

For Planning Board meeting November 21, 2019:

I am the owner and full time resident of 1208 Varela Street and I write in opposition to the application of the Montessori Children's School to expand their operations to 1217 Varela and increase their student and teacher population.

Let me first assure the members of the Board that the residents of Varela and adjacent streets are not anti children or anti education. But we do at present endure the inconveniences of the school's teachers parking all day in front of our homes and parents creating impossible congestion when dropping off and picking up their children. Adding more students and more teachers will just exacerbate this situation. The school is unable to provide any parking for teachers and it has inadequate space for cars dropping off and picking up students. Parents park, legally or illegally, and walk into the school to meet their kids,

In 2004, when the school first proposed adding 1217 Varela for additional classrooms, the administrators promised us, the neighbors, that they would work toward alleviating these aforementioned inconveniences. Instead they have added students and teachers and made the problems worse, even without using 1217 Varela.

For the above reasons, I believe you will agree that the application does not meet the criteria for granting conditional use.

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