

TO: San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed

RE: Public comment on Proposed Rocketship #8 on the Tamien site

Dear Mayor Reed,

I am writing this letter in regards to the current conflict surrounding the large number of primary schools that exist in our neighborhood. I would like to call to your attention the need for a secondary school in lieu of yet another primary school. A secondary school would be perfect!

At Washington Elementary School, the director Maria Evans, the teachers, and the mothers have all been working hard to combat the gang problem of these youth. In the past, the gangs have caused many problems. In the past, the gang members would be present near the school wreaking havoc. In response to this problem, the mothers of Washington Elementary School organized to form a program titled "Washington Walks With You." Through this program, we began cleaning up the streets and area near the school. One day, the leader of the gang thanked us for cleaning up the neighborhood and promised to help keep the area near the school clean. So far, the gang leader has complied with this promise.

Sincerely,

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