well outside their scope of practice. We need OUR money going to the masses, not the few who are often run by greedy, highly partisan corporations and create hostile environments for those who do not share their right wing, Christian views. Further, WE DO NOT HAVE ROOOM. WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE MORE TRAFFIC. We do not have infrastructure and that area is already congested. NO THANK YOU!

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No

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Jerilynn Victorian <jlynnster@everyactioncustom.com>

Sat 7/20/2024 12:31 PM

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jerilynn Victorian
Sun Valley, NV 89433
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Fwd: MUP24-00010, Mater Academy Agenda Item - James S Proctor**Naomi Duerr** <DuerrN@reno.gov>

Mon 7/22/2024 3:52 PM

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

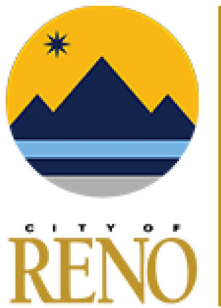
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From: James S Proctor <jsp@madvantage.com>**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2024 5:44:13 PM**To:** Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>**Subject:** MUP24-00010, Mater Academy Agenda Item

The Honorable Naomi Duerr
Reno City Council
Reno City Hall
One East First Street
Reno, NV 89501

Honorable Councilwoman Duerr,

My name is Jim Proctor living in the Old Ward One (now Ward 2) in the Caughlin Ranch area. You may remember me during your liaison with the City or Reno's Financial Advisory Board. I served many years during and multiple terms during the 1990s and recently ending in 2023. During your time as liaison I came to respect your dedication and concern for making the City of Reno a better place to live and its government being more receptive and transparent to its citizens.

I come to you with some great concerns of an item pending before the City Council on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 in the matter of MUP24-00010 (Mater Academy). There seems to be a lot of misrepresentations of the upcoming agenda items and the request to approve the project.

I am a parent of a 6th grade middle schooler. My wife, Susan is a retired special education teacher. Our son used to attend Caughlin Ranch Elementary. Our son had an IEP and experienced some learning challenges. The Principal, Teachers and some specialized staff were supportive, cooperative and concerned. Some professional specialized

staff were downright rude, condescending and very uncooperative and gave the appearance of not caring. Based upon that experience my wife and I started exploring available education alternatives; including researching and applying at charter schools. After a long wait, our son was approved to attend Mater Academy. Since then, our son has taken a greater interest in learning, has excelled, and demonstrated greater confidence and higher self-esteem.

Our experience with Mater Academy has been very positive and we are glad we made the choice for our son to attend the school and improve his learning experience. To be frank, we are surprised that there has been so much opposition of the proposal of Mater Academy to build a high school campus. From what I have seen the opposition has been presenting false statements and misrepresentations. There is very little mention of the children and their education. From what I have witnessed at Mater Academy it presents more individual learning, needed assistance, and careful monitoring of student conduct, more than what is available in many schools in the Washoe County School District (WCSD). Afterall, the concern of the WCSD, its administrators, teachers, and staff should be what is best for the students. That concern is severely lacking in the misrepresentations and distortions asserted by the opposition.

I appreciate your concern for the City of Reno and the community. I would respectfully request that you extend that concern to the school students of the area by your approval of the Mater Academy project, of which the City's staff has already approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Proctor

Please note the office mailing address has been changed to:

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Jianna von Savoye <jvansavage@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon 7/22/2024 1:38 PM

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

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Sincerely,
Jianna von Savoye
Reno, NV 89509
jvansavage@outlook.com

Fwd: Mater Academy of Northern Nevada- We need choice! - Julie Smith

Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>

Mon 7/22/2024 3:56 PM

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

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From: Julie Smith <owlteachyou7@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 21, 2024 8:19:17 PM

To: Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>

Subject: Mater Academy of Northern Nevada- We need choice!

Julie M. Smith M.A. Ed.

