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RE: Major Modernization Project, 32nd Street USC Magnet School

Dear Ms. Akins and LAUSD Staff

The Empowerment Congress North Area Neighborhood Development Council (NANDC) is pleased to have information regarding the 32nd Street USC Magnet School and its plans for the MAJOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT. The school is a highly regarded neighborhood asset and NANDC seeks to help inform stakeholders of the plans that are under way.

Following a LAUSD public hearing on October 11, NANDC invited LAUSD staff to share its plans with the Joint Board/Policy Committee on October 24 to augment the outreach process. We appreciate the work of outreach staff, particularly Ms. Teresa Akins, for facilitating this meeting. We urge LAUSD to continue to inform NANDC and stakeholders as this worthwhile project proceeds.

LAUSD staff Teresa Akins and senior LAUSD planning staff for the project met with the NANDC Joint Board/Policy Committee on October 24 and shared the plans for this ambitious project. Subsequently, on November 2, the full NANDC Board met and by motion voted unanimously to support the goals of this 108-million-dollar project.

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New Construction for the school timeline is 2026 through 2029. We understand that the existing temporary bungalows will be replaced by a new building. There will be 23 new Classrooms in the new building including media/filming classroom suite, flexible engineering classroom suite, graphic design suite, and a chemistry classroom suite. Site Work includes infrastructure, as required, exterior paint, programmatic access, landscape, and Shade Improvements.

Temporary Campus: Interim Facilities will be provided as required at the Temple site during construction the 32nd St Campus.

Staff and students will be retained and transportation to the temporary site will be provided. Relocation to the temporary site is planned for summer 2026.

We support the sharing of information and the goals of this major modernization project. We urge LAUSD to keep NANDC, parents, staff and community members informed of the progress as the project is undertaken and that it occurs with the least possible impact on staff, students, and families.

The replacement of the temporary structures with a new building which will also have greater green open space will enhance the Magnet School design. South Los Angeles is in dire need of trees and green open space.

The NANDC Board is most interested in having continuing updates as the project works through its various phases.

NANDC is a self-governed, self-directed, and independent organization empowered by the Los Angeles City Charter. This charter offers neighborhood councils a role in the City's decision-making process. NANDC was certified by the City of Los Angeles on April 27, 2002 and was the 24th neighborhood council formed under the guidelines of the City Charter.

Sincerely,



Julianne C. Burg, President
Empowerment Congress North Area Development Council (NANDC)