

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 1718-0196

**Opposing the Sale of the Derby Parcel for Purposes of Building A Charter School
To Accommodate 620 Students**

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is considering a sale of a Derby Avenue Parcel (APN 025-0720-002-01) to Aspire Charter Schools to build an education complex which at full capacity would house 620 students, triple the size of its current school enrollment; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of partnership, the Board of Education believes that any decision by the City to sell the Derby Street property to Aspire should be made in consultation with the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD or District). While it may seem to the City like a simple real property transaction, permitting Aspire to proceed with the project could have negative impacts for the many schools in the immediate neighborhood, which in turn could destabilize the education infrastructure in our City; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District is in the process of undergoing a citywide planning process called the Blueprint for Quality Schools to create an overall vision for quality schools which takes into account facilities condition, school location, future growth, and program development for district and charter schools; and

WHEREAS, Aspire Charter Schools has not yet presented its expansion plans to the Board of Education, and the Board of Education has not agreed to a required material revision authorizing the growth of the school that is seeking space at the Derby Avenue parcel; and

WHEREAS, the City would be approving the deal without considering the impact of tripling the size of the school, and its new location, on existing schools in the area. Within 1 mile of the proposed location, there are 18 schools that serve the same age group as Aspire ERES. For District schools, that is 6 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and one 6- 12 school. For charters, that is 2 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, and 3 K-8 Schools; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location of the site would be .2 miles (2/10 of one mile) from two thriving school communities at the Cesar Chavez complex, Think College Now (TCN) and International Community School (ICS). TCN and ICS are models of innovation in the District, demonstrating entrepreneurial approaches to education, and have shown steady academic progress over the course of the last 15 years; and

WHEREAS, expansion at this scale, and in this location, would have a drastic impact on enrollment at these two schools and other neighboring school communities, potentially jeopardizing their future viability; because according to the district's most recent Strategic Regional Analysis, there is no evidence that there is a need for an additional neighborhood school in this location and at the targeted size of triple the current enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the OUSD Board is considering currently a policy that would look at district-run and charter-run schools in relation to each other and define how we can better operate as a system in service of quality education; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council has delayed its vote on the sale of the property in part to provide an opportunity for the Oakland School Board to provide input; and

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes that Aspire ERES is currently in a private facility and is in need of a new facility and has secured a \$30 million grant in Proposition 1D funding from the State to build a new facility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland Unified School District desires to protect and support the continued success and sustainability of its existing neighborhood schools in this area and thereby is in opposition to the sale of the Derby parcel for the use of building a new school complex to house 620 students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent to immediately engage in conversations with Aspire Charter Schools to identify whether the District may have any existing sites that could accommodate Aspire ERES's current needs beginning 2019-2020 school year in an area that will have less direct impact to the neighboring school communities, yet meets the school's near-term facilities needs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board will work to convene the Education Partnership Committee, a joint committee of the Oakland Unified School District and the City of Oakland, within 30 days to review the work of the Blueprint for Quality Schools and potential areas to explore opportunities for partnership on facilities issues.

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSE:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on June 6, 2018.

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