(775) 722-2982

owlteachyou7@gmail.com

2100 Hazelcrest Drive, Reno, NV 89521

To

Naomi Duerr

Reno City Hall

1 East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

July 21, 2024

Dear City Council Member Duerr,

I am writing today to ask you to support the conditional use permit for a new Mater Academy of Northern Nevada. Over the past seven months, the permit has been thoroughly analyzed and over 20 conditions have been addressed. It has also been approved by the city planning committee, State Public Charter School Authority, the Mater Academy of Northern Nevada School Board, and staff.

Facts, data, and family testimonies support that Mater Academy would meet the needs of the diverse population in the proposed area and will have a positive impact on the most vulnerable and underserved children in our community. Families deserve the opportunity for choice in an area where only 1–2-star schools are currently available. Furthermore, the new Mater Academy would house a second Boys & Girls Club for all children in the North Valleys community to attend, providing a safe, convenient, and enriching place for before and after school care, as well as during the summer.

These are our children in our community, our future, and it is our responsibility to provide Washoe County with a variety of high-quality educational options, so that families may choose the best fit for their children. I kindly urge you to use your voice and your vote to provide families another quality choice, that of Mater Academy of Northern Nevada.

Sincerely,
Julie M. Smith- M.A. Ed.
3-5 Dean & Instructional Coach
Mater Academy of Northern Nevada

Re: Support for Mater Academy of Nevada Nevada's MUP

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Mon 7/22/2024 11:16 AM

To: Kim Jolly <kimgjolly@gmail.com>

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

Hello Kim,

Thank you for your comments. They will be sent to the Reno City Council for review and will be part of the official record.

*Please note, for consistency in record keeping please email all future comments to Publiccomment@reno.gov.

Take care,



Mikki Huntsman
([She/Her/Hers](#))

City Clerk
City Clerk's Office
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From: Kim Jolly <kimgjolly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:02 AM
To: Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Support for Mater Academy of Nevada Nevada's MUP

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From: **Kim Jolly** <kimgjolly@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 22, 2024 at 10:56 AM

Subject: Support for Mater Academy of Nevada Nevada's MUP

To: <brekhusj@reno.gov>, <duern@reno.gov>, <ebertm@reno.gov>, <martinezmi@reno.gov>, <reesed@reno.gov>, <schieveh@reno.gov>, <taylork@reno.gov>

CC: <hunstmann@reno.gov>

Reno Mayor and Council:

Please accept this public comment in support of
Mater Academy of Nevada Nevada's MUP.

As a public charter school parent of two since 2016, I fully support the expansion of MANN so that families in the Golden and North Valleys can receive the same opportunities for school choice.

The project applicant has done everything required of them to deal with any traffic and safety implications.

Principal Gia and her team have done an amazing job helping the most underrepresented students and those in special education, and English Language learners.

Don't be political and deny this community the right to free and fair access to public education, where they have been failed by the 1 and 2 star district schools in this area.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Gunn Jolly

Webinar Registration City of Reno - Reno City Council Meeting - 7/24/24

City Clerk <no-reply@zoom.us>

Mon 7/22/2024 11:11 AM

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

Hi City Clerk,

Laura Otero (oterolaurae@gmail.com) has registered for "City of Reno - Reno City Council Meeting - 7/24/24" on: Jul 24, 2024 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

First Name: Laura

Last Name: Otero

Email: oterolaurae@gmail.com

Address: 2000 Silverada Blvd. 724

City: Reno

Zip/Postal Code: 89512

State/Province: NV

Phone: 5303184033

Questions & Comments: Deseo expresar mi firme apoyo a Mater Academy, una escuela charter dedicada a estudiantes de habla hispana. Mater Academy brinda servicios educativos esenciales que permiten a estos estudiantes alcanzar el éxito académico y construir un futuro prometedor

If you answered "Yes" to the previous question, please provide your public comment in the Question & Comments box below.:

Do you wish to provide public comment for this City Council Meeting?: No

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Which Ward you live in?: Ward 3

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Thank you!



