

From: Lina DiPhillips

Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:48 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Ladies and Gentlemen of the San Jose City Council:

As the parents of two children at Almaden Country Day School we are writing this email to show our support not only for our great school, but more specifically for the Event Center and what that building means to our community and our campus. ACDS is many things, but one of the most unique and special aspects of the school is the beautiful community that our children and our families are a part of. A community that has developed over the years on simple traditions and time spent together. School plays, athletics, talent shows, cultural events, author visits and many more events that bring the children and our families together to create memories.

The Event Center that our school is hoping to construct will serve as a central hub for these events, many of which are at the core of who we are. One example is our drama program which is truly a gift for our kids. Starting in first grade, the children are exposed to theater and while they are having the time of their lives singing and dancing, they are growing in confidence, honing their public speaking skills and expressing their creativity. An Event Center that will serve as a theater will only make what is already a remarkable experience for our children that much better. Our athletics program is another area that will benefit tremendously from having an Event Center on campus. As the parents of a son who loves to play basketball, we are excited about a future where we get to cheer on our child at a home game in our own school gym. Making memories is at the heart of our school and this Event Center will be a vehicle and a place for us to continue to make memories with our children and as a community.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

Warmly,

-Lucius & Lina DiPhillips

From: Gina Fagin

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:02 AM

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Dear San Jose City Council,

As a longtime Almaden resident, and parent of two kids at Almaden Country Day School, I could not be more excited about supporting the development of an ACDS gymnasium (event center). The building will be a multi-use space that will include a gymnasium, as well as an elevated stage for student performances, meetings and community events. Not only will the building and landscaping plans beautify the campus, but having access to a gym for participation in our interscholastic sports program and community events seems vital to the long-term success of our thriving Middle School. Additionally, it will allow us the chance to “socially distance” when necessary in a larger space than our current offerings. For the first time in our school history, we will be able to host onsite volleyball and basketball games on an ACDS home court, and provide a better opportunity for community partnership to host meetings, or seminars, or even the coveted gym space our community basketball and volleyball teams are so desperately searching for. This project is a win-win! A win for Almaden Country Day School and our Almaden community. Thank you for your support!

Gina & Josh Fagin

Almaden Residents and ACDS Parents

From: ahnuld

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:47 AM

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To whom it may concern:

We are writing in support of Almaden Country Day School's (ACDS) planned

construction project of an Event Center for the school. As parents of a child at ACDS, we see firsthand the many benefits the school provides to our son's education. ACDS already has an exceptional reputation of helping each student fulfill their full potential with the full-bodied curriculum of academics, fine arts, and athletics. As much as the school can offer, what they are missing is an indoor location where the school community would be able to gather indoors together for school assemblies, author events, theatrical events, school fundraising events, graduation, and more. The new building would also enable ACDS to accommodate occasional activities for the public, like serving as a voting location, to help ACDS be a part of the Almaden community.

As a current member of the board for Almaden Little League (ALL) baseball program, I also see how ACDS helps the community beyond those who attend. The school has allowed ALL the use of their two baseball fields for the kids. This is a coveted spot for the kids to play as the fields are kept very clean. The fields are popular for families who attend the games as well as those who want to use them on evenings and weekends due to its proximity to Graystone Park. Much like the baseball fields, the Event Center could serve as an additional community facility for programs such as Almaden Valley National Junior Basketball (Almaden NJB) league, for example. Also as a member of Almaden NJB, I know they are in desperate need of available community gymnasiums for the program. The Event Center could serve as another coveted location for families in Almaden sport leagues to use.

Having new, improved buildings within the community is a reflection of the community investing in itself. These investments and improvements, although they may have a short-term construction disruption and inconvenience, have significant long-term benefits to the surrounding community. We appreciate your support in improving not only the growth of the school and the full educational experience they can offer their students but also the improvement it will bring to the broader community.

Jeff & Christy Boucher

From: Andrew Robb

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:21 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am a resident of Almaden, and I am a former graduate of ACDS. My siblings also graduated from the school, and my sister and mother work there today. I write in strong support of the Event Center.

Without equivocation, ACDS (then ACS) did more for my educational advancement than any school I attended thereafter, including Bellarmine College Prep, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of Chicago Law School. It is a unique institution that fosters curiosity and a legitimate love of learning.

