

Fw: Item H-15 on 7-26-agenda.

I am a San Diego resident, tax payer, voter, and SDUSD parent. I, along with many other Scripps Ranch residents and Innovations Academy families attended your board meeting in January when the Board voted to approve the 66 year lease to a developer to build a four story apartment complex. According to the proposal, about 1% of the land would remain for SDUSD use with many unknown long-term factors (maintenance, expense, etc.) for very little money a year. Not only does the community not want this type of development, but it does very little to help our schools financially. I found it interesting to hear the discussion about how the community needs more apartments and low income housing. For a moment, I thought I had attended the Housing Commission meeting, rather than a school board meeting. Interestingly enough, no one bothered to check with the Housing Commission to determine that Scripps Ranch already has significant low income housing, including 106 one, two, and three bedroom units in Stonebridge Estates. However, it seemed obvious that there is a very "comfortable" relationship between Board members and Monarch developers.

As I looked at the SDUSD Mission Statement and Vision 2020, I didn't find anything that talks about housing. Aren't students and schools supposed to be the top priority? You are about to vote to approve spending \$20 million in bond money to relocate Innovations Academy. Ten million for land and \$10 million for buildings, which will cost about \$30 million to pay back. For a 66 year deal of \$35 million (about \$435,000 a year). Where is the math here? Why not spend a lot less money to fix up Innovations Academy at its current location, since the argument was the portable buildings at the current location are at the end of their life? How about more technology in the classrooms? A language immersion school in the cluster? A pool for SRHS? At what point do you start doing the right thing for the STUDENTS you are ELECTED to serve? VOTE NO on spending \$20 million to relocate a charter school that already exists on SDUSD property. Stop giving away SDUSD land to greedy developers and start standing up for our students. END the deal with Monarch. Invest in our schools and our students. STUDENTS FIRST!