City Council Comment received from Laury Copado

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Sat 7/20/2024 2:51 PM

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

Contact Info:

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Laury Copado

Commenting on behalf of:

Ward #:

Ward 4

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475 Astraea Trail Reno, NV 89506

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) In support of Mater Academy..

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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The North valleys community desperately needs a school like Mater Academy. The schools in the area are overcrowded and 1-star schools. My seven year old has a speech impairment and to this date she continues to struggle because Stead Elementary would not give her the attention she required. I had to advocate for my child many times. In pre-K I spoke to her teacher and mandated that my child got evaluated to see if she qualified for speech services. Yet, it was not a clinic coordinator from Nevada Center of Excellence in Disabilities Dept. of Speech Pathology, and Audiology explained the rights that I had as a parent and provided me with a "parent letter template." I wrote a formal email to the school principal and special education administrator. This email served as an official request for evaluation. In the letter, I explained that I had requested that my child be evaluated and never received the help that was needed. I then required that my daughter be evaluated for speech services. It was not until that week that the school chose to contact me and evaluate my child. During the meeting my child qualified for an IEP. However, realizing that it had taken this long for my child to get help made me look at things from another perspective. During the meeting I voiced my thoughts and told the school that my child would not be coming back to Stead. As stated above I requested for my child to be evaluated at the beginning of pre-K and it was not until the end of kindergarten that the school contacted me. However, this only happened because I now had a dated letter that served as proof of my request and the neglect that my child was facing. As a parent it was upsetting to realize that my child was not receiving the services that she needed. The clinical coordinator at the Dept. of Speech Pathology constantly told me that it was insane that Stead Elementary had let my child go for the longest time without the proper services. She constantly told me that there was no need for my child to be struggling the way she was at seven years old. Furthermore, a family friend and neighbor at the time had also chose to move her child from Stead to Mater since the school had large class sizes and had a lack of flexibility. My friend insisted that I considered moving my child to Mater. I spoke to my husband and we both agreed that this was the best option for our daughter. We could no longer afford to have our seven year old continue to struggle. To this date, I am thankful to have moved my daughter to Mater. My daughter started to go to Mater in first grade. On day one the change and the attention that she was receiving was visible. The school immediately reviewed her IEP and provided her with the services that she required. In no time, my child was strengthening her speech muscles and improving her articulation for clearer speech. I find it unfair that WCSD recently voted to approve Coral Academy as a new public charter school in the Old Northwest portion of Reno, one of the highest income communities in Reno. WCSD is lying by not acknowledging their double standard here. They support public charters if they go into a wealthier, whiter community, but they are using everything to stop a public charter school that serves low-income families who are primarily Hispanic and Latino. I strongly believe that low income families in the North Valleys, need schools like Mater. Parents in the North Valleys need more resources for their families. For example, the new Mater Academy is hoping to offer before and after school programs within the Boys and Girls Club.

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Fw: Public Comment Received - 2024-07-24 PC Meeting - General public comment

Cali Shy <ShyC@reno.gov>

Mon 7/22/2024 8:06 AM

To: Leah Piccotti <PiccottiL@reno.gov>; Public Comment - CC <PublicComment@reno.gov>

Cc: Planning Tech <PlanningTech@reno.gov>

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Public Comment - 39 - 2024-07-24.pdf;

Good morning,

Please see the public comment below for the Mater Academy appeal.