Although I graduated from the school in 2001, I still distinctly remember playing on the 6th, 7th, and 8th-grade basketball teams. We practiced on the blacktop, with uneven surfaces and drainage grates. For games, we constantly had to travel to whichever gym was available, because we did not have a gym of our own. As a result, we frequently had to miss the last 10–15 minutes of class, and we were never able to play in front of our friends. I also remember that the lack of a gym impacted PE classes, particularly in the winter months. Given the health problems in our country, including the tragic rates of childhood obesity, it seems obvious to me that any opportunity to get children moving is an opportunity that cannot be missed.

Assuming the primary detrimental impact on the residents would be the annoyance of temporary construction, which is the only detrimental impact I can see, I would be shocked and disappointed if the city council elevated those concerns over the wellbeing of the students.

I strongly urge you to approve the Event Center.

Best regards,

Andrew Robb

From: Stephanie Davidson

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:16 PM

To: Kline, Kelly

Cc: City Clerk; District1; District2; District3; District4; District5; District 6; District7; District8; District9; District 10

Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Hi, I want to keep it short, but, as a parent I would gratefully appreciate your support of Almaden Country Day School's new event center. Please keep in mind the school has been in existence for 35 years and there has never been a central space for students and their parents to gather for all our events.

This is the school I wish was open when I was a kid. My family and I are very happy to be active in my son's social and academic 'Village'. It truly is an amazing school run by amazing and caring people.

Thank you again for your support,
Stephanie Davidson, Gavin 4th Grade

From: Olaf Jorgenson

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:26 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Kline, Kelly <Kelly.Kline@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear Councilmembers:

I'm writing in support of Almaden Country Day School's proposed multipurpose building, what we will call our Event Center. My daughter Juliette attended ACDS and I have been a teacher and administrator at the school since 2008. My wife Tanya also teaches at the school. My family is "all in" at ACDS and we've seen firsthand how the school shapes confident, caring, creative young people, year after year, fulfilling its mission of "discovering the gifts in every child." ACDS is a tremendous asset to our community, on multiple fronts.

For the first time in 38 years, Event Center will provide much-needed indoor space for our PE and athletics programs, especially during inclement weather, and benefit our neighbors by bringing these activities indoors for much of the year and decreasing school-yard noise. For the first time, we'll have indoor space to gather our entire school community for events like our Thanksgiving Feast and Talent Show, which are periodically rained out, and graduation, which occasionally takes place in high temperatures that are unsafe for some audience members.

For the first time, we'll be able to host home sports contests that will lift school spirit and showcase a competitive and growing sports program that currently trains on the blacktop, rain or shine.

For the first time, our theater program that's a signature program at ACDS will have a properly-sized and well-equipped stage for its more than 30 performances each year.

For the first time, our PE and drama teachers will have offices and a dedicated supply closet.

In addition to the benefits for our families and faculty, we hope that the Event Center will also serve the local community and our neighbors. We see ourselves as a private school with a public purpose, and we hope the Event Center can become a portal for more interaction with our community. So, when it's not in use for school events, we would like to make the building available for public uses. For example, when the district needs a polling station, let's use the Event Center. When the Red Cross wants to host a blood drive, let's use the Event Center. If the Almaden Community Center can't accommodate a weekend adult 3-on-3 basketball tourney, let's use the Event Center -- and so on.

Thank you very much for considering our permit proposal, and for supporting the Almaden Country Day School Event Center.

Sincerely,

Olaf Jorgenson

From: Ken Namimatsu

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 1:21 PM

To: Kline, Kelly <Kelly.Kline@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

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Dear San Jose City Council Member,

I am writing on behalf of the proposed Almaden Country Day School event center. I am a parent, coach, and active member of the ACDS community and can attest to the incredible benefits this event center will have on the future of these incredible children and the surrounding neighborhood.

As a coach, I believe many times people focus too much on the end result of a game and not the process in which it takes to get there. Athletics have a way of accelerating life lessons for these children. Our focus is on teaching them how to work with others, what it means to be dedicated, learn to trust the person next to you, to win with grace, and to lose with dignity and resolve. Understanding this process can be applied to whatever they choose is their passion in life. We have so many positive stories of kids that did not have many friends, were shy, or lacked discipline and confidence. Once we were able to get them to believe in themselves and realize the true goal is not the final score but the journey, they transformed into these amazing kids. The event center will allow these kids to flourish even more year-round and not be at the mercy of the elements. We appreciate your consideration!

