

Title: Westchester Secondary Charter School and Westside School Facilities Challenges Item No. _____
Meeting date: April 5, 2016
Agendized by: Education Committee
Contact person: Dr. Michele Cooley-Strickland Phone number:
Committee Vote (if appropriate): Unanimous
Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Neighborhood Council? ____ Yes <u> X </u> No
Additional documents attached? <u> X </u> Yes ____ No

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation that the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa supports the maintenance of Westchester Secondary Charter School within Westchester and requests the formation of a Westside LAUSD Facilities Working Group.

BACKGROUND:

Westchester Secondary Charter School (WSCS) has to again seek a new property. According to WSCS Director/Principal Janet Landon, LAUSD proposed to relocate WSCS five and a half miles away to Horace Mann Junior High School for the 2016-2017 academic year. However, a large portion of WSCS’s 250 6th-11th grade student body is from Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Baldwin Hills, Ladera Heights, and View Park/Windsor Hills. Leadership involved with WSCS has asked the NCWP to again become involved in their facilities challenges given the difficulty they reportedly have had engaging the appropriate persons. This immediate issue is only one of several facilities challenges facing the Westside publicly funded school communities.

DISCUSSION:

Continuing to advocate for local educational assets to remain easily accessible to Westchester, Playa del Rey, and Playa Vista families is a worthwhile NCWP endeavor.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

n/a

MOTION:

That the Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa sends a letter to LAUSD Board President Steve Zimmer (cc’ing other relevant representatives) to request:

- 1) A meeting at his earliest convenience with him and the leadership of WSCS, LAUSD facilities personnel, and NCWP Education Committee representatives; and
- 2) The formation of a Westside LAUSD Facilities Working Group tasked with understanding and meeting the school facilities needs for the Westchester/Playa del Rey/Playa Vista area given the resurgence of families with school-aged children in the area.