Best,



Cali Shy

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From: Carter Williams <WilliamsCa@reno.gov>

Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 6:48 PM

To: Reno Planning Commission <RenoPlanningCommission@reno.gov>

Subject: Public Comment Received - 2024-07-24 PC Meeting - General public comment

The public comment form has a new entry from the public:

Planning Commission Meeting Date: 2024-07-24

Agenda Item or Case Number: General public comment

Comments:

Hello, I have been at Mater Academy going on 3 years. My oldest daughter went to a Washoe County School from kindergarten- 4th grade. When she was in 2nd grade they tested her for special Ed. At the meeting to discuss if she qualified the teacher got very upset when they said she didn't qualify. I was confused by her reaction, I thought it was great. She did qualify for an IEP. The entire time she was on the IEP the school never hired someone to help her. So when they told me she wasn't improving I didn't understand how she wasn't improving if there was no one helping her. The final straw that broke the camels back was that in 4th grade my daughter's class had 34 kids with 1 teacher. At Mater my daughter has excelled in her education the first year there then she did in her 4 years at a Washoe County School. Going to Mater Academy has been the best decision I have ever made for her. I would never go back to Washoe County. Thank you Mater Academy for providing my daughter's with such an amazing environment for them to love learning. ❤️

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City Council Comment received from Mari Demers

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Sat 7/20/2024 9:37 AM

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

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Item:

MUP24-00010.

Position:

In Favor

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We are transferring from Coral to Mater this school year. Although I love the public Charter school model, Coral put too much pressure on testing to inflate their numbers and provided very little support for my child's special needs. I am very optimistic about Mater due to its higher diversity and large department of special needs focused staff. I agree that schools like Mater need to expand in order to provide more services for children all over our fast growing city. If schools like Coral can be approved for additional sites, Mater should be as well. Thank you for your time.

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Overturn the Mater Academy Approval

Marlene Stuart <marlenesmith006@everyactioncustom.com>

Sat 7/20/2024 2:15 PM

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Public comment for agenda item I.1 for the July 24 City Council meeting.

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins <mgawthrop1@gmail.com>

Mon 7/22/2024 3:56 PM

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

I urge the council in as strong of terms as I can to reject the appeals filed against allowing the construction of Mater Academy of Northern Nevada.

Many of the arguments used in the various appeals are, quite frankly, being made in bad faith. Multiple appeals allude to Mater Academy as a "de facto private school", which is something that couldn't be further from the truth. NAC 388A.020 very explicitly defines charter schools as public schools and in many ways, charter schools in Nevada are even more public than our traditional district schools. A district magnet program is allowed to have admission criteria that allows them to pick and choose the students that they will accept (it should be noted that WCSD does not currently use this practice, but they have in the past and they can again in the future), meanwhile NRS 388A.453-459 very explicitly lays out the rules for how charter schools enroll students, specifically that any student that applies for enrollment must be admitted, unless more students apply than the school has capacity for, in which case (with a few notable exceptions, such as allowing priority to the siblings of existing students and the children of staff) admission must be based on a random lottery. There is a provision to allow for a weighted lottery, but only if that weighted lottery will favor traditionally underserved student groups. R131-16 further restricts what practices a charter school could attempt to use to make themselves less open to the public.

WCSD, the WEA, and NSEA, as organizations, are well aware of these facts. I won't speculate as to why they would make the patently false claim that a charter school is a "de facto private school", beyond pointing out that the first thing all three mention is money. None of them bring up the quality of education that will be provided. That might have something to do with the fact that Alice Smith Elementary School has a Nevada State Performance Framework score of 29 while Mater Academy of Northern Nevada Elementary has a score of 65, both schools serve 100% economically disadvantaged students, both schools have a similar proportion of students with disabilities, and Mater has a significantly high number of English learners. Mater's middle school has a score of 57, meanwhile O'Brien has a score of only 12. It's no wonder that WCSD is more concerned about the money than the quality of education that students will receive.

The remaining concerns all are things that can be addressed. RTC and the city should be working aggressively towards making all neighborhoods safer for pedestrians and cyclists, especially our youngest pedestrians and cyclists, regardless of whether or not this school gets built. RTC should be improving public transit access in the North Valleys, regardless of whether or not this school gets built. I have the utmost respect for the hard working teachers in our school district, I do not believe that the low scores at Alice Smith and O'Brien are due to any failure of the teachers. That doesn't change that our region desperately needs more schools like Mater. Our kids need opportunities like this yesterday.