Sincerely,

Ken Namimatsu

Almaden Country Day School Parent

From: Michelle Laine

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 12:13 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; Kline, Kelly <Kelly.Kline@sanjoseca.gov>

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To Whom It May Concern:

My children have been attending ACDS for the past eight years. We are thrilled with the safe, warm, loving, family-like environment the teachers and administration have provided for our children, and they have thrived socially, emotionally, and academically. As a student of public health, I understand that the spaces in which we live, work, and play influence our physical, mental, and social well being. As a parent, my number one priority is my children – to ensure they grow up to be happy, healthy, kind and empathetic human beings.

A community event center fosters camaraderie between students of all ages, friends and family members, school faculty and staff, and the surrounding community. Just a few of the many benefits include:

- Giving the children a dedicated place to delight classmates, friends, and families with their class plays
- Encouraging physical fitness as well as team-building by having a dedicated place to host sporting events
- Supporting the children's school pride by having a place to hold assemblies and pep rallies
- Inspiring the children's love of the arts by providing a place to showcase their art: sculptures, paintings, music, dancing, and more

As a parent and a believer in the impact of community on health, I urge you to approve building this event center. Our children and many generations to follow will be able to benefit tremendously from the decision you make today.

Gratefully,
Michelle Laine

From: Julie Daly

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 12:11 PM

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To whom it may concern:

We are writing to express our support for the building of the new Event Center at Almaden Country Day School.

ACDS offers a special focus on the development of each child. While strong academics are offered, there is also great emphasis on community, sports, the arts and simply finding joy in it all.

Currently ACDS is unable to host home gymnasium games, sit a large audience for the famous ACDS plays or bring the students/community together under one roof for events or exhibitions.

We believe that the Events Center is critical for ACDS to continue its focus on developing each child to their full potential while also bringing community together.

Yours sincerely,
Michael and Julie Daly

From: dave meyer

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:03 PM

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Dear Members of San Jose City Council,

Our son Ethan, is in the 5th grade at Almaden Country Day School. He started attending ACDS in the beginning of last school year in the 4th grade. Although at first, our whole family was nervous about Ethan starting at a different school, we were also very excited about all of the possibilities, and the new opportunities that he would have by attending ACDS.

The last two years our son has really blossomed socially, emotionally, and academically, and he has taken part in all sports programs that ACDS offers. One of the sports that Ethan really loves is basketball, and unfortunately ACDS does not have a gym to practice in so they have to practice outside rain or shine. For all games, the teams have to play at the other schools.

The ACDS Event Center that we would love to see built on site at school, would be a multi-use space to be used for not only sports, but it would also have an elevated stage so that the drama department can hold student performances, and other held school activities and community events. The drama department has also been a huge factor in Ethan's development the past two years, as he has come alive on stage as a performer, and has gained such confidence that he has never had before.

We ask that the San Jose City Council approve construction of the Event Center for Almaden Country Day school, as it will not only benefit current students, but future students and the surrounding community as a whole.

Best Regards,

Dave and Donna Meyer

From: Kelly Richards

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 7:27 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to you today in support of the Almaden Country Day School Event Center. One of the reasons we decided to send our children to ACDS was their focus on the arts. This building will allow our children to sing, act, and perform in a facility that can unlock their full potential.

In addition to the arts this center will be a great venue for the local community. As a volunteer coach for basketball youth teams, we know finding gym time is always difficult. I also sit on the board of our Almaden Little League; the school has been a great partner to the league and would do the same for local youth basketball leagues. With the addition of the event center kids living nearby will have a safe outlet for athletics.

The Event Center will be a community fulcrum for a healthy Almaden Valley. We appreciate your time on this matter and look forward to a better Almaden Valley.

Best Regards,

James and Kelly Richards
District 10 Residents

From: Cecilia Robb

Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:08 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Dear San Jose City Council Members,

I am writing to you as a resident of Almaden Valley and a member of the Almaden Country Day School community. I have lived one block from the school for nearly 40 years, my husband and I raised our three children here, and I have worked at ACDS for 25 years.

