



## CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

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Devon Conley, Board President  
Board of Trustees  
Mountain View Whisman School District  
1400 Montecito Avenue  
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Dear President Conley:

On behalf of my colleagues on the Mountain View City Council, I would like to thank the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees, Superintendent Rudolph, and District staff for engaging with the City regarding the District's proposed perimeter fencing project. Access to open space is important to our community, and we appreciate the opportunity to work together to meet this need, building on our long history of mutually beneficial collaboration.

Following Dr. Rudolph's presentation to the City Council on January 26, 2021, Council asked staff to bring a statement of the Council's priorities related to the proposed fencing project and the Monta Loma Working Group for consideration at the February 23, 2021 meeting of the City Council. The purpose of this letter is to transmit these priorities in accordance with the provision in our joint-use agreement that the District confer with the City related to the installation of facilities and/or equipment which may impact the use of the open space.

The following is a list of interests the City Council identified as being important for the operation of the Monta Loma Working Group (Working Group):

- The dates and times of Working Group meetings should be communicated to the public, and the meetings should be publicly accessible (virtually) to allow members of the community to watch the sessions.
- The District should prepare and distribute a summary following each Working Group meeting to summarize key discussion points and any actions of the meeting as well as the next steps in the process. The City can also assist with distribution of these summaries.

- Working Group members should be allowed time to review options/action steps with their stakeholders prior to final actions or decisions.
- The Superintendent should be invited to provide periodic written updates to the City Council with the possibility of a presentation prior to bringing recommendations of the Working Group to the District Board for final approval.

The following were identified as the City's desired outcomes for fencing specifically for Monta Loma School location:

- Identify a workable solution that meets the needs of both the District and neighbors through open dialogue and discussion of creative ideas.
- Establish the boundaries of fencing in such a manner to maximize community access to open space.

Council identified the following overarching priorities for access to open space at District school sites in general:

- Continue collaboration with the District to preserve public access to open space located on District property during nonschool hours to benefit the community.
- Continue City maintenance of fields at District sites to provide recreational opportunities for the community.
- Continue efforts to enter into a new Master Agreement with the District for shared use of open space.
- Seek continued opportunities to maximize ongoing communication between the City and District staff and elected leaders.

I would like to thank you and the District Board of Trustees for the opportunity to share these interests and priorities related to the District's perimeter fencing project. The City Council also appreciates the opportunity for a member of the City staff to participate as a representative on the Working Group.

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I look forward to hearing the positive outcomes of the Working Group and continued opportunities to work together to meet the evolving needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Ellen Kamei  
Mayor

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