

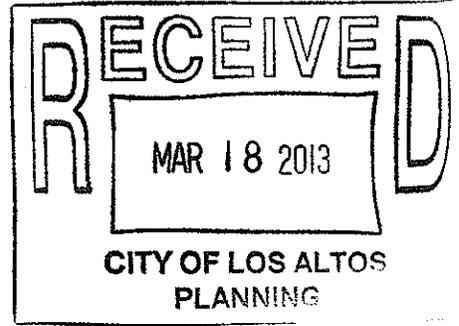
## Zach Dahl

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**From:** Yvonne Dupont on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 4:26 PM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage Academy proposal

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lisa Smith [mailto:[lisapassal@yahoo.com](mailto:lisapassal@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 10:44 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy proposal



Dear Zac,

We are a family from Redwood City who applied to two private and one public schools last year to both k and 1st grade for our daughter and there was no room for her. We border Atherton and cannot attend the neighborhood school because the API score are too low at Selby lane. We have been trying to move to Los altos just for the schools but got outbid on two houses. We then remembered sweet Heritage Academy and Sarah was accepted. Although we may be moving to Woodside, we will still consider Heritage because of the loving teachers and quality education it provides.

I must admit, during the kinder shootings that was so shocking and upsetting, I did feel safe knowing my children were safely tucked in back of the church with no signs advertising their location.

Please consider increasing the student size so that classes will be full. That would also give more families the option to homeschool part time, so that two families going different days could equal one full time student as we are considering but cannot currently because Heritage accepts full-time students first. Finally I want to point out that I frequent more businesses in Los altos while waiting for my kids. I am currently at Starbucks studying while waiting for my kindergarten and preschooler to get out, instead of spending my time driving. I have an MBA but getting an additional degree currently. I make many purchases along Main Street such as birthday presents, specialty products, food, etc. I love Los Altos and hope to continue to enjoy this beautiful city. Thank you for considering the increase as it will help many families who are looking for a quality education that shares their faith beliefs for their children.

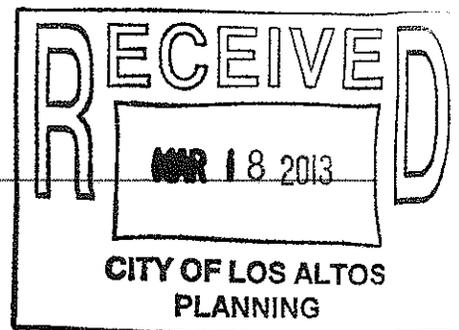
Sincerely,  
Lisa Smith

Sent from my iPhone

**Zach Dahl**

**From:** Yvonne Dupont on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 8:29 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Attention Zac Dahl: In favor of Heritage Academy

**From:** Lance Westcott [mailto:lance.westcott@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2013 2:12 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attention Zac Dahl: In favor of Heritage Academy



Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing in support of Heritage Academy as a Los Altos business owner. They have the potential to grow from their current enrollment and will need to look outside the city perhaps if they are not approved to expand their student body at their current location of Union Pres Church on University Ave. I can go on and on about the quality of the school and what a great asset it is to the city and its residents, but I do not believe that that is the point that needs to be stressed in order to get the school approved for greater enrollment.

It is quite obvious by visiting the church grounds that there is plenty of room for expansion to the desired student body size of 120. As has been mentioned before at a city council meeting, the number of 120 is only in question because that is all they ever asked for. The school was asked to come up with a number that they need to be financially viable. They gave you that number and then were cut down to 100. If they had asked for 150 they perhaps would have been given 125. A lesson learned that you always ask for more than you really need I guess. In truth, Marilyn Davidson, principle of Heritage Academy, is a very honest person and does not play politics. She gave you the number 120 because that is what you asked her for, the number she needed to be financially viable.

I am hoping that this situation can be made right by simply allowing her student body to grow by raising the number of allowable students on site to 120. It will not impact the surrounding residents very much at all to up the number by 20.

Can common sense please rule the day? No politics.

Thanks for your time,

Lance Westcott  
Westcott Physical Therapy

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**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 8:30 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage Academy Request Proposal for 120 Students

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**From:** Dave Setti [mailto:dave@turnkeyms.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2013 4:17 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy Request Proposal for 120 Students

Good Afternoon Zac,

I wanted to reach out to you today as a parent of a 1<sup>st</sup> grader at Heritage Academy in Los Altos. I was recently informed that Heritage has requested to extend their student population to 120 students. I understand that this proposal is to be reviewed by the commission on March 21<sup>st</sup>. I sincerely hope that the commission sees the tremendous benefit this small increase in school size will offer to the existing students of Heritage Academy.

As I am sure you have heard from many parents, the education afforded the students of Heritage is second to none. I believe it is imperative to teach our children not only reading, writing and arithmetic, but also to be good citizens of their community. Heritage Academy does just that. I hope you're your committee come to the conclusion that this small increase in children would only be an added benefit to neighborhood and any slight increase in noise or traffic would be insignificant.

Thank you for your time hearing my thoughts.

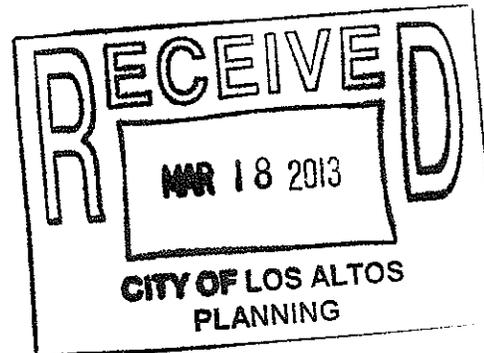
All my best,

David Setti



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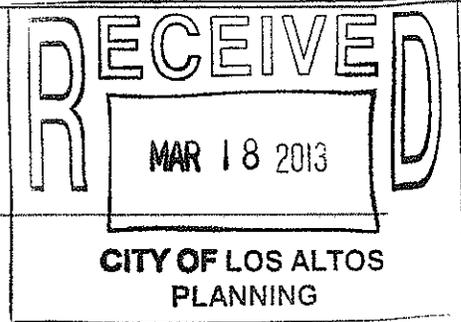
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**Subject:** FW: ATTN: Zac Dahl



**From:** Katherine Poonen [mailto:katherine.poonen@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2013 12:42 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** ATTN: Zac Dahl

Dear Mr. Dahl,

This email is regarding **Heritage Academy**, as they will be meeting with the Planning Commission this coming Thursday. I just wanted to send a brief email to express my enthusiastic support for Heritage Academy and my strong desire to see their request before your commission be granted.

**I and my family are Los Altos residents**, and our oldest attends Heritage Academy. While we are supportive of the LASD schools and believe they are terrific, we are very thankful that there is another option which provides small class sizes, a nurturing environment and an excellent academic program. Having another option here in Los Altos is also a blessing given the continuing tension in the community between the LASD and the local charter school.

**We believe that Heritage Academy is a true gem that not only benefits the families that attend, but the Los Altos community as well.** The school's request for a slightly higher number of students would greatly benefit the school for various reasons. However, more importantly it would benefit those residents of Los Altos who cannot currently attend Heritage Academy because of the limit to the school's enrollment.

While the benefits of a slightly higher student enrollment number would be immense to the school and community, **the downsides (if any) would be simply negligible.**

As for traffic, just 20 students more would not even translate into that many more cars on University Avenue, as it would translate into less than 20 families given sibling enrollment. Additionally, given carpooling (which moms love!), it would be even less cars than that.

Also, as for noise impact to the surrounding neighbors, the student population is split grade-wise for lunch and recess time, so that the additional number of children would be spread across two playgrounds.