Having the Event Center will significantly enhance the students' learning experience. Currently, PE is held outside, and when it rains or when the temperatures are excessive, the classes are effectively canceled, as students must play under the eaves or move to a classroom. Our volleyball and basketball teams rent gym space off-campus for games, which limits the number of students who are able to participate. Our annual Thanksgiving feast is held outdoors and is subject to inclement weather; we have had to cancel this important tradition in the past. We are proud of our theater program, yet our current facility is unable to accommodate the students, requiring multiple small-group performances. The Event Center would solve all of these concerns, and more.

As a teacher and the Director of The Learning Center at ACDS, a program within the school for students with dyslexia, I have a special desire to have the Event Center. Our students struggle with many aspects of school, and they excel in others. Many of our students see themselves as athletes; this is their gift. I look forward to the day that our students, all of the students, run onto the court, with the home-team advantage, with their friends, family, and school community cheering them on. This will be the day that we truly celebrate the whole child.

We are most grateful for your support of this project, and we strongly encourage you to vote in favor of the Event Center.

Sincerely,

Cecilia and Mike Robb
Almaden residents since 1982

From: Derek McIntyre

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:41 AM

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Dear San Jose City Council,

While everyone is dealing with the current challenges facing our nation and our community, I wanted to take a moment of your time to talk about something that is vital to the future of our community. Almaden Country Day School is in the process of completing their vision for our new Event Center.

This Event Center is crucial to the continued growth and support of our school community that would benefit families from not only south San Jose, but for those from all over the Santa Clara County who travel to ACDS because of their commitment to providing a wonderful educational experience.

The Event Center would make a significant impact for every ACDS community member today and in to the future by providing a place for our community to gather to support our students. From housing all of our physical education classes, theater productions, and athletic events, this Event Center would provide a safe environment for our 370+ students from Kindergarten through 8th grade to shine and develop life skills for a successful future.

Over 80% of our middle school students participate in one or more athletic team. All our ACDS games are off-campus in locations as far as Los Altos or Milipitas. This means time away from the classroom to make the long drive to these athletic events and even longer times sitting in traffic trying to come home. Many of our students, faculty, and parent community are unable to attend games due to the distance and timing. Having a place to play home games would allow our entire community to have a central place to come, support our ACDS teams, and build school spirit.

We have all of our students from K-8 participate in physical education classes three to four times a week. We also have over 80% of our elementary students participate in at least one of our clinics or camps. This dream project would provide a safe facility that would allow us to maximize our instruction time. Our school loses valuable teaching opportunities due to the rainy months or during the heat in the later part of the school year. Trying to teach physical education in classrooms designed for half the number of students or under walkways during these poor weather months is almost impossible.

Our theater program services all of our students in first through eighth grade. Currently, theater practices in the same smaller multipurpose room as our cafeteria and ,as many of you are parents, I am sure you can understand the challenges of keeping the attention of young children when there is noise and distractions all around.

This Event Center would change all of this from the first day it opens it's doors. It is a transformative project that will continue to benefit a tremendous number of young people in the Almaden Valley. Having been an educator and coach for over 30 years, I have seen what a project like this can do for a school. This will give our community opportunities to gather in support of our students and provide a well-rounded educational environment. Everyone wants their children to get the best educational experience to prepare them for their future. This is your chance to help make that goal a reality.

Thank you for your time.

Derek McIntyre

From: Erik Schoennauer

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:29 AM

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Subject: MAY 12th AGENDA: Item 10.1(b) - Almaden Country Day School

Dear Mayor and City Council:

I represent Almaden Country Day School on this application. We are very excited to be investing in the modernization of our existing campus at 6835 Trinidad Drive. With your approval of this Zoning and SUP, we will be able to provide our students with upgraded and modern educational and extracurricular facilities. The City Staff recommends approval.

We hope the Council will consider the following key points:

- 1) Our site has been a school since 1965. And, Almaden Country Day School has occupied the site since 1982, through a lease with San Jose Unified School District.
- 2) Most of the campus buildings date back to 1965 and are in need of upgrade and modernization to meet the current needs of our students.
- 3) This permit will only allow new buildings and will not expand the number of students beyond our historical enrollment of 425 students.
- 4) The new campus design will create more drop-off/pick-up zones on-site, and will reduce the need to use the public street for queuing.
- 5) The City's Zoning Code allows buildings of 35 feet in height within the surrounding residential neighborhood. Our proposed multi-purpose building is only 31 feet - 4 inches.
- 6) During every phase of development, the school will meet or exceed the City's parking requirement within parking lots on the school campus.
- 7) When the new parking lot is built, a new masonry wall will be constructed along the parking lot property line to protect the residential neighbors.

