

Sheila Cobian

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To: Sheila Cobian
Subject: FW: CUSD and City of Carlsbad - special meeting on 10/16/20

From: robbinlynn3@gmail.com <robbinlynn3@gmail.com>
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Subject: CUSD and City of Carlsbad - special meeting on 10/16/20

Dear Mr. Haber

I was told that I could provide an email to be read into the official record regarding the construction project at Kelly School.

I respectfully submit the following to be included in the records for this meeting:

Dear CUSD and Carlsbad City Council

We have lived on Park Drive, west of Kelly School for 28 years. Our property overlooks the field. In that time, we have enjoyed the sound of children playing and their laughter which echoes up the hill during the school year. Our son was a Kelly Cougar, having attended K-6. My husband was among the first on the campus on October 8, 2010; his intent, to stop the shooter. Kelly School holds a special place in our hearts, is integral to our community and is part of life on Park Drive.

We understand that the upgrades are necessary to modernize the school, that the people voted for these improvements and that it is now Kelly School's turn to get the project done. As a result, those of us on the boundaries of the school have to adapt and learn to live with the inevitable noise and disruption that comes with a major construction project for the next 12-16 months, or possibly longer.

Since the project began several months ago, there have been many instances whereby the construction crew commenced work before the city's allowed 7am start time –some days as early as 6:36am - and some days where the crews worked past the 6pm end time. And on the occasional Saturday, work began before the 8am start. This includes moving equipment around and men congregating in groups and talking very loudly; loud enough to wake us up.

As a community, and as homeowners along the perimeter of the school, we have no choice but to adapt and tolerate the disruption that will come from completing the job. What we don't have to tolerate are the contractors violating the city code that is in place. Code intended to give us some semblance of quiet and normalcy.

We understand that at least one contractor was fined for these violations of start/end time, among others, but what we want (and I speak for our household only) is for the bad behavior to stop. We accept that we cannot change the 7am start and 6pm end time, per city code. What we want is for the contractors to abide by those codes to allow us a semblance of normalcy as the project progresses.

From our household, we ask for the following

1. First and foremost: Proactive communication from CUSD about the project schedule, to include what noise levels we can expect, total hours we can expect the work to take place and approximate start and end time of each phase of the project. Having this information allows us to prepare for what's next. I had suggested a community meeting to with Mr. Anderson with CUSD was receptive. Perhaps it is time to schedule one.
2. A commitment to reducing the construction noise, fumes and dust through the use of barriers.
3. When there must be non-stop work, 10-11 hours a day, such as we experienced with the soil/drilling work that recently ended, that CUSD commits to a NO Saturday work schedule, ensuring that the school-adjacent residents have at least two days of quiet each week.
4. A commitment to “enforce” the start/end times, which includes moving into position before the city code start time. I wish to stress that, fining a busines for bad behavior that continues despite being fined, is not a solution.
5. The contractors, in conjunction with CUSD, cooperate to ensure the construction zone is fully secure when the crew is off-site. On several occasions, we witnessed kids simply slide the fence aside and go in and play and/or ride their bikes in and around the dirt mounds and in/and around the equipment being stored on the grounds.

Thank you,
Robbin Lynn

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From: Jason Haber
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Sheila Cobian
Subject: FW: Kelly Elementary School (TO BE READ AT MEETING)

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Subject: RE: Kelly Elementary School (TO BE READ AT MEETING)

To Whom It May Concern:

There is no excuse for CUSD's egregious lack of care and concern for the negative effects of this taxpayer funded project to the community surrounding Kelly Elementary School.

In plain English, you made our lives a living hell.

Mr. Churchill, you have a clear duty--an *obligation*-- to involve the neighborhood in this disruption and you breached your duty. We have legitimate concerns about air quality and soil quality as well as your disruption of our legal right to quiet enjoyment of our homes and gardens. We were unable to open any windows in all of the heat waves, unable to go in our backyards because of the noise, and there is a thick layer of dirt on my windows. There is a complete lack of concern on your part for our suffering.

Mr. Churchill, If you're as active on social media as it seems, in addition to creating inspirational Instagram memes, you should have no problem finding ways to respectfully communicate with the neighborhood.

Mitigate the dust and the dirt. Put up noise/sound barriers. Treat us with respect. We might not be Kelly parents NOW, but most of us had children that attended Kelly.

We deserve a sound barrier. Our quality of life has been negatively affected by the constant noise. The police were called several times when the work started well prior to 7am on weekdays and 8am on Saturday.

I guess I'm still naive enough to be surprised at how little CUSD cares about the neighborhood. The community should be involved and respected, not ignored. There was no community outreach plan for us. Perhaps the parents were notified, but NO ONE on Hillside Drive was included, and we have suffered enough.

The contractor drilled 240 holes 50 feet deep. Kelly Elementary School is right next to Agua Hedionda Lagoon. The soil needs to be tested; ground water needs to be tested. In our opinion, the EPA needs to be notified and all work halted until a special inspector tests the holes, the dirt, the water, and the quality of cement.

The safety of this project is in question, not just for the neighborhood and the lagoon, but for the children who attend Kelly School.

I would take this one step further and request a stop work order at all of the school projects until proper permitting and testing is accomplished.

Rosanne Bentley