Finally, please also take into consideration that the school would not ever ask for another increase to student enrollment. This is it ... all that's being asked for ... for good. **Consider ... one decision to make a wonderful impact for so many while not imposing on any.**

Sincerely,  
 Katherine Poonen

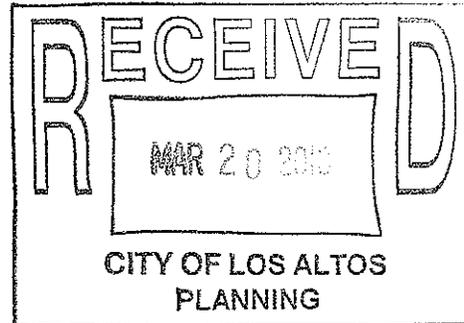
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**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:19 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage Academy

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**From:** Sylvia Spates [mailto:sylvia.spates@me.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:16 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

TO: Los Altos Planning Commission  
Attention Zachary Dahl

Heritage Academy is a wonderful school in Los Altos on University Avenue. I am very much in favor of allowing the school to grow to 120 children. I want my granddaughter to be able to start Kindergarten there next year and be able to go there through 6th grade. Since my 1st grader is already attending Heritage and they travel in Carpools I don't believe this will cause more traffic.

I believe the school adds value to the community and I hope the city will do everything they can to honor this request.

Thank you.

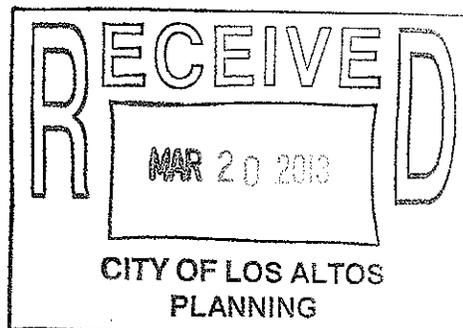
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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:20 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
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**From:** Emily Cabot [mailto:emily.cabot@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:57 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

To Planning Commission, attention of Zachary Dahl:

I respectfully ask that you consider Heritage Academy's request for 120 students. My daughter, Ella, is in first grade at Heritage. My other daughter will be hopefully entering kindergarten next year, but those extra spots are needed in order for a kindergarten to be open at all. Heritage has excellent academics and is an incredible environment for all the kids who attend.

I very much hope that you will consider that this will be a very small impact on the neighborhood. Personally, I am part of a carpool that includes 4 students, and I know that many of the extra spots would be filled by families who are part of carpools or who already have students at the school.

Thank you so much for your consideration of our request.

Regards,

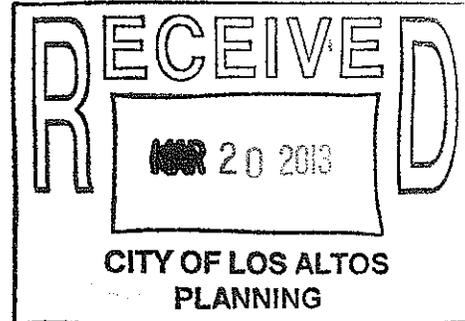
Emily Cabot

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**To:** Zach Dahl  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Judy Rode [mailto:judy@rode.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 10:22 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

Dear Mr. Dahl,

I am concerned about the upcoming decision that will be made regarding the number of students at Heritage Academy.

The school would like to increase its number to allow 120 students to attend, and I think that this is a very fair number. They would like to have twelve students in every class from K through sixth grade, not a great number at all. If they are not allowed the 120 students, those students currently enrolled in Kindergarten will not be able to complete their sixth year at Heritage Academy. This seems a travesty to me.

I understand that the issue of increased traffic is a concern for the city. Right now, there are notices up for the church and school community to respect their neighbors by driving the speed limit, 25 MPH. I have been impressed that the drivers I have seen have been careful to respect their neighbors in this way. Almost all of the children are in carpools with as many as four and five being picked up by one parent at a time. I do not see this changing in the future, so I don't believe that there would necessarily be a large increase in the volume of traffic at the school.

Finally, I believe the school has benefitted the neighborhood by its presence. It is located in a large lot that would otherwise be empty for most of the week. Having a busy, productive site in the neighborhood would seem to me to be a deterrent to crime. I have also noticed mothers with small children, the elderly, and dog walkers coming by to enjoy the sight of children happily playing in the playground. It is a happy, safe environment that contributes to the character and flavor of the neighborhood.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and I hope you take my thoughts into consideration as you make your decision regarding the future of this great school.

Sincerely,

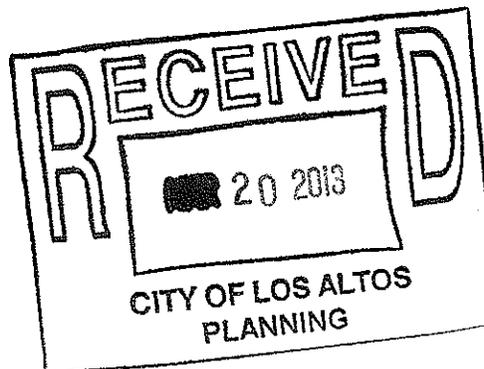
Judy Rode

**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:20 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Attn: Zachary

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**From:** joanalley@aol.com [mailto:joanalley@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:16 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attn: Zachary

Dear Zachary,

I would like to ask you to consider the request to up the student enrollment to 120 students. We have 4 children. 2 are waiting to get in to Heritage. We would not be increasing traffic. As a matter of fact we car pool with another family of 3 children. 1 of whom will also be entering car pool. No additional cars- but yes families staying together at the same site.

I want you to also realize to positive impact on the Los Altos businesses. We live in RWC and would never go to LA for shopping. However, we now weekly shop at Drageer's as well as go to the shopping mall for coffee :) off of foothill expwy. I imagine that other families have also increased their shopping in the area.

Thanks for your consideration.

Joan Smith  
www.KingsSwimAcademy.com

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**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:21 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage Academy

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**From:** tammytcole [mailto:tammytcole@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:53 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

Dear

City Council members of Los Altos

I am presently a parent at Heritage Academy in the beautiful heart of Los Altos. I have had two of my daughters recently graduate from Heritage and now my third child is in the first grade class at this amazing school. One of the main reasons we chose Heritage for our children, is because of the small ratio of 12 students to a class. This is so important to us for the individual attention to each student academically and emotionally for success. This school runs on support and dedication from devoted teachers and parents as well as the overwhelming support of the Los Altos community. We thrive to keep our children starting in Kindergarten all the way through to the sixth grade to accomplish a superior start for their future education. I am hoping that the City of Los Altos will continue to come along beside us and help us in supporting our children and the success of Heritage Academy.

Thank you,

Dan and Tammy Cole



Sent by Sprint from my Samsung Galaxy Note® II

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:22 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage Academy

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jason Giles [mailto:bubba@apple.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:11 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

Hi Los Altos Planning Commission:

We have been a part of Heritage Academy for the first time this year, and have watched our daughter Bella enjoy it so much. All the parents have been very respectful of the neighborhood, ensuring to drive safely and at reasonable speeds. We would love to see it thrive and increase in number; I know they are asking only for what is needed to ensure it remains successful but that each class has an adequate number of children to make the experience really great.

Thanks much for your consideration!

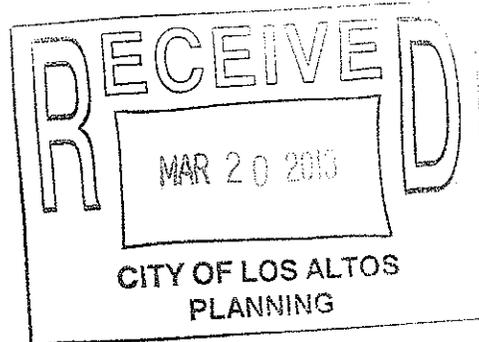
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**From:** Trevor Strohman [mailto:trevor.strohman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:49 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Cc:** Anne-Marie Strohman  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

Attn: Zachary Dahl

I'm writing in support of Heritage Academy's request to increase enrollment to 120 students.