We hope that for the above reasons that you find our project worthy of your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: Phillip Remaker

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:54 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Dear Councilmember Khamis,

I am writing to ask your support for the Almaden Country Day School's (ACDS) planned construction project of an Event Center.

Our now-grown children made the best out of the decades-old facility of the old Henderson school to perform plays, display science fairs, and exhibit artworks. Through a lot of improvising, we made the space work well enough, but the compact, outdated space could barely accommodate the students, let alone the greater community.

An event center would not only open up opportunities for the children currently at the school, but allow us to invite the greater community to experience the great things the children do, as well as opening opportunities to expand their relationship with their neighborhood.

ACDS already has a history of giving back to the community, allowing sports teams like Almaden Little League to use their well-maintained outdoor fields and providing outdoor space for community events. A new Event Center opens up new possibilities for both students and the greater community over the long term, and I hope you can support the construction.

Sincerely,

Phillip and Theresa Remaker

From: Richard B. Ravel

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:16 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Dear Councilmembers,

I have two children that attended Almaden Country Day School (ACDS), in total, from 1995 thru 2006. The educational foundation they received and the broad experiences they had have given them the fundamental life-long tools that they needed to become confident, thoughtful learners and well-liked individuals. The teachers' abilities to understand the ACDS pedagogy and their desire to live and teach according to it is what allows the students to absorb and adopt these tools.

Theater has always been a capstone of the ACDS experience for all grades and helps the students become confident and proud speakers. The small audience space at ACDS and limited stage size and access continues to require performances to be adapted accordingly. The current auditorium/theater is also the only all-school meeting room making it difficult for assemblies with no room for parents and guests.

The ACDS sports and intramural games program has grown tremendously over the past decade. When our students practice or compete in all indoor sports games they must be transported to another school or facility as there is currently no means on our campus.

The planned ACDS Event Center has been a community desire and topic of discussion for as long as I have been associated with the school. Not only will it be a place for the whole school to assemble, with parents and guests, but theater performances can be taken beyond the next level with a modern facility that actually includes a full backstage area. In addition, the proud feeling our students will experience in being able to host home sports games and the camaraderie that will develop among them is so great and immeasurable.

I have been on the ACDS Board of Trustees since 2000 (Board Chair from 2009-2019); long after my children graduated because I love the school and what it continues to provide to the students. I want to make sure it only gets better. The Event Center provides the only function and capability that we cannot currently offer to our students and the community. It's time for them to be able to experience all the warmth and excitement that this Event Center can provide.

Thank you in advance for your time considering approval of our project,

Richard B. Ravel

From: Gene Cook

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:43 PM

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Cc: Trish Cook

Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Dear Council Members—

We hope this finds you well. Thank you for all of the work you're doing during this challenging time. We are deeply grateful.

We're writing now to ask for your support for the campus modernization plans for Almaden Country Day School—specifically the planned multi-purpose building. Our son, Dylan, is now a freshman in high school, but we've chosen to remain as very active volunteers at ACDS because of the profound impact the school has in the lives of children in the area (including Dylan's).

ACDS's mission is to discover and foster the gifts in every child. Its special mix of academic programs and supportive culture repeatedly help young people develop a humble self-confidence, motivated and ready to drive for positive impact in their community. It was transformative for Dylan.

The new building will support the drama program that is so critical in building that self-confidence, the athletics program that emphasizes teamwork, and gatherings (for the first time) of the full school community. We know that it will benefit not only the lives of the students it directly impacts but also the San Jose community residents who will benefit from their positive ongoing engagement and collaborative mindset.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support. Stay well and take care.

Gene & Trish Cook

From: Michael Franks

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:36 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Hello,

My wife and I have three children that currently attend Almaden Country Day School (ACDS); a sixth grader, a 1st grader and one in preschool. We have been actively involved with the school since we enrolled our oldest son in 2013. Additionally, we live a few blocks from the school and have been Almaden Valley residents for the past 13 years.

