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City Council Comment received from Amanda Poole

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Item:

MUP 24-00010.

Position:

In Favor

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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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Yes

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City Council Comment received from Anthony Tavares

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

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City Council Comment received from Génesis Alvarez-Cortéz

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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

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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.

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 is already a VERY serious problem. This project will not fix this, and in fact will make matters worse. Not only that, it 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.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
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City Council Comment received from Marissah Harjo

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