Heritage and UCDC together are currently limited to 100 students. If Heritage gets 70 of those slots, each grade level can be only about 10 students. A ten-student class sounds wonderful to me but is difficult to sustain economically; this forces the school into constant compromises involving joining grades together into bigger classes. The move to a slightly larger size (120 students) would help keep Heritage healthy by making the classes big enough to support a full teaching staff.

My two kids love Heritage and I want to see it continue to thrive. At the current enrollment level it seems just a little bit too small to be solidly sustainable financially. An increase in size will help keep Heritage healthy and serving students in our community.

Trevor and Anne-Marie Strohman  
Heritage Parents

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## Zach Dahl

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**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:22 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage School - ATTN: Zachary Dahl

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lee Hartley [mailto:leehartley1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:42 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage School - ATTN: Zachary Dahl

Dear Mr. Dahl,

I am writing to let you know how pleased we are to have such a wonderful "gem of a school" - Heritage Academy in our neighborhood.

Our 6th grade son recently transferred from a local LASD school into Heritage Academy this past fall. We have found the school to be a wonderful environment that has truly helped our son blossom. We have loved it that our son is able to hop on his bike and ride on his own through the neighborhood to school.

I am hopeful that you too will see the impact the school has on the community, offering a small academic school, with an extremely loving, nurturing and supportive staff, and a place for children in the neighborhood to come to grow and learn. By considering just a small increase in the number of students, it will allow children who start in kindergarten to have the opportunity to stay all the way through 6th grade. As we consider enrolling our other two sons, it's important for our family to know the school will have spots for our children in the future.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Kevin & Lee Hartley

## Zach Dahl

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**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:22 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Laura Herrmann [mailto:lauraherrmann@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:30 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attn: Zachary Dahl

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to you to kindly ask you to allow my child's school, Heritage Academy, to increase the number of their student body to 120. It is necessary to increase the number to 120 so that all children who start kindergarten will be able to finish through 6th grade at Heritage Academy. The class size is only 12 per class. This increase allows each class to be full and each child to be able to complete elementary school at Heritage.

The parents of Heritage students will continue to respect the neighbors by driving carefully and at the speed limit. The number of cars will not increase by 20. Instead, the increase in number of cars will be much lower because many families carpool together.

Also, this is a request to increase the school size to just what is needed at this site. The school will not be back to ask for another increase at this site.

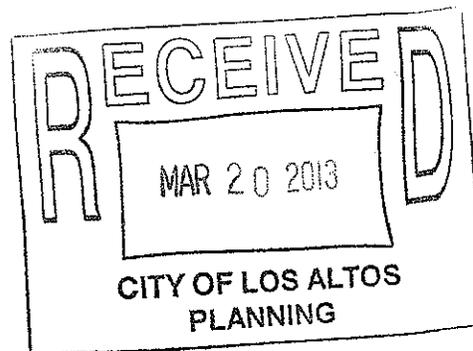
I believe that Heritage Academy has benefitted the neighborhood by bringing playground equipment to the church front park area and allowing the neighbors to enjoy it during non-school hours. Also, I believe that having Heritage Academy brings business to downtown Los Altos. Because I drive to Los Altos to bring my daughter to school, I now do many of my errands in Los Altos, bringing my business to local merchants such as the dry cleaners and alteration shop. I use the local toy shop and gift shops rather than go to the mall as I used to do.

Thank you for considering this request. I am so thankful for Heritage Academy to be in Los Altos, and I respectfully ask the Planning Commission to allow for the student body increase to 120.

Sincerely,  
Laura Herrmann

**Zach Dahl**

**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:23 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Attention: Zachary Dahl



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**From:** Sanjay Poonen [mailto:sanjay.poonen@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:01 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Cc:** Katherine Poonen; davidson.marilyn@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Attention: Zachary Dahl

Dear Los Altos Planning Commission:

I want to write in my positive support for Heritage Academy increasing their number to 120, so that all children can start kindergarten and finish 6th grade at Heritage. I have reviewed the plans, don't believe the cars will not increase materially, because of carpools, Ms. Davidson is only requesting what she needs, and I truly believe that the school is benefiting the neighborhood and greater Los Altos area.

My wife and I are Los Altos residents and grateful for the school's investment in our 6-year old daughter. It is the type of family-oriented school that is a great role model for Los Altos and other districts too, and we are thankful to the Los Altos District for their support to date.

Best regards,

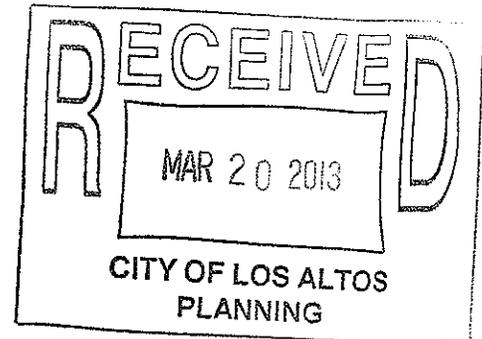
Sanjay Poonen

**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Vierra [mailto:bhvierra@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 8:59 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attention Zachary Dahl

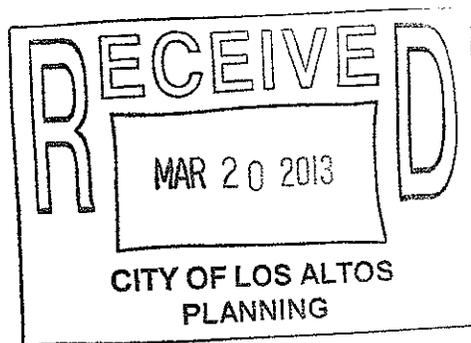
Dear Los Altos Planning Commission

I am a mom of three and my husband is a firefighter for Santa Clara County. Our two oldest daughters have been attending Heritage Academy since Kindergarten and without sounding overly enthusiastic Heritage has been one of the biggest blessings that our family has been given. I cannot say enough positive comments about the school and the families that attend this school. Heritage Academy has formed a community where every single student and family is loved for, prayed over and looked after. Every morning I drop my children off at school I am confident that they are in capable, knowledgeable and compassionate hands. The school as a whole exudes a desire to live a life after Gods own heart; filled with genuine concern, honesty and community. I am pleading with you to increase our numbers to 120 students. All the families at Heritage Academy is aware of the traffic issue that an increased number might bring, however I want you to be very secure in the fact that we as a community will devote much of our time on organizing carpools where ever that is possible. if given the chance for an increase in class size we would be very grateful and thankful and we would put forth all efforts to please the residents and town of Los Altos.  
Blessings,  
Henriette Vierra and Family

**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Alice Rawls [mailto:arawls05@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 8:41 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

Dear Zachary Dahl,

I am a parent at Heritage Academy that truly loves and appreciates this school. This is the first time my son and I felt part of a family and I hope that continuing and new families experience the same joy. I don't believe the number of cars would increase with the increase of students because we carpool a lot amongst each other. I drop my son off with a friend in the morning so I can get to work at a decent hour due to my commute to work. The parents there are more than happy to accommodate anyone in need. The school would not get any larger than it needs to be because we like the small family-like atmosphere and small classes for our children. The school and neighborhood benefited each other because we got to meet a lot of the wonderful neighbors and their children. My son has met and played with some of the kids that come over to the playground after school. I love seeing people walk in the neighborhood in the morning, especially the elderly man who waves at everyone that passes by. That makes my morning!!!!

I hope that you will consider the request of the school to increase the number of kids. It wouldn't be a hindrance, but a blessing.

