



Culver City Unified School District

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Dear Mayor Dan O'Brien and Honorable Members of the Culver City Council,

I am writing regarding the Council's vote today on a donation agreement between the City and CCUSD. While we deeply appreciate the City's commitment to supporting our schools, I respectfully request that the language of "conditions" be reframed as **"partnership guidance"**, reflecting the spirit of collaboration between two public institutions that share responsibility for serving Culver City's residents.

Our mutual goal is the long-term fiscal stability of CCUSD and the continued excellence of our public schools. The current list of conditions established would be better suited with some adjustments, while we realize that Culver City staff will work with CCUSD to include these conditions as follows:

Condition	Consideration
Place a parcel tax on the June 2026 ballot to raise ongoing funding needed to bridge CCUSD's budget gap.	CCUSD needs flexibility to determine when it would best to place on the ballot November vs. June 2026 given the city's recent success on the local tax.
Explore potential market-rate housing developments on district property to meet Regional Housing Needs Allocation goals.	CCUSD has engaged in housing development previously with a report produced. Consideration should be given for meeting this condition previously and using information from this study. The district should also not be hampered with this condition in its ability to generate revenue through by other means.
Appoint a Culver City Finance Advisory Committee Member to be a member of CCUSD's Community Budget Advisory Committee.	CCUSD Community Budget Advisory Committee is a public meeting. We welcome the opportunity for increased transparency.
Allow City staff to attend CCUSD's meetings with Los Angeles County Office of Education.	While chief business officials attend regular meetings with the Los Angeles County Office of Education with job alike groups, these aren't specific to CCUSD. This would be better revised to include meetings that are specific to CCUSD budget, should they arise.
Regularly report on CCUSD finances to the CCUSD - City Council Liaison Subcommittee.	Regular updates to the liaison committee on district finances are welcomed as they would follow our mandated reporting such as unaudited actuals, first interim, second interim, and proposed and adopted budget reports.
Create a written plan to be presented to the City Council detailing an active	The district has been working on enrollment strategies to recruit and retain students. These strategies will be

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process to retain students and market
schools to residents.

documented but the report is best served presented to the
Board of Education for feedback and adoption.

We believe these adjustments will preserve the intent of the Council's action while ensuring that CCUSD can implement them in a practical and effective manner. By reframing the "conditions" as "partnership guidance", we can strengthen collaboration between the City and the District, build on existing efforts, and remain responsive to the needs of our students and community. We greatly value our shared commitment to Culver City's future and look forward to working together in partnership.

Sincerely,

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