



COUNCILMEMBER MARK KERSEY

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President McQuary,

I strongly urge the SDUSD Board of Education to reconsider replacing Innovations Academy with a 264 unit apartment complex. The development presents two major problems: displacement of students and lack of community input.

Innovations Academy is a vibrant community composed of over 350 students. Relocating the school will present logistical problems for families and may deter current students from attending in future years. I cannot support a development that will produce detrimental effects for Scripps Ranch children.

The proposed development also does not address Scripps Ranch residents' non-educational concerns. Both community planning groups in Scripps Ranch evaluated and voted unanimously against the development. Yet, their decisions have not influenced its design or scope. I cannot support a development of this size that is designed without meaningful input from community members.

This development will negatively affect Scripps Ranch children and has not been properly vetted by the Scripps Ranch community. I therefore urge the Board of Education to reconsider on the proposed development.

Sincerely,

Hon. Mark Kersey
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