Best Regards,  
Alice Rawls

**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Erika Ekiel [erbekiel@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:00 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** 1718 Oak Ave Tree Removal Application  
**Attachments:** IMG\_2910.JPG; IMG\_2909.jpg; IMG\_2908.jpg; Front View1718Oak.png

Zachary,

I submitted an application yesterday for removal of a flowering pear tree at 1718 Oak Ave. The clerk at your office recommended I take pictures and submit them to you in an email.

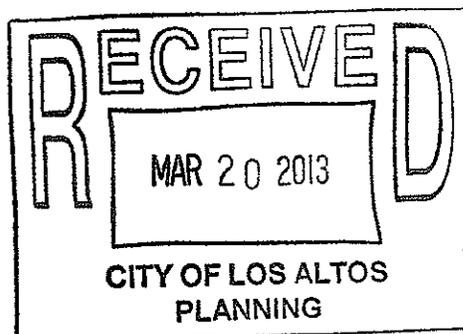
We purchased the house a few weeks ago and are planning to move in the first week of April. The primary reason we would like to remove the tree is its location. It is in the middle of our driveway, making it very difficult to use the driveway or the garage and inhibiting our enjoyment of the property. Moreover, it is not a good-looking tree, as it is overgrown and was not properly pruned or cared for. I believe removing the tree would increase the scenic beauty of the neighborhood as well as the value of the property.

When we were considering making an offer on the house, we asked if the tree could be removed, as it would have been an obstacle to buying the house. The selling agent, Terri Couture, told us she had received permission from the city to remove the tree. However yesterday I asked the clerk at your office to confirm this but she had no record of an official inquiry.

We asked Lane Kilpatric, a certified arborist in Los Altos, to provide his assessment of the tree. He noted that the tree was not in good condition and is unsafe, in that it had been improperly cut back years ago in a manner that goes against the training of certified arborists. This has led to the subsequent growth of young branches that have weak unions. Some of these unions have already failed, causing broken limbs. I've attached a couple of photos of broken branches here.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Kind regards,  
Erika Ekiel  
415-272-9803

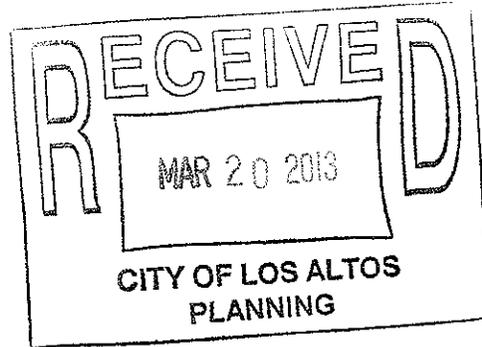


**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:22 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Use Permit Application for Heritage Academy

*Lorrie Tanguay*  
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**From:** Michael and Arlene Speer [mailto:amacspeer@icloud.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 10:37 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Cc:** macspeer@pacbell.net; Marilyn Davidson  
**Subject:** Regarding Use Permit Application for Heritage Academy

Attention Zachary Dahl and the Los Altos Planning Commission,

Heritage Academy is an unique school in providing elementary education for grades K-6.

It's unique educational approach of small class size (no more than 12 students) and curriculum enables children to thrive and grow where they might not have otherwise.

We should know. Our daughter Abigail has been at Heritage for 3 years now. She came to Heritage Academy in need of individualized attention that was not available elsewhere.

Between the unique staff of educators, the curriculum and the individualized attention, Abigail is now thriving and eager to learn!

Heritage Academy in conjunction with Union Presbyterian Church is applying to increase the use permit from 100 students to 120 students on campus between the hours of 8:30am and 3:00pm Monday thru Friday between September and June. The commission and City Council should honor and approve this request as it will not add any significant auto traffic in the neighborhood.

It's been our observation that University Avenue during commute time for the schools is very quiet with no significant traffic flow on University. Moreover, the addition of 20 students

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will probably not add 20 more cars using University Avenue as most of the new students will carpool with their siblings or multiple families will form carpools to get students to/from school.

Finally, the addition of the 20 students would enable both schools located at Union Presbyterian Church to reach full enrollment and provide the ability for Heritage Academy to have 12 children per class room. Approval of this request would enable Heritage to provide children entering the school in kindergarten continuous education through 6th grade. This would enable Heritage to reach more children that need that extra attention to thrive and become eager learners who may become the leaders for better tomorrows!

Thank you for your time in considering this request!

Regards,  
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**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
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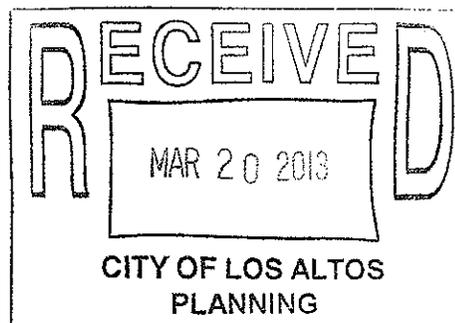
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**From:** Carrie Kuba [mailto:cdkuba09@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:24 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attn.: Zachary Dahl

Dear Mr. Dahl,

I am writing to you on behalf of my daughter, Isabella Kuba.

Bella is a 2nd grader at Heritage Academy. This is her first year there, as we recently moved back to the Bay Area after living in Bend, OR for the past nine years.

My daughter is a revolving patient at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital - one of the many reasons we moved back to the Bay Area. And due to Bella's health, she is not able to attend public school and it was imperative that we find a school that not only allows my daughter to thrive physically, but also emotionally and socially.

Heritage Academy has been an absolute GIFT to our family! Because of their small class size, individualized teaching, involved parents and staff, our daughter is doing so much better than we expected. We are so very grateful.

I have also been very impressed with Heritage's commitment to its community. Are you aware of how important it is to Heritage and its families that we be a positive part of the City of Los Altos? Are you aware that this very value is being taught to our children as well? We often receive email communications letting us know of local events, volunteer opportunities, among other reminders of the greater needs of the community.

Increasing the numbers slightly has nothing other than a positive outcome for the city of Los Altos. Parents carpool, so there is no increase in parking or traffic, for example.

Not to mention, many of us as parents have grown up here! I grew up in Menlo Park, my parents lived in Los Altos, and are now in Sunnyvale. We have a vested interest in being here and so

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enjoy raising our kids here as well.

I humbly ask that you grant this request and allow us all the opportunity to continue to have a positive and community-minded impact.

Thank you so much for your consideration,  
Carrie Pierce Kuba

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Carrie Kuba, *Founder and Executive Director, Someone's Child* | 541.639.5095 | [carrie@someoneschild.net](mailto:carrie@someoneschild.net)

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## Zach Dahl

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**From:** richard jackson [mailto:jacksri72@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 8:15 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** FAO Zac Dahl

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FAO Mr Zac Dahl

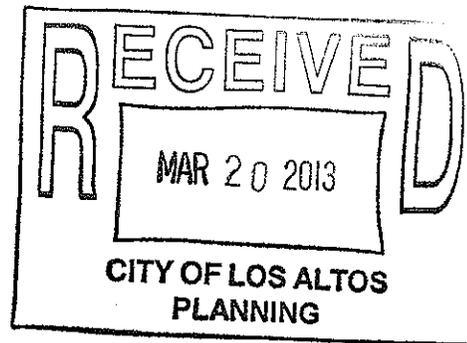
Re: Heritage Academy request to Los Altos City Council

Dear Mr Dahl,

We are writing to you with regard to the Heritage Academy's request for an increase to its permitted student headcount.

