

From: Drew Erhardt <[REDACTED]>
Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 10:21 PM
To: "PLUChair@encinonc.org" <PLUChair@encinonc.org>
Subject: Maha Montessori School

I'm writing in response to the Encino Neighborhood Council PLU Committee communication re: the Maha Montessori School's application for a permit to increase their capacity.

As a longtime homeowner in this neighborhood, I respectfully object to this proposed expansion. This is an established residential neighborhood of single family homes and Maha's request to more than double their capacity would exceed what is appropriate (with respect to both the neighborhood impact on parking and traffic and the conditions for the attending children) for a home-based childcare setting. A childcare facility of the size proposed by Maha is the kind of commercial enterprise that should be housed in commercial space.

Thank you for considering this input as part of your deliberations on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Drew

On 5/4/21, 3:34 PM, "Katy Iriarte" [REDACTED] wrote:

Good afternoon

I have great concern regarding the proposed expansion of the school. I live next door and have to already endure high level of traffic during drop off and pick up times, balls flying into my yard, increased noise level, parking issues to name a few. This is a residential neighborhood and having that expansion will have a negative impact on our home values and lifestyles. Parking in the front yard is unheard of in this neighborhood! Please vote no! Having their hours extended from 7-8 will have a direct negative effect on us as well. This is a family based neighborhood that cannot afford to lose its charm. I understand the need for additional child care but it can't be at the expense of our quality of life. We chose this neighborhood for its quiet and unique charm. They are not the owners. She lives in Oregon. Please again, do not allow this expansion to move forward.

Respectfully
Katy Iriarte
Sent from my iPhone

From: Phyllis Weinstein- Siebold <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 11:41 AM
To: Eliot Cohen <ececho@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: MaHa Montessori

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RE: Maha Montessori

La Maida Street is a quiet residential street. There is not much traffic and kids play in the street. We are not too far from Ventura Blvd and therefore frequently have cars parked on our street from the local business employees.

MaHa Montessori is across the street, one house over from mine. Frequently in the mornings, I encounter cars dropping children off blocking my driveway and on occasion cars parked near my driveway making it difficult to get in and out of my driveway.

Maha Montessori is a commercial business being run in a residential neighborhood. They currently are licensed for 14 children. They are asking to over double their current enrollment. I congratulate Maha Montessori for their long waitlist and suggest they find another location that can better suit their request. This is not the location for what they are looking to be approved for.

Please do NOT allow this. It is not fair to the homeowners.

Thank you

Phyllis Weinstein Siebold