



LATE MATERIAL

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ITEM # 17A

Carson City Board of Supervisors
City Hall 201 N. Carson St., Suite 2
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Carson City Board of Supervisors,

I am contacting you in regards to Carson Montessori Public Charter School. I am both a parent and an employee of Carson Montessori Public Charter School. Long before I became an employee of CMCS I enrolled my son in kindergarten there, he has now Bridged Up and will be attending 7th grade at Carson Middle School as a part of their GATE program. I also have a daughter that has attended since kindergarten and is now entering 2nd grade. The draw to this little school was in the beginning and still is to this day, the way the school as a whole, from administration on down, fosters a love of learning while cultivating respect, creativity, and real-world solutions.

Carson Montessori has provided one of the only alternatives for public education in the Carson City area. Parents that send their children to CMCS do so because they desire the environment and the education that CMCS provides. CMCS students matriculate into Carson City's middle schools with great ease and are well adjusted and ready for the challenges before them. Not every child learns the same and therefore should be given the opportunity to learn in a manner that allows them the least restrictive, best environment for them to thrive!

Carson Montessori is an asset to the community that it serves. CMCS students participate in philanthropies throughout the community, they take an active role in lobbying for legislation that they believe in, they provide teachers for programs such as Art in the Park during the summer, they encourage being a positive citizen in whichever community they reside. As a parent, an employee and a member of the community I appreciate the respect, responsibility, and real-world skills that Carson Montessori Public Charter School provides.

Please consider all of these factors when you meet as a board to determine the future of this incredible educational gem right here in Carson City. By granting this special use permit, CMCS will be able to continue to run the amazing programs that make this school stand out and shine! CMCS is also a viable, realistic contribution to the overcrowding situation in the Carson City School District's traditional schools. Let's work together to keep Carson City a community that has options and education to be envied.

Thank you for your time,

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July 16, 2017

Dear Carson City Supervisors,

As an early elementary **student**; school is about friendships, playing and learning without even knowing its happening. It's about being excited to get to school to see what the new day holds. Carson Montessori is an amazing school that ignite the joy of learning from the first day. Instruction is creative and innovative and the children absolutely love it! Teachers bring the real world alive in the classroom. They take a snowstorm as an opportunity to examine the structure of snowflakes with a magnifying glass. They use a sunny day to get outside and learn how seeds are planted and where food comes from.

As the students get older they learn life skills like manners, how to host a party and feed a crowd. They follows bills before our State Legislature, research the facts and actually testify. Math lessons are based on balancing a checkbook, financing a car and completing taxes by the deadline. Students have the opportunity to job shadow in the community and witness a surgery if they want to be a Vet or prepare a meal with a renown chef if they are interested in culinary. Standardized Testing or Questing as the students call it is a celebration with an elaborate breakfast and dancing...my child actually was excited about it.

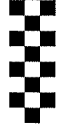
As a **parent** I want school to be a safe environment which challenges my children to think for themselves, to problem solve and to be a good citizen. I love that they're meeting standards without completing every page in a textbook or workbook. I love that instruction is varied and includes exercise, movement, music and art in addition to math, science and English. I love that homework is often completed as a family so we are learning information together and learning to work together as a family. As a parent I get the sense that the staff genuinely cares and is happy to be there. They are excited to share accomplishments and quickly react when a challenge arises.

As a **community** we should be proud that the students know how to react in an emergency situation. Carson Montessori teaches students to be "Prepared not Scared". My children knows to remain calm in any situation, to look for exits when we are in any building; skills that someday may help them be part of the solution. As a community we should be proud that they are learning to be flexible and to cope when life does not go according to plan. Learning to face adversity and to stand up for what they believe in. Learning to be proactive and to work together to find a solution.

Carson Montessori offers a unique and valuable educational alternative for families in Carson City; evident by its continued growth. Please listen to your families that choose this school not out of convenience, but because it's the best for our children. With overcrowding in Carson City Schools where would these students go? Please consider a special use permit as a short term solution and a zoning change on a larger site as a potential long term solution. The zoning of yesterday does not work for the growth of Carson City. Our community leaders can do something. Let's work together to support education!

Thank you for your time,

Alicia Brown
Carson Montessori Parent, School Volunteer, Self-Employed Business Owner



July 17, 2017

Re: Carson Montessori School Appeal for Special Use Permit

Dear Mayor Crowell and Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you in support of the Carson Montessori School and their appeal for a Special Use Permit for one of their buildings.

I am new to Carson City, having moved here from Virginia in February. I have homeschooled my children up to this point and upon moving to Nevada, had no intention of sending my children to a public school. Quite the opposite. Then, I discovered Carson Montessori. I was stunned that such a school existed anywhere, let alone so close to home. Having always respected the Montessori educational methods, my curiosity led me to tour the school. That was all it took. By the time I left that day, my children were registered.

Carson Montessori School is a unique gem of a school. Its atmosphere and the methods of its staff give its students the gift of true education: independent and creative thought. It is schools like this that actually produce tomorrow's conscientious leaders. As such, I must urge you to do everything in your power, not only to keep this school alive, but to help it thrive.

Such a simple things as a Special Use Permit, which all schools must have, will make the difference between this school's success or its' struggle. You have the power to sway the outcome in this matter.

Please grant the Special Use Permit for the Montessori School and provide my children with the education it offers for as long as possible.

With confidence and thanks,

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Carson City Supervisors,

Carson City is intelligent. This is clear to see within the board of current supervisors.

My name is Katie Nicholson and I write to you on behalf of Carson Montessori School, second home to my precious children and nieces.

Carson Montessori is thriving. The school bursts with intelligence and oozes love for all. A bit of gold shining bright right here in the glorious state of Nevada. Haven't seen Montessori in action? Feel free to stop by and experience the magnificence of the school personally.

Supporting this necessary SPECIAL USE PERMIT for one of Carson's incredible schools is an incredibly wise action. This action supports not only the necessity at hand- continuing use of the spaces at 2211 Mountain, for the school's Tech Center and Exploratoriums, until CMCS can find and obtain land to build a new facility, but it also supports and nurtures the greatness happening within the students, staff, and families of Carson Montessori, leading to even more greatness for our city, state, country and beyond.

Let us continue to support a school whose students are taught at vibrant young age the valuable importance of public speaking, with Chautauqua presentations, the supportive bonds created between upper and lower elementary levels, and more. Let us continue to support a school right here in our great state's capital whose students are taught to bring awareness to the planet and all of its inhabitants by working as a school-wide team to find a solution for the most safe, earth friendly playground mulch and beyond (the name of the Playground mulch that was selected because, unlike wood chips, sand or recycled tires, it is 100% pure, is called Jelly Bean Play Mix Fall Zone). Let us continue to support a school whose students are supported in their love for education and making this world a better place, whose students are our children of this truly spectacular community whom absolutely love their school, take pride in their school. Let us continue to support Carson Montessori, all Carson schools and their specific needs right now and forever!

Thank you, thank you for your time and energy. I appreciate each of you tremendously.

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world."
- Nelson Mandela

With oceans of love and gratitude,
Katie Nicholson- former student and lifetime supporter of principal Jessica Daniels, Carson Montessori

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