As residents of Los Altos and parents with children attending Heritage Academy we are strongly in favor of the request and encourage the Planning Commission grant its approval. When we first began searching for a school for our eldest son we considered schools within both Los Altos and the adjoining neighborhoods. We found Heritage Academy and have watched as our son has flourished in the environment of child focused education coupled with a strong sense of community. Our positive experience at Heritage Academy has led us to enroll our second son for Fall 2013.

We understand the needs of the Planning Commission to balance the needs of the community with the impact on residents close to the school site. We also live near another Los Altos school and we witness first-hand the pressures that can be caused by having large volumes of traffic moving through a residential area in a condensed period of time. Our experience of the traffic impact around the Heritage Academy location is much more favorable than we see elsewhere within Los Altos. We would encourage the Planning Commission to continue to support a well balanced distribution of where schools are located and how student enrollment impacts the local community – approving the Heritage Academy request would support this without a noticeable impact on traffic volumes.



We want our children to be educated within Los Altos and we want schools within the area to continue to succeed. By supporting the Heritage Academy request we believe the Planning Commission can help support the continued success of the school while fulfilling its responsibilities to the local residents.

Kind regards,

Richard & Kristen Jackson

## Zach Dahl

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**From:** Lorrie Tanguay on behalf of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 11:23 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Attention Zachary Dahl

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**From:** Kelly Rankin [mailto:kelly@bittybowsboutique.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 9:24 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attention Zachary Dahl

Dear Mr. Dahl,

My name is Kelly Rankin, and I am a parent of two children currently at Heritage Academy, with our third child beginning kindergarten at Heritage next year. I am writing to request that the Los Altos Planning Commission give approval for Heritage Academy's (along with UCDC's) request for an increase to 120 students. This is a request that would be hugely beneficial for our school, with only positive impact to the surrounding community.

I know that one of the concerns that the community may have regarding an increase in approval is that it could cause a traffic issue. When you look at the dynamics of our school community, you will see that this increase will not significantly increase the number of cars or traffic. Many families within our school travel from surrounding areas, and have very efficient carpool systems in place. Our family currently lives in Redwood City, and we carpool with as many as five other families. We pack our minivans and SUVs, and often drop off or pick up 7 children at a time! This is not atypical, as many families within our school have found families in their community to share the burden of the commute. I truly believe that, if granted an increase to 120 students, there would be no noticeable increase in traffic through the neighborhood.

Our request for 120 students will allow Heritage Academy to meet the goals that we have set in place for our ideal class size. I am currently a member of a parent/administration planning committee within Heritage Academy. It is our desire to maintain an average class size of 12 students. We desperately need the increase to 120 students to allow us to continue bringing in a full kindergarten class, while accommodating the older students that are currently enrolled through sixth grade. If granted this request, 120 is a number that will allow us to meet our goals for next year and future years. It is not a stepping stone to a request for a higher number.

Heritage Academy has made a very positive impact on our family, but I truly hope that it does not stop there. It is our family's and our school's desire that Heritage Academy will positively impact the city of Los Altos as well. I frequent the shops and dining options in downtown Los Altos, an area I have become quite fond of but would not normally venture to if I weren't here for school. I also particularly enjoyed a recent craft and music project that our second grade class participated in with one of the area nursing homes. We have a desire to establish a positive

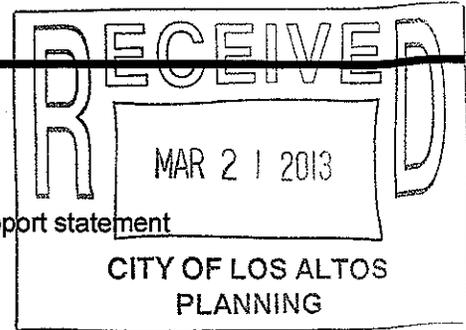
relationship with the city of Los Altos, and will continue to pursue areas of service and patronage.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this request. If I can answer any questions or provide any further insight, I would be happy to.

Regards,  
Kelly Rankin

**Yvonne Dupont**

**From:** Paul Gleichauf [paul.gleichauf@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:40 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Cc:** Gleichauf Paul; Ma Michelle  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy and UCDC enrollment support statement



To the Los Altos Planning Commission,

As parents of two small children we would like to explicitly and strongly support the plan for limited expansion of Heritage Academy and the University Child Development Center (UCDC) to 120 students. We live approximately mid-way between Ventana School on Border and UCDC. Our daughter currently attends UCDC and our son will start school there in the Fall of this year. In clement weather we walk the kids to and from the school every day, and on weekends we often play on the Heritage/UCDC playgrounds. This gives us a good sense of the impact of these schools, not just for ourselves, but also to the broader community. It is our belief that encouraging the economic viability and educational breadth of these schools helps Los Altos in many tangible as well as implicit ways. Allowing 20 more students to the combined Heritage Academy and UCDC will enable these schools to better sustain themselves and thereby provide services and benefits to the broader Los Altos community that might otherwise have a higher cost and lower benefit.

Among the many benefits:

1. Traffic: For parents who can walk their children to neighborhood schools the benefits are obvious. It is also the case that many children who attend Heritage and UCDC come in cars from greater distances and this adds some traffic at the beginning and end of classes. On balance though, if the schools did not exist, we parents would be driving them out of the neighborhood to other schools and play areas. Since we do walk our children to both Ventana and UCDC, we have a good sense of the burden of the traffic flows and so far the cars are not a factor for us. Especially in the case of University southwest of El Monte with its wide boulevard we see less traffic impact from parents than we see from construction vehicles.
2. Tax burden: It may be worth noting that parents pay for their children to attend these schools, and especially for Los Altos school district residents, this effectively lowers the overall school costs per student enrolled student in the Los Altos Mountain View school district. Indirectly the money paid to the schools also benefits a range of local businesses and employs several local residents, thereby reentering the local economy.
3. Noise: Kids in a neighborhood make noise, and more so when they get together in larger numbers. The current playgrounds at the University Presbyterian Church are used by class sized groups of students for recess during the day and by family size groups during off hours. This diffuse usage pattern actually amounts to less noise from UCDC and Heritage than we can hear from our house emitted from Ventana during the school day, and far less than one hears from the larger groups that gather for recess at Los Altos Elementary schools.
4. Parks: The facilities of Heritage Academy and UCDC are provided by the University Presbyterian Church and as such they are particularly generous if allowing access to the grass fields and playgrounds as well as parking lots outside of school or services hours. A lot of local neighboring families wander over to these areas in small numbers at any given time to play. Given the current liability climate this is a particularly generous attitude for the church and schools to take and those of us who live nearby are well aware of it. It is interesting to look at the distribution of local neighborhood parks. The nearest two are Shoup and McKenzie parks, with the playgrounds of Heritage and UCDC almost exactly half way in between and a little more than a mile from each. Therefore these playgrounds are the effective neighborhood parks for a large walking-distance area. The schools provide these playgrounds and ball fields in conjunction with the church. If they did not exist, the Los Altos would likely find itself pressured to provide a park in the area.

5. Education: Los Altos seems to be changing with a new generation of young families putting pressure on the local schools to accommodate everyone. The existence of Heritage, UCDC, Ventana, Pinewood, St. Nicholas, LAUMPS and others within less than a mile radius provides a very useful relief valve that lowers the net cost to the community tax base. These schools also have a diversity of educational approaches that lessens the pressure for charter schools in the community. We are all aware of the challenges a single charter is currently posing for the school district.

6. Diversity: A visit to UCDC and Heritage immediately reveals the "United Nations" character of the people Silicon Valley attracts. The student bodies are likely at least as diverse as Los Altos itself, and given the broader geographic area they draw students from, probably more so. This parental choice benefits local children in ways that the local public schools would find challenging to do.

