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Subject: Letter of Support - HBCSD Gisler Sale

Good afternoon,

Attached is a letter on behalf of the district in regards to the Gisler residential land sale.

Thank you

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Subject: Support for Approval of Agenda Item 27

Dear Mayor Carr and City Council Members,
Last week, we sent the attached letter in support of approval of Agenda Item 27 on your agenda for this evening.

I want to reiterate that we continue to work closely with Brookfield, AYSO, and City staff to address the concern regarding field space. Huntington Beach City School District is a committed partner in this process. The District already provides low facility use fees, which have not increased since 2011. We currently charge AYSO about \$2.50 per hour to use our fields, which does not cover our operational costs (utilities, mowing the fields, etc.). We continue to discuss improvements to alternative fields with AYSO and Brookfield, most recently at Dwyer Middle School and Smith Elementary.

I wish that I could attend the meeting and speak to you all in person, however, we have a Board meeting this evening, during which the Board will consider approval of either modernization or reconstruction of Sowers Middle School. The funds from the sale of Gisler will be critical to the District in either scenario to create the same 21st-century learning environments at Sowers Middle School that are present or in process in the rest of HBCSD schools. A staff member and long-time Huntington Beach resident, Jolene Miller, will represent HBCSD and speak to you this evening during public comment about this important project.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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October 8, 2021

Mayor Kim Carr, Mayor Pro Tempore Barbara Delgleize
Members of the Huntington Beach City Council
2000 Main Street
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE APPROVAL OF GISLER SCHOOL – CONVERSION TO RESIDENTIAL LAND USE

As the City is aware, the Huntington Beach City School District (District) is in escrow to sell the Gisler Middle School site property to Brookfield. As the dynamics of student generation and demographics shift, surplus property revenue has become critical to our ongoing improvements to our facilities.

Brookfield has developed a plan that is consistent with surrounding development and the single-family residential land use framework that has already been established in the neighborhood. Like other former school sites in Orange County, these locations become homes for families that generate students and property taxes, which are necessary revenue sources for the District.

The proceeds from this sale will be used primarily to fund the modernization or reconstruction of Sowers Middle School and pay off some of the District's long-term debt. Some of the important benefits of these improvements include developing collaborative spaces, improving natural light, improving technology infrastructure, and most importantly, creating innovative 21st-century learning environments for our students. Without the sale of this property, the District would not have the critical funds available to implement these improvements and equitable learning environments between the District's two middle schools; Sowers and Dwyer, which has already been modernized.

We recognize AYSO's interest in lighted soccer fields and appreciate our long-standing relationship, as they use the majority of our fields and we acknowledge the value that soccer provides to Huntington Beach youth. We are working with Brookfield to explore additional field options within the District. District staff are committed to working with Brookfield, which has provided funding to further study opportunities and constraints at several District locations. Brookfield has also indicated they are willing to contribute \$250,000 toward a possible alternative. We are working diligently to conclude this study as soon as possible and will continue to work with all parties. The HBCSD Board of Trustees has not committed any additional funds toward an alternative lighted field. It is important to recognize that the District's core mission is to provide an educational program that supports the academic and personal development of every student, and the funds from this sale would be fully expended to improve the Sowers Middle School learning environment in support of this goal.

We respectfully request the City Council to approve the project on October 19 so the District can maintain its schedule, complete the transaction and close escrow in the next few months.

Sincerely,

Leisa Winston, Ed.D.
Superintendent