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Re: Shenandoah Property, Mountain View, California

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

On behalf of the Trustees of the Mountain View Whisman School District (District), I write to express our District's interest in possibly purchasing or long-term leasing 17 acres of Army-owned land in Mountain View, California. This land is commonly referred to as the "Shenandoah" property (APN 152-24-021). We understand that the U.S. Army expressed its intent to sell the Shenandoah site for redevelopment. Instead, selling or leasing the land to our District to build a new school would be a public benefit to the entire community.

Our District currently serves 5,200 children (grades kindergarten - eighth), many of whom live at Shenandoah, but Mountain View is growing quickly. Our District is facing the addition of approximately 3,310 new students from several new neighborhoods being developed in the northern portion of town, very close to Moffett Field and Shenandoah. This figure does not include the students that will come from the pending 1900-unit development at NASA Ames. This growth presents several issues for our District, with the following being the most significant:

1. We do not have existing capacity to absorb these new students. (Our predicted growth exceeds current school facility capacity by 1,910 students)
2. Our District does not own any land in the northern part of the city on which to build new schools.

We all share a common goal of creating walkable neighborhoods that meet the needs of all future residents while creating the affordable

housing, activities and essential services. A key essential service and public benefit is, of course, excellent schools. The Shenandoah site is centrally located and well suited for use as a public school site.

Land in Mountain View is scarce and expensive, and our District faces formidable competition from other development. Please consider our District as a buyer or lessee of the Shenandoah site.

We have only one chance to properly plan for development of a school here for the children of North Bayshore. We thank you for the continued dialogue on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AR' with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Ayindé Rudolph, Ed.D.  
Mountain View Whisman School District Superintendent

Cc: City Council of Mountain View