Lastly we all may want to consider fairness in our treatment of these schools when they make expansion and building permit requests to the Planning Commission and City Council. We are aware that at least Ventana and Pinewood among the schools within the aforementioned one mile radius have made expansion requests in the past year, and that in both cases they were granted. In some sense these schools compete for students and staff. We would like to see a level competitive field when considering enrollment and facilities changes amongst them. Clear guidance from the Planning Commission of what is encouraged or discouraged in planning for the futures of all these schools will help keep them a healthy active part of our community in the years ahead.

Thank you for considering this long rationale.

Paul and Michelle

**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Miranda Hasselman [mirandahasselman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:18 AM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** HERITAGE ACADEMY

Hello,

Our son Ricky will be a kindergartner at Heritage Academy in the fall. Both of our sons are currently students at UCDC, the preschool housed at Union Presbyterian Church along with Heritage Academy.

We have had ongoing opportunity to observe the classes at Heritage Academy. The children have a love for learning and the teachers are truly gifted. The kindergarten classes have 12 students and this seems to be the magic number in a classroom. We have observed the same in the preschool classes of 12. It allows the teachers to split the classes into two groups so they can have two smaller groups of students working on tasks together at the same time. This is just one example of many.

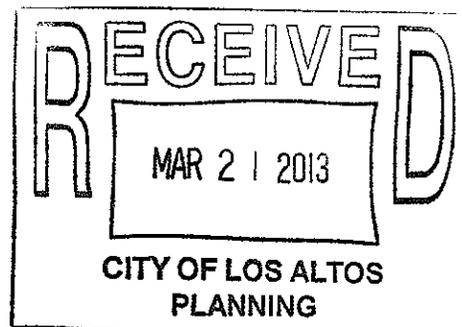
More importantly though, it is my understanding that capping the number of students at Heritage Academy to 100 would force some of these children to leave the school before their 6th grade year because of the cap of 100 students. This scenario would be devastating to a child's education and social development. I cannot imagine if my son were told he had to leave the school where he was enjoying academic success and was comfortable with his environment, teachers and his peers.

We watch the children learning, growing and thriving in the wonderful environment here at Heritage Academy every day. We do not want to see any of these students academically and socially jeopardized in these important formative elementary years.

Thank you,

Miranda and Rick Hasselman

Parents of Ricky and Will



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**Yvonne Dupont**

**From:** Leslee T. Belzer, Ph.D. [dr.belzer@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:49 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Cc:** Brenda Milhem; Anabell Moreno  
**Subject:** University Child Development Center, Commission Meeting

Dear Mr. Dahl,

It has come to my attention that our preschool is in need of being allowed to fill each class but has been unable to do so based upon the commissions's policy. My husband and I have three children and have greatly valued the education and care that Ucdc provides. We are happy in this space and our children are thriving there. However we are aware that funds are not reaching as far as needed to provide such great education, and costs are already high for our family and other families. Please allow the classes to fill to address this concern. I am available to discuss this further if needed. Best,

**Leslee T. Belzer, Ph.D.**

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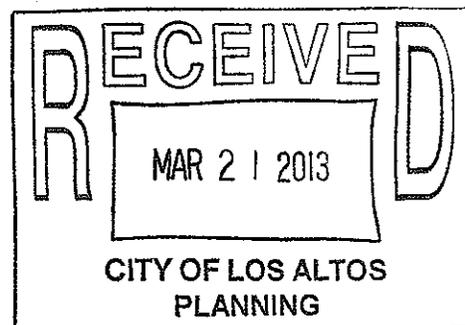
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**From:** Rob Luenberger [rob.luenberger@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:11 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attn: Zac Dahl

Hello,

I am writing to support the proposed expansion allow Heritage/University Child Development Center to expand enrollment to 120 students.

My wife and I are Los Altos residents, living less than one block from the Church where these schools are located and one of our children attends the pre-school.

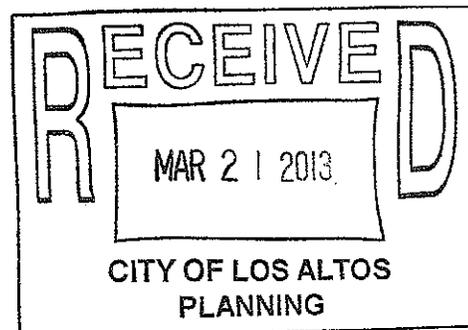
The church and the school have been wonderful neighbors and are a real benefit to the community.

Giving more children the opportunity to spend part of the childhood in Los Altos at these schools is a great benefit for them, for their families, and for the community as they grow up and become adults as well.

The traffic issues on University Ave are, in my opinion, minimal and are not primarily caused by these schools in any event.

I appreciate your efforts to understand this issue.

Rob Luenberger



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**Yvonne Dupont**

**From:** tonya pegram [tbpegram@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:50 AM

**To:** Planning (FAX)

**Subject:** Heritage Academy

Hello Mr. Dahl,

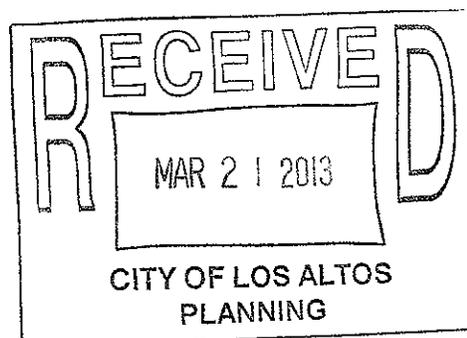
I am writing to you today on behalf of Heritage Academy. As a Heritage Academy parent and former Los Altos resident, I would like to ask you to grant their request to increase their total numbers to 120. As a parent, I have valued the outstanding education that my child has received and, as a former resident, I appreciate having a local alternative to public school. Although the Los Altos public schools are amongst the best in the region, they are not a fit for every family. In consideration of those families, I believe it strengthens Los Altos to provide outstanding options like Heritage. Increasing their numbers to 120 will simply provide a stable, continuous elementary education for each student to start kindergarten and finish 6th grade at Heritage.

Heritage Academy not only provides an outstanding local option for elementary school, but also increases the value of the local neighborhood. I believe they have proven this through community involvement, promoting local enterprise, partnership with Union Presbyterian Church to beautify school/church grounds, providing a place of recreation for neighborhood families, and improving the environment by asking all families to carpool whenever possible. There is no question that Heritage Academy has proven it is a strong asset to our community. In consideration of the families and local neighborhood please provide Heritage Academy with the increase they need so they can best serve our community.

Thank you for your time.

Kindly,

Tonya Pegram  
Heritage Academy, Parent



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**From:** Beth Cala [beth@anyevent1.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 9:32 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Cc:** marilyn davidson  
**Subject:** Attn: Zac Dahl (Traffic on University Ave)

Hello:

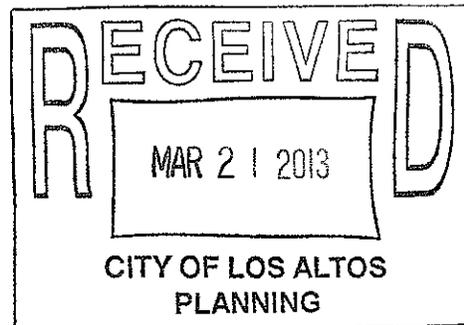
I live on Gardenia Way, located directly across from Union Presbyterian. I know you are interested in details regarding traffic on our street related to Heritage Academy. I can tell you that the impact is not noticeable, and in any event, traffic on University could be considered very, very light.

Over the past few years, I have seen no noticeable difference in traffic. I have no delays in getting where I need to go or returning home, anytime of the day.

