

# SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL

July 30, 2010

The Honorable Greig Smith  
Councilmember, Twelfth District  
200 North Spring Street  
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Ms. S. Gail Goldberg  
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## **RE: SIERRA CANYON SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TRAILS – JULY PROGRESS REPORT**

Dear Greig and Gail:

Condition No. A.1 of CPC-2008-3537-CU (CF 09-0985) requires the dedication of an equestrian trail along Rinaldi Street within the School's athletic fields site as part of the project's Phase One development. Condition N. 58.c requires a two-foot dedication on De Soto Avenue. The School filed an offer to dedicate this trail and the street on August 6, 2009. Condition No. A.1.j requires dedication of the "Variel" trail on the elementary school site. The School filed an offer to dedicate this trail on September 14, 2009.

On September 22, 2009, the City issued a temporary use of land permit for the athletic fields site to conduct physical education and team practice. In conjunction with that permit, the School is required to submit monthly progress reports to the Planning Department and to Council District 12, beginning on November 1, 2009, that detail the School's activities and progress toward completing to the City's satisfaction the dedications required by these conditions.

We have submitted to you timely monthly progress reports since November 2009.

On July 26, 2010 I met with Phyllis Winger, Chief Planning Deputy, Council District 12. Drawings for the required equestrian trail dedications, as well as additional grading information, were submitted in May

2010 for review and approval. As of today's date, the drawings remain under review with the Bureau of Engineering. I expressed concern that the drawings and grading information are sitting on someone's desk downtown and progress is at a standstill. Ms. Winger cited city cutbacks as the reason it is not moving forward but nothing can be done at this time.

If you have any questions or comments about the July progress report, please contact me. Otherwise, we will update you next month.

Sincerely,

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Head of School

cc: Mitch Englander, Chief Deputy, Council District 12  
Phyllis Winger, Chief Planning Deputy, Council District 12  
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