As a matter of full disclosure, I am employed by the State Public Charter School Authority, however I am speaking solely on my own behalf and do not represent the SPCSA in any way. I speak as a parent with a child who just didn't fit in his zoned school and saw a total turn around when I was able to get him into a charter school that was able to meet him where he was. I speak as a parent who wants to see every parent who needs that opportunity for their children to have it.

Michael Gawthrop-Hutchins
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City Council Comment received from Michelle Gomez

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Mon 7/22/2024 2:02 PM

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

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I Items - Public Hearing Items

Item:

Mup24-00010.

Position:

In Favor

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In support of Mater Academy

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Fwd: Support Mater Academy - Michael Jolly**Naomi Duerr** <DuerrN@reno.gov>

Mon 7/22/2024 3:55 PM

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

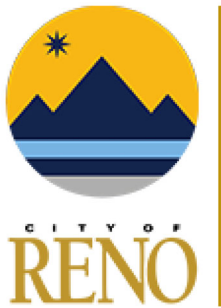
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From: Michael Jolly <michaeljolly82@gmail.com>**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2024 10:20:48 AM**To:** Hillary Schieve <SchieveH@reno.gov>; Jenny Brekhus <BrekhusJ@reno.gov>; Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>; Devon Reese <reeseD@reno.gov>; Miguel Martinez <MartinezMi@reno.gov>; Kathleen Taylor <TaylorK@reno.gov>; Meghan Ebert <EbertM@reno.gov>**Subject:**

Dear Mayor and Reno City Council:

Please accept this as written public comment for the 7-24-2024 meeting in support of Mater Academy's MUP24-00010 to uphold the Planning Commission approval, and deny the appeal.

Mater Academy's project has met all of the requirements and conditions related to actual city code, and conforms to those.

Mater Academy has already been approved by the State and that approval has nothing to do with the amount of students in those areas, nor with the school district's obvious fear of competition. Mater (and all charter schools) have to build only in areas where the State Public Charter School Authority says are in high-need which they define as where the public schools are considered a 1 or 2 star and failing the families and students.

The Reno City Council's consideration of this appeal should not be about whether the awesome high-performing Mater Academy is worthy of being built near a district school (it is), or whether charters have a right to be here (they do), it is about traffic and infrastructure.

Many students who go to Mater go to the Boys and Girls Club for before and after school, walk, or ride a Boys and Girls club bus, so traffic impacts are much lessened than at other schools. Additionally, there are numerous developments around this area and traffic and safety improvements going in and planned because it is already in the long term regional roads plan.

If the school cannot be built here, you are denying underrepresented students from minority groups and special populations their right to free and fair access to public education, where they have been failed by the 1 and 2 star district schools in this area. Please do the right thing and uphold the planning commission's approval and deny this political appeal.

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Thank you.
Mike Jolly

City Council Comment received from Octavio Quintero

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Sat 7/20/2024 1:19 PM

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Position:

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We need a new school for children

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Rachael Gabriel <rachaelgabriel0@everyactioncustom.com>

Mon 7/22/2024 11:14 AM

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Rachael Gabriel
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City Council Comment received from Rigoberto Ramos

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Sat 7/20/2024 11:18 AM

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Item:

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

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

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I support the expansion of Mater Academy. The need is HUGE. We as parents are desperate for better options for high performing schools that the WCSD cannot provide our children. Our children and future generations deserve the best and Mater Academy has proof that is possible. We need that expansion. Lets focus on our childrens future and not the money.

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Sandi Speirer <sndspeirer@everyactioncustom.com>

Sun 7/21/2024 4:10 PM

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Sincerely,
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City Council Comment received from Sierra Crandall

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

Sun 7/21/2024 7:49 AM

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Item:

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Position:

In Favor

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If no, enter comments below:

My kids need the new expansion of mater academy. The education system is failing them and there's not enough spots at the current campus. I want my kids to thrive so they can someday become in your position, voting on important matters. Please approve the Mater Academy expansion to North Valleys.

