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Submitted by email

Ms. Mónica Garcia, Board President
Board of Education
Los Angeles Unified School District
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Re: Jordan High School Redevelopment Project

Dear President Garcia and members of the Board of Education:

On behalf of the Los Angeles Conservancy, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the Jordan High School Redevelopment Project within Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). The Los Angeles Conservancy is the largest local historic preservation organization in the United States, with over 6,500 members throughout the Los Angeles area. Established in 1978, the Conservancy works to preserve and revitalize the significant architectural and cultural heritage of Los Angeles County.

The Conservancy submitted comments during the project's environmental review process to seek alternatives that retain the eligibility of David Starr Jordan High School as a historic district for the National Register of Historic Place. The Conservancy met with LAUSD staff as well as with the Partnership for Los Angeles Schools to discuss our concerns and better understand the educational and operational goals of the project. We appreciate the willingness of your staff to rethink the project and seek a win-win solution. We are pleased that the revised project in the Final EIR maintains Jordan High School as a historic district and meets the needs of the students and educators.

We look forward to working together with LAUSD to ensure your rich collection of historic campuses continue to serve students into the future. Please feel free to contact me at (213) 430-4203 or afine@laconservancy.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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