The ACDS experience has been amazing for all our family. The ACDS environment created a safe place for our shy 6th grader to find his voice, provided another avenue to learning for our second son in the dyslexia TLC program, and allowed our daughter the opportunity to fully express herself in pre-school.

We were thrilled to hear that the school had secured a long term lease in its current location as a first step to ensure it will continue for years to come. While the entire campus will need to be upgraded soon, the Event Center project will provide the greatest impact to the student experience and the surrounding community. This building will allow the ACDS community to come together in a space that will actually accommodate everyone for drama performance, home sports games, various family events and a place for the kids to go in rainy or hot weather. As a family that lives only blocks away from the campus, we are excited about having a more modern and updated campus in our community.

We hope the San Jose City Council agrees with our view that this project will benefit ACDS and the surrounding communities. We view this project is critical to the future of the school.

Sincerely,
Michael Franks and Michelle Churchill

From: karen white

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:48 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Greetings,

We are writing in support of the Almaden Country Day School Event Center. This school is the educational foundation for both of our children. Our older daughter (who is now a sophomore at Leland) attended Pre-K through 8th grade and our younger daughter currently attends as a third grader. The school does a tremendous job nurturing each student's strengths in the classroom and through extracurricular activities. As parents, we feel the commitment and support provided by the teachers, administrators, and school community is above and beyond. It checks all the boxes necessary for children to learn, develop, and succeed. All the boxes except one...a much needed Event Center.

As stated above, we have been with ACDS a long time and share the experience in many capacities. We have seen it change through the years but it needs to continue to grow. As a coach that only has access to outdoor resources, practices need to be adjusted and limited depending on how bright the sun is shining or if it's raining. As "drama mamas", we have set up temporary staging areas outside and stood in the back during performances due to lack of seating space. As a event volunteers, we placed tables under limited awnings so children could enjoy a school feast without getting wet. As Almaden Valley residents, we have driven our children to Campbell for access to a gymnasium. The proposed ACDS Event Center is a wonderful opportunity to enrich the school and community experience. It will provide an environment that enables ALL the grade levels to gather together in one space, to perform on "the big stage" or display projects in an ALL-school art show, or hit the winning shot in front of ALL their family and friends. Almaden Valley residents will also have access to a much needed local space for civic gatherings, sports, or other fun events. This vision needs to be a reality. The Event Center will not only be an asset for Almaden Country Day School but for Almaden Valley as a whole. We look forward to walking through its doors for many years to come.

Your time and consideration are greatly appreciated!

-Karen White & Julie Geissman

From: heather owens

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:58 PM

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Cc: Jennifer Glasser

Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

[External Email]

Dear Council member,

My name is Heather Owens. I am the proud parent of a seventh grade student currently attending Almaden Country Day School. I am contacting you at this time to encourage you to consider approval for the proposed construction of the ACDS Event Center.

Almaden Country Day School is a hidden gem in the middle of Silicon Valley. It is a joyful haven that provides the highest level of academic excellence while maintaining the joys of childhood for its students. Central to our school's well-rounded approach to learning are the acclaimed drama, music and athletics programs. These activities are overwhelmingly popular with our students.

Currently, our campus does not have a gymnasium, theatre or facility in which all our students can come together in one location for school wide activities or performances. Our students must travel distances to compete in athletics with other schools. Most large events must be held outside on the blacktop in the middle of campus.

Expansion of our school with the construction of the ACDS Event Center will provide a central location for the entire school community to congregate, support our students talents and cultivate school spirit. Go Cougars!!!

In addition to the benefits felt by our school community, the new facility will also be an asset to the entire Almaden Valley. In the spirit of community consciousness and giving back, this building can provide a gymnasium for local Almaden sporting events, can serve as a polling station or a perhaps a site for Red Cross blood drives - just to name a few. The range of diverse possibilities for its use by the public is far-reaching.

Thank you for considering our request. We know that with your help, the improvements to the Almaden Country Day School can benefit both our campus and the surrounding local community for many years to come.

