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Dear Secretary,

Please distribute the letter below to the Planning Commissioners in anticipation of today's Planning Commission meeting. Thank you for your assistance.

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed Balboa Reservoir project planned for property currently owned by the SF PUC and used by City College of San Francisco for decades.

This project will permanently damage and alter both CCSF and the surrounding neighborhoods, and must not move forward as planned.

The land on which this project is planned is public land which will be sold to a private developer for personal enrichment. The sale of this land, currently used by CCSF students, staff, and faculty for parking and other activities, will significantly shrink the CCSF campus and forever remove land that should be used to expand educational facilities. Even worse, it will privatize public land, the first time in the City this will occur, and begin a trend that will gobble up other parcels of public land in San Francisco.

This project will also significantly impact the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods. With the addition of up to 1,500 units, and a population explosion of approximately 3,000, traffic congestion, parking shortages, and transit issues will become unbearable.

The area where this project is planned is a community of small, single family homes. This development will significantly alter the character of this neighborhood, creating quality of life problems for many.

And what about providing emergency services, access to the neighborhood in case of a fire or earthquake, and an increased need for infrastructure? According to the latest PUC Water Supply Analysis, for example, there will not be enough water to meet the needs of this new community.

Additionally, this project will merely add even more market rate housing to the surplus of over-priced dwellings that are currently being built in the City. This project should be smaller, and 100% affordable.

Creating a brand new community on a very small footprint is unwise planning. There has been no consideration for the significant impact of this project on either City College of San Francisco or the surrounding neighborhoods. While the architect's drawings show an idyllic, leafy community where children can play and adults can relax, this is a distorted image of this project. How will people come and go? Where will the children attend school? What about the need for additional medical services for these additional 3,000 people?

And, again, I ask, why should this land be taken away from City College and sold to a private developer?

Those of us opposing this project are hoping that the Planning Commission will take a close look at this development and scrutinize all of its flaws. You should ask for a plan that will not just serve the needs of a private developer, but, instead, will meet the needs of growing number of lower-income and middle-income San Franciscans who desperately need affordable housing, while at the same time will not negatively impact City College of San Francisco and the surrounding communities.

Thank you for attention to these issues and countless others that will be presented by other opponents of this development. I look forward to your careful consideration of this project, and remain hopeful that you will guide this project in a more environmentally sound, positive direction that will benefit the entire City by supporting City College's need for land, the needs of the surrounding communities, and the needs of so many who are seeking decent, affordable housing in the City.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this issue.

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