

Nick Melvoin
Board of Education
Los Angeles Unified School District



BY EMAIL

January 18, 2023

Mr. Martin Adams, General Manager
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
111 North Hope Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Email: martin.adams@ladwp.com

Re: Proposed Distributing Station Next to Marquez Charter Elementary (DS-104)

Dear Mr. Adams:

I write to request that you to reconsider LADWP's proposal to construct a 30-megavolt distributing station immediately next to Marquez Charter Elementary. As the LA Unified Board of Education (Board) member representing the Pacific Palisades community, I support and reiterate the District's prior opposition to this placement and strongly urge you to consider options that are not directly adjacent to an elementary school.

In 2005, the Board adopted a Resolution affirming the District's policy against placing schools next to industrial facilities, like distributing stations and, in 2013, the Board unanimously adopted a Resolution directing District staff "to employ whatever legal means available to oppose any proposed environmental certification or issuance of a permit to operate associated with the siting of a power distribution station near Marquez Charter School." In 2012, Superintendent Deasy also informed your predecessor of the District's opposition to the construction of a distributing station next to the Marquez campus. Nearly ten years later, I support these commitments to ensure the safety of our students, teachers, employees, and community.

While I appreciate the need to provide power to a growing community, and I support efforts to improve the electric grid, it is also my understanding that other options are available, including replacing or adding "pole-top" stations or locating this distribution center on other sites. I stand ready to work with LADWP on identifying alternatives to the proposed placement.

I also look forward to opportunities for LADWP and LAUSD, its largest customer, to collaborate on pursuing our agencies' shared commitment to sustainability in Los Angeles.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you or your staff would like to discuss the issue further, please contact me or Allison Holdorff Polhill, my Senior Advisor and District Director, at allison.holdorff@lausd.net or 310-804-8424.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Melvoin".

Nick Melvoin
Board Member, District 4
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