Warmly,
Heather Owens

From: BRIAN & SALLIE SCHARLIN

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:55 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

To the San Jose City Council,

As parents of a 6th grader at Almaden Country Day School, we wanted to express our gratitude for considering the proposed Event Center. As you likely know, ACDS has been a wonderful option for children in the Valley for many years. Their programs have catered to a wide variety of interests and needs, which makes the Event Center even more special. Our child loves theatre and has participated in many of the school sponsored performances. What I have appreciated most, however, is how inclusive the program has been and how his entire class participates. I know that the skills ACDS provides its students will carry them through life. Having a nice safe place to perform, play, gather, educate, and build community is essential to the success of the students and the community as a whole. Please support the plan to build the Event Center on the campus of ACDS.

Sincerely,
Brian and Sallie Scharlin

From: Syma Latif

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:52 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Dear City Council,

My family and I moved to the Bay Area almost 9 years ago in the hopes to settle down and raise our family here. With three small children, it was important that we found a community that we could feel a part of.

After some trials and tribulations with bad school experiences and not finding the right city to call home, we happened upon Almaden Country Day School. Even though we knew nothing about San Jose, and my husband had a long commute for work, we knew this was the school for our children and chose to relocate to this city solely so that our children could attend ACDS.

We can now look back in hindsight and appreciate how beneficial that decision was for our family. All three of our children have thrived at this school and even with some learning challenges, they have received incredible care, attention and of course, high quality learning. We can see how well the faculty and staff build on their confidence and really lean in to dig deep and discover all the gifts they have to offer.

I have been fortunate to see the school from a much closer angle, as a volunteer for a number of years, and this is a special community that seeks to connect and help each other. Not only does the school focus internally on the families and students, but it also works hard to build partnerships and work with members of the wider community within San Jose. Through community-building events and philanthropic opportunities, they reach out to support local business and community efforts. They have a very connected and well rounded approach to their philosophy that speaks to their mission and objectives.

Sports, drama and community events are so integral to the school, they are woven into the fabric of what makes the school so special and having a dedicated space for the children to truly thrive and learn will be a benefit for generations to come. As an Almaden resident, San Jose small business owner and member of the ACDS community, I am grateful that the school is looking ahead to the future needs of our community and most importantly, the students of this neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration,
Syma Latif

From: Katie Nguyen-Lake

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:25 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Dear San Jose City Council,

We are proud parents of a 6th grader and an alumni student of Almaden Country Day School (ACDS). As we were looking for a school for our young children, we found and fell in love with ACDS. We love the programs the school offers. We love the emphasis on teaching the whole child. We love the school's mission to discover and foster the gifts in every child. We also equally love the school's community.

It is important that our community can come together under one roof to celebrate important community-wide traditions and all of the student milestones large and small. That is why we are asking for your support of Almaden Country Day School's event center.

This would be a place to come together to watch 6-year-old students in their very first theater production or band performance as well as applaud the eighth-grade class as they walk across the stage to receive their middle school diplomas. It would be monumental to be able cheer on our volleyball and basketball teams on an ACDS home court. To have a place to gather to celebrate a community Thanksgiving Feast or Patriotic Assembly would pay tribute to the pride and passion in the hearts of the Almaden Country Day School's family and friends. This space will not only be the centerpiece of our commitment to community and a campus hub, but we see this space becoming the heart of our campus.

We appreciate your consideration and support.

Thank you,

Katie & David Lake

From: Rouviere de Waal <

Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 5:37 PM

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Subject: Support Almaden Country Day School

Dear San Jose City Council,

Our family has been living in Almaden Valley for 23 years, and our two children have been attending Almaden Country Day School since they were four. Now in high school and 6th grade, my children look back on the carefully balanced education that ACDS provided. Joyous learning, in an academically rigorous, yet low-stress environment.

The multi-purpose building has been eagerly anticipated for years. It is the one building missing on campus, a place for introverted kids to find their voices, and their strengths to carve out a place in the community. It will be "a place to play" for the whole community, whether it is playful drama productions, speech and debate tournaments, enthusiastic sports programs, or the community gathering for events such as the Thanksgiving Feast (cooked by the children).

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Rou De Waal

Blanco, Maira

From: Cathy Sheehan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Blanco, Maira
Subject: Country school

[External Email]

Hi Maira,

We live on Summerleaf Dr around the corner from Country School and my husband and I are vehemently opposed to the rezoning of our neighborhood so that Country School can construct a new building.

Thank you for your time.

Cathy Sheehan
Doug Perasso
[REDACTED]

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