To Whom It May Concern:

You say the majority of the students that attend Mission College live in this community of Mission College; however, I just read an article in the Daily News paper that said only 60 percent of seniors passed the exit exam. Now the only schools in the community of Mission College are Sylmar High, San Fernando and Kennedy High. Out of the three schools I named how many students do you think passed the exit exam? Therefore, if they do not pass the exit exam they cannot get a diploma. We know if you do not have high school diplomas, than you cannot attend any college. Do most of the people coming to attend Mission College live around here or is it for others as well?

If the college is for the whole San Fernando Valley then you should not call it a community college. If indeed it is a community college, then you do not have enough students to attend and do not need to expand and buy more property especially by eminent domain.

You want to build another parking structure, on the new property you want. However, you are already building a new structure on Mission College campus, and you have parking on Hubbard that shuttles your people to your campus. Why do you need more parking when you do not have that, many students attending. I would also like to know if the new property is zoned for a school, or for houses only.

Last but not least, you said you have a certain amount of time to put something on the new land you want. Are you only doing this so you don’t lose the money or bond the state granted. Now, you want to take Cornstock property from them. However, if you try to do this, it could be caught up in court for years. Which means you would lose you bond or grant anyway and still be hurting the community. I just want you to understand I’m not happy about this take over at all.

William Quintan
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Contrary to popular belief, my community does not want to see Mission College built on 12900 Harding Street in Sylmar, on the corner of Harding Street and Eldridge Avenue. I can only speak for myself, so I will begin with saying I live directly behind the proposed land that Mission College wants to take over by eminent domain once there other deal fell through with the county. Now they are trying to block the property from Comstock Homes who already had purchased there land for homes to be built. I’m in the middle of two companies fighting for land. I can only speak for myself once more. I would rather have homes behind my own home than a school. The school is open late at night and will bring all kinds to my neighborhood at all times of the day and night: we already see cars broken into by the college. Kids park up and down the streets, they drive fast, loud music, trash out in the streets, people hanging out even when the school has closed for the night and traffic is already over crowded on the streets.

I do not know much about the College but I can tell you that they are having problems. The school enrollment has dropped. I can tell you that they say it is for the community but I have two high school girls that cannot even access the library or take classes at the College, nor get credit for them for high school because they don’t have classes that even help our high school students. My children’s school does not even notice Mission College as a college.

I’m sure you read the papers and they state are children our still behind on taking test and the exit exam. However, Mission College does not even offer courses for are high school children. They seem to be going after companies and older people to use the school, but not for the kids in my community. That they claim they are trying to eminent domain for. However, if you check for your self look at the addresses of the people using the College do they live in Sylmar or San Fernando?

The college wants to put a Physical Therapy Center, a Media Center, and a Child Center behind my home. I know for me that the noise and traffic will go on all day and night and please don’t forget they are open on Saturdays. When will my family have peace? The school will be open six days a week and if they lease out to private parties who knows.
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I am writing to say that I do not want the college behind my home. I was told in so many words that there is nothing I can do to stop you because they are doing an eminent domain and the college can pretty much do as they please. The devastation of this news has many people in my neighborhood starting to put their homes on the market, it's like a hit-and-run. I have been to the meetings and I just don't see why they need the property on 12900 Harding Street in Sylmar on the corner of Harding Street and Eldridge. I was told they are going for the property to save a bond that they don't want to lose, so they just want to break ground anywhere to hang on to the money no matter if its good for the community or not. You can feel the tension on both sides. I know you need to look for the future but at what cost. Its like mayhem has unleashed and we need to fight for what we know-our homes. I can't believe this is happening.

I ask you and any one else reading this letter would you want a school in your backyard? Not across the street but right behind your house? I'm concerned for my families' safety with a school so close and with the hours, the school keeps. I just don't feel safe. I'm concerned with the noise and the traffic; I would like to know how the school could be ok'd to build on an earthquake zone. I thought the property was zoned for homes only. I would also like to know if the building would be safe. There's something about being helpless and not comprehending how a school that owns property can not put those buildings on the site it already owns. Yet wasting money on a parking structure that we are told will not even be used by most kids going to the college.

I feel if you have run out of space then its time to move the college else where and maybe, make a deal with Los Angeles Unified School District to buy Mission College property and turn it into a High School or Junior High that is much needed and maybe they can exchange property they own for a new college else where with Los Angeles Unified School District, just a thought. I just don't see the means of a media center, or a physical therapy center as means to save a college that is in trouble.
To Whom It May Concern:

I live at 13032 Cranston Avenue in Sylmar. I'm writing to discuss the proposed development at 12900 Harding Street in Sylmar, on the corner of Harding Street and Eldridge Avenue. The lot has been vacant for many years. I'm addressing the property because I have the adjoining wall of property that is at issue between Comstock Homes and Mission College. I want to let it be known that I would rather have homes behind me then a college. I'm concerned of the value of my home if the college gets the property. I also feel the neighborhood would change. I would rather see Comstock Homes built and keep with the community with homes then see part of a college building that would be out of place and bring unwanted problems that will come with a college being put behind homes.

I would like it to be stated that I'm not for the college being built being my home.

Thank you

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