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City Council Comment received from Stephanie Hernandez

Mikki Huntsman <HuntsmanM@reno.gov>

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Position:

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I am a Mater Parent who commutes daily from Cold Springs everyday. I make the drive because I believe in the academics and approach from the staff at Mater. My son will now be entering 1st grade this year, my daughter I have been trying to get into Mater through the lottery since 1st grade. She is finally able to attend this year as a 5th grader because of sibling priority. Why should we not have more educational opportunities for our children. They have a very inviting and hands on approach with our children. They communicate and believe in our children meeting their potential. I cannot say enough great things about Mater. This school will add value to the children in the North Valleys and hopefully other public schools will not take this as a threat but rather find areas of improvement. This site will help with overcrowded classrooms, B & G childcare and bring more programs to the area for our children/parents.

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City Council Comment received from Stephanie Hillyer

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Mon 7/22/2024 2:01 PM

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Section:

I Items - Public Hearing Items

Item:

MUP24-00010.

Position:

In Favor

Are they speaking in person?

No, I am submitting a written comment only.

If no, enter comments below:

I am in favor of the approval of Mater Academy's application to expand in the north valleys. I have worked at Mater Academy since we opened in 2017, coming from Washoe County School District. We started K-5 with 150 students and have grown into a K-8 with just under 500 students. We are a high performing Title I school and have a waiting list of more than half of our existing student body. Families are showing they want a choice for their students, please vote to allow families and students to have a choice in education!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

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Overturn the Mater Academy Approval

Susan Mor <susan.finn87@everyactioncustom.com>

Sun 7/21/2024 7:08 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,
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City Council Comment received from Timothy Deese

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Sun 7/21/2024 7:52 PM

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Item:

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

Position:

In Favor

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The impact Mater has had on MY children as well as the children of the school has been nothing but positive in my experience. They care, they listen, they are involved, and they are some of the best people I have met. There is no reason why that should not be expanded. For some reason it is viewed as a private school which is not the case, but I am also confused as to why Coral Academy is viewed in such high regard, but Mater is hitting this speed bump. They are newer yes but have already shown huge potential and involvement in our futures minds. Isn't the goal to spread great education onto the kids of all backgrounds of this state/city? There is no reason why this school should be held back if education is actually important WCSD. I am in huge favor of Mater Academy expanding. WCSD would know that if they talked to the community, staff, and families that have been a part of it for the years it has been open. There is no reason to hold further education back.

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Fwd: Mater Academy Expansion - Vicki Hodes

Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>

Mon 7/22/2024 4:00 PM

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

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Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 9:29:54 AM

To: Naomi Duerr <DuerrN@reno.gov>

Subject: Mater Academy Expansion

Dear Council Member [Naomi Duerr](#) ,

I am writing to express my strong support for the conditional use permit for the establishment of a new educational facility, Mater Academy of Northern Nevada, in our community. This permit has undergone thorough evaluation over the past several months, incorporating feedback and implementing over 20 conditions. It has received approval from the school's board, the State Public Charter School Authority, and city staff.

The need for Mater Academy in the North Valleys cannot be overstated. Current educational options in the area are limited, with many schools receiving low ratings. The interest shown by 145 families on the school's waiting list underscores the demand for an alternative that can provide high-quality education.

Beyond academics, Mater Academy aims to enhance community life by hosting a Boys & Girls Club, offering before and after school care for all children. This dual-purpose facility promises to enrich both educational and social opportunities for families in the region.

Our children deserve access to excellent education, and Mater Academy of Northern Nevada is committed to delivering just that. By supporting this initiative, you will not only provide a much-needed educational option but also empower families with the freedom to choose a school that aligns with their values and aspirations.

I urge you to use your voice and vote to support the conditional use permit for Mater Academy of Northern Nevada. Your decision will have a profound impact on the educational landscape of our community, offering hope and opportunity to countless families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Vicki Hodes

7/22/24, 4:12 PM

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