I come and go twice each morning to get to carpool and school:  
Trip 1: Departing at 7:25 AM and returning at 7:45 AM  
Trip 2: Departing 8:15 AM and returning around 8:40 AM

Additionally, I'd like to mention that I am very grateful that there are private schools like Heritage in our community. Having two children with learning disabilities, one in public school, and one in private school, I can am very aware of the need for small class sizes. Having private schools that work (and welcome all children), has positive impact on the impacted public schools, and offers another alternative for parents who do not feel their children's needs are met via the public school option.

Beth Cala  
408/591-8975



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**From:** Sean McKee [imaginationstudios@me.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 9:17 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

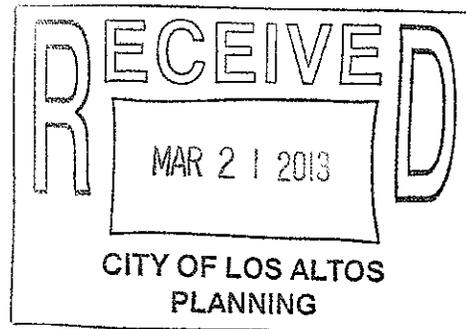
To whom it may concern:

I want to write and offer support for Heritage Academy's request of raising the number on their use permit. I am involved with the Heritage as the school photographer for student pictures and special events. I am a Los Altos resident and am grateful for our business relationship. I have watched the school grow and have been impressed at the professionalism of the staff and quality of their classes. It is clearly evident that the teachers invest in the children as students and people. The addition of 20 students to their use permit offers Heritage opportunity to grow to meet the needs of their families. And this would allow an average of 12 children per class to stay from kindergarten to sixth grade. Why would we, as a community, not want to support this request? Heritage sets out to work with local professionals and build their place in Los Altos. This is the type of business that adds to our value and attractiveness as a community.

It would be good to mention that in all the times I have visited the Heritage I have never run into a back up of traffic. In fact, I have never waited behind a car on University Ave while driving into the campus. Heritage sets back off the road and easily contains its drop off and pick up on the church grounds. I live close to Bullis Charter School and Egan Jr. High so I truly do understand what it is like to have congested traffic patterns in our neighborhood.

Heritage Academy is a great option for families and should be highly valued. Granting this small increase in the use permit supports a business that gives back to our local families and merchants.

Thank you for your time,  
Sean McKee  
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**From:** Kristin Woo [krissy.woo@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 8:41 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attn: Zachary Dahl - Heritage Academy expansion request

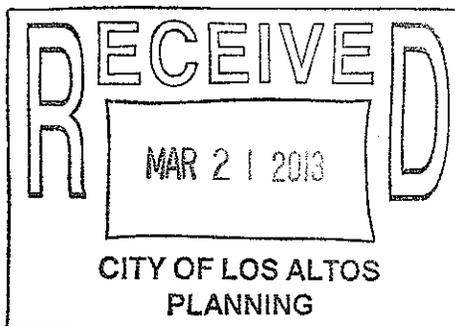
Dear Los Altos Planning Committee,

We are thankful for this opportunity to share with you all the wonderful experience our son, Noah, has been having at Heritage Academy. As a part-time homeschooling family, we have truly appreciated the flexibility and rigor that the faculty at Heritage provide for our son. In our experience commuting to school this year, we have not noticed excessive traffic on University Avenue, nor has there been any back-up turning left into the residential neighborhood where Heritage Academy is located. When we are driving in the neighborhood, we have been struck by the friendliness of the neighbors walking along University Avenue, offering us a friendly smile and wave, and we have enjoyed feeling a sense of community. At the beginning of the year, we worked hard to help build the playground on the lower campus, which is available for the neighborhood children to enjoy outside of school hours. In doing this, it was the hope of the school and involved families that the playground would be a way for Heritage Academy to help serve the local residents.

An increase in the school enrollment by twenty students will not necessarily increase the traffic in the neighborhood by twenty cars. The families at Heritage Academy have striven to be considerate and resourceful by working to arrange carpools to and from school, and we will continue to emphasize the same philosophy should the school indeed expand. Being respectful of the speed limit and driving cautiously are also continuously on our minds as we drive in the residential neighborhood surrounding the school.

Heritage Academy has truly been a blessing to our family, and we hope that you will allow for this expansion so that other families may be similarly blessed. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Kind regards,  
Chris and Krissy Woo



**Yvonne Dupont**

**From:** Aimee McKee [aimeejmckee@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 1:24 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy Use Permit

Dear Planning Commission,

It is a privilege to write to you as a teacher at Heritage Academy. This school has provided an alternative to families from all over the Bay Area, and we are thriving as a community of learners. The small number of students in each classroom allows each child to be known and challenged individually. And for many children, this is the only way for them to succeed at this time in their education.

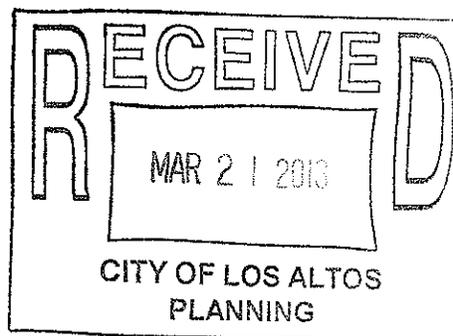
The problem we face is a good one! We are a successful school that would like to serve our families well. We need to be able to allow all the students from the lower grades to stay and graduate. The increase in numbers we are requesting would provide families the ability to keep their children at Heritage from kindergarten through sixth grade.

We enjoy being a part of Los Altos, and encourage our families to support local businesses. Our classes take field trips to the Los Altos History Museum, Shoup Park, Redwood Grove, and often visit downtown businesses for lunch or treats. We have added to our local neighborhood by providing a new playground that neighbors use on a daily basis. Heritage has sung and performed in community assisted living facilities, and formed relationships both as a school and business.

On a personal note, I am a Los Altos resident and incredibly grateful for employment in town. There are four staff members at this time who live in Los Altos.

Please consider recommending our request of allowing 120 students on campus. Heritage is a gift not only to our families but to the city of Los Altos as well.

Sincerely,  
Aimee McKee  
6th grade teacher



**Yvonne Dupont**

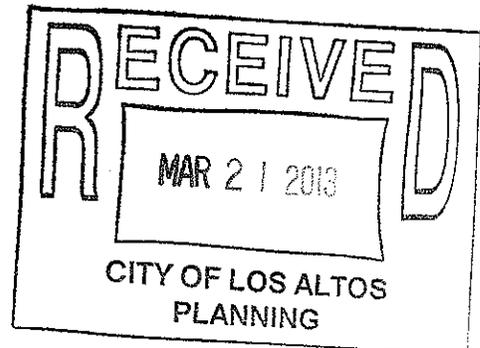
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**From:** ckhouser@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 10:23 AM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Heritage Academy

Hello,

I live on Gardenia Way, which is a small court directly across from Union Presbyterian Church. I understand you are reviewing the traffic on University related to Heritage Academy. I walk my dog along University every weekday morning (between 7-8am), and my children go to school at Covington so either my husband or I takes them along University every weekday between 8-8:20. I currently see minimal traffic impact from Heritage Academy, and in general traffic on University is extremely light, in fact it is negligible compared with the traffic on El Monte and Covington near the intersection of those 2 roads, due to Covington School traffic. Adding additional students to Heritage should not have a noticeable impact on traffic on University.

