



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 9.1

Meeting Date: October 2, 2014

Subject: **Approve Resolution No. 2812: Resolution Opposing Shooting Range in the Immediate Proximity of George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science**

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office/ Superintendent Office

Recommendation: Approve

Background/Rationale: The Board of Education was not notified or consulted by the Planning Department of the City of Rancho Cordova that a shooting range of over 40,000 square feet had been approved as part of an “amusement center” which zoning language provided no notice of a shooting range to the parents, students or staff at George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science.

The shooting range, including a firearms store, is within the immediate proximity of the School (less than 1,000 feet); and since the Board of Education places a high priority on safety and the prevention of student injury and has approved a comprehensive safety plan as a policy to protect students and staff from physical and psychological harm in order to create a positive learning environment for all of its students will vote on a resolution opposing the location of this shooting range.

Relocation of the shooting range is the only way to insure that Carver’s students and surrounding school community are not placed in harm’s way by eliminating the unnecessary safety risk caused by the location of the shooting range. Therefore, the attached resolution when approve will:

1. Adopts the foregoing recitals as true and correct.
2. Calls upon the City of Rancho Cordova to relocate the shooting range.
3. Calls upon the developer of the amusement center to relocate, and not to open, the shooting range at the present site of 3443 Routier Road.
4. Calls upon the City of Rancho Cordova to revise its zoning ordinance so that public notice is given to the Sacramento City Unified District, as well as to parents, parent organizations and other community stakeholders, of any uses, such as shooting

ranges, which pose an unnecessary risk of harm to students and staff at a school of the District.

5. Authorizes the Superintendent to provide copies of this Resolution to the Mayor and Council members of the City of Rancho Cordova and its City Manager; to the elected local and state legislators representing constituents within the District; and to the developer of the amusement center, Fite Development Company.

Financial Considerations: N/A

Documents Attached:

- Resolution No. 2812: Approve Resolution No. 2812: Resolution Opposing Shooting Range in the Immediate Proximity of George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science

Estimated Time of Presentation: N/A

Submitted by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

Approved by: José L. Banda, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 2812

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING SHOOTING RANGE
IN THE IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OF
GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**

WHEREAS, shootings have occurred in schools over the past decade resulting in tragic deaths and traumatic injuries which have caused increased fear among students, parents and educators; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education was not notified or consulted by the Planning Department of the City of Rancho Cordova that a shooting range of over 40,000 square feet had been approved as part of an “amusement center” which zoning language provided no notice of a shooting range to the parents, students or staff at George Washington Carver School of Arts and Science (the “School”); and

WHEREAS, the shooting range, including a firearms store, is within the immediate proximity of the School; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education places a high priority on safety and the prevention of student injury and has approved a comprehensive safety plan as a policy to protect students and staff from physical and psychological harm in order to create a positive learning environment for all of its students; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding safety plans, history has demonstrated that neither school safety plans nor law enforcement has been able to prevent shootings at school campuses; and

WHEREAS, the shooting range poses an unnecessary risk of harm to Carver’s students if the shooting range is opened within the immediate proximity of the School; and

WHEREAS, relocation of the shooting range is the only way to insure that Carver’s students are not placed in harm’s way by eliminating the unnecessary safety risk caused by the location of the shooting range.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education as follows:

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3. Calls upon the developer of the amusement center to relocate, and not to open, the shooting range at the present site of 3443 Routier Road.
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 2nd day of October, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Darrel Woo
President, Area 6

Christina Pritchett
1st Vice President, Area 3

Jay Hansen
2nd Vice President, Area 1

Gustavo Arroyo, Area 4

Jeff Cuneo, Area 2

Diana Rodriguez, Area 5

Asami Saito, Student Member

ATTESTED TO:

José L. Banda
Secretary of the Board of Education