Cheryl House



**Yvonne Dupont**

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**From:** Baxter Gordon [thestartingline@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 1:09 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attn: Zac Dahl re: 120 Student Proposal for Heritage Academy/UCDC

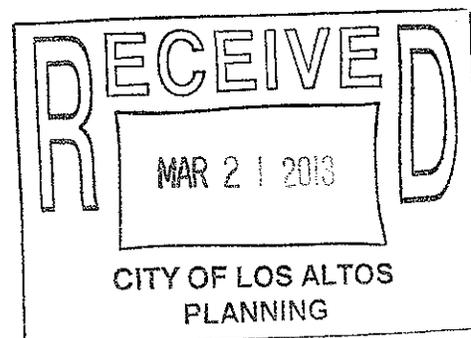
Dear Los Altos City Council,

I am writing to ask you to please approve the 120 student proposal for Heritage Academy and UCDC. Our daughter is currently a student at UCDC but we fully anticipate her attending Heritage Academy when she enters kindergarten in a year. We also have a son that we hope to send to these schools as well. We LOVE the fact that this wonderful, private school is in Los Altos so close to where we live. It has been a huge blessing to be able to run just down the street to pick our daughter up.

We want our children to have the ability to be in full sized classes, especially this coming year. It would be a huge benefit to her education to have this very slight increase in student numbers. We urge you, as Los Altos residents, to increase their allowable student limit.

We want our children to be able to continue to attend this wonderful school in Los Altos for years to come. We both grew up in Los Altos, and it means a great deal to us for our children to continue their education in this city too.

Grateful for your consideration,  
Geordie and Beth Gordon  
350 San Domingo Way in Los Altos



## Yvonne Dupont

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**From:** Holli DARE [hdare\_cm@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2013 8:36 PM  
**To:** Planning (FAX)  
**Subject:** Attention Zachary Dahl

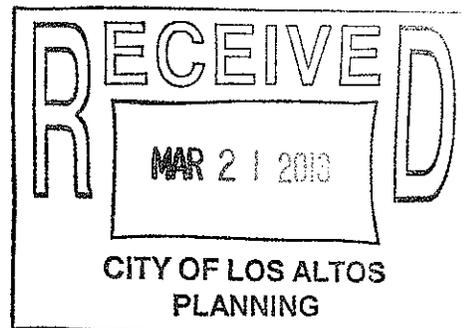
I am writing in support of Heritage Academy to be granted the increase so that all the children who start at Heritage will be able to complete 6th grade. This school has been extremely important to me and my family as we have made a hard transition in our family structure since my son started Kindergarten and to know that he will be able to complete his time there in an environment where he is loved and cherished would greatly put our nerves at ease.

Also, I know that we wish for the school to not grow any further than what we are requesting, that this is it - so that we can maintain the intimacy between the students, faculty and families. As part of the family community - I know we work hard at teaming up together on the carpools to ensure that we are not driving more than needed for the environment or the neighborhood. I know we also have fixed up the play ground so that not only our children may use it but that all the neighborhood children are also able to use it.

I hope that this evidence on how important this school is to at least this family will sit well with you.

Best Wishes for your upcoming vote.

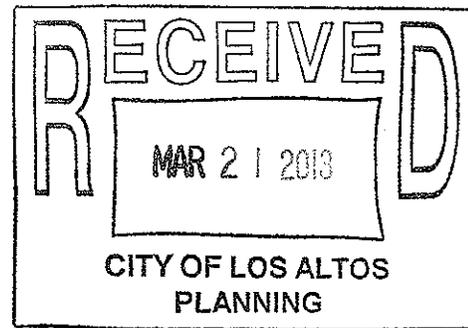
Holli McCormick Dare



March 20, 2013

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To the Planning Division,

We are writing in support of the proposal to allow Heritage Academy and the University Child Development Center to increase their enrollment to a collective total of 120 students. Our children have attended Heritage and UCDC for years.

Heritage and UCDC are excellent schools, and they are significant assets to the community. These schools have broadened the range of educational opportunities in Los Altos, and have enriched the experience of the students and Los Altos residents. We have lived in Los Altos for over four years, and we appreciate being able to choose among outstanding public and private schools. The school community has helped the neighborhood very much. For instance, the schools and parents contribute to the facilities and the site on University Avenue. Also, just a few months ago, the Heritage students sang holiday carols at the Union Presbyterian Church.

Increasing the number of students to 120 would be highly beneficial, for instance because it would allow the children to start kindergarten and finish sixth grade at Heritage, with a class size of about 12 per class. Such a class size would help Heritage and UCDC maintain a sustainable size. We believe it is very important that Heritage and UCDC thrive in Los Altos.

Moreover, we are confident that Heritage and UCDC will be very good neighbors. The traffic during drop off and pick up times is not heavy, in particular compared to the other business traffic on neighboring streets such as El Monte. The parents are planning more carpools, so increased enrollment would not have a significant impact on traffic. Nor do we believe increasing enrollment will materially impact noise in the area. For instance, the children frequently play in the back playground, diminishing the effect of the additional students.

We hope that the Planning Division and Los Altos will continue supporting Heritage and UCDC, as these schools are significant parts of Los Altos' future.

Best,

Christopher and Maggie Jeu

**Zach Dahl**

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**From:** Lisa Smith [lisapassal@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 1:12 PM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** Re: Heritage Academy proposal

Hi Zachary,

Thank you for passing my comments along. Also I wanted to add that over this past year I have carpooled with two other families and increasing the number of students would only increase the carpool opportunities for all. Many partake in carpools who are not residing in Los Altos.

I am hoping that the Commission approves this permit amendment increase...it will bring joy to many families!

Thanks for your consideration,  
Lisa Smith

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**From:** Zach Dahl <ZDahl@losaltosca.gov>  
**To:** "lisapassal@yahoo.com" <lisapassal@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 4:32 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Heritage Academy proposal

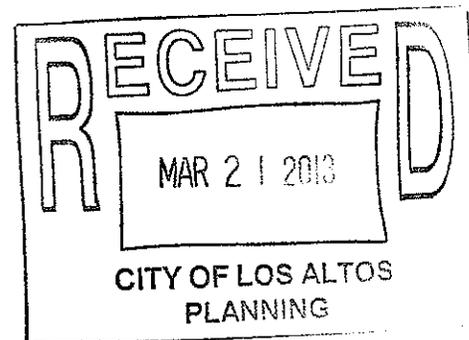
Hi Lisa,

Thank you for your comments regarding the use permit amendment application. I will forward them to the Planning and Transportation Commission prior to the public meeting this Thursday.

Zachary Dahl, AICP  
Senior Planner

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**From:** Yvonne Dupont On Behalf Of Planning (FAX)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2013 4:26 PM  
**To:** Zach Dahl  
**Subject:** FW: Heritage Academy proposal

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**From:** Lisa Smith [mailto:[lisapassal@yahoo.com](mailto:lisapassal@yahoo.com)]

3/21/2013

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 10:44 AM  
To: Planning (FAX)  
Subject: Heritage Academy proposal

Dear Zac,

We are a family from Redwood City who applied to two private and one public schools last year to both k and 1st grade for our daughter and there was no room for her. We border Atherton and cannot attend the neighborhood school because the API score are too low at Selby lane. We have been trying to move to Los altos just for the schools but got outbid on two houses. We then remembered sweet Heritage Academy and Sarah was accepted. Although we may be moving to Woodside, we will still consider Heritage because of the loving teachers and quality education it provides.

I must admit, during the kinder shootings that was so shocking and upsetting, I did feel safe knowing my children were safely tucked in back of the church with no signs advertising their location.

Please consider increasing the student size so that classes will be full. That would also give more families the option to homeschool part time, so that two families going different days could equal one full time student as we are considering but cannot currently because Heritage accepts full-time students first. Finally I want to point out that I frequent more businesses in Los altos while waiting for my kids. I am currently at Starbucks studying while waiting for my kindergarten and preschooler to get out, instead of spending my time driving. I have an MBA but getting an additional degree currently. I make many purchases along Main Street such as birthday presents, specialty products, food, etc. I love Los Altos and hope to continue to enjoy this beautiful city. Thank you for considering the increase as it will help many families who are looking for a quality education that shares their faith beliefs for their children.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Smith

Sent from my iPhone

3/21/2013