

**Los Angeles Unified School District
Board of Education**



**Scott M. Schmerelson
Board Member, District 3**

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the co-location of Citizens of The World Charter School on the Shirley Elementary School campus.

Shirley Elementary is in the heart of my district. It is a shining example of how our public schools can be the anchor for surrounding communities. Shirley offers its students and parents many extra-curricular activities and services. This co-location puts these activities and services in jeopardy. Parents, students, and teachers are at risk of losing their computer lab, gym, robotics room, the space itinerants use for testing and working one on one with students, the art and music room, and their parent center.

This co-location will also have a tremendous impact on the special education program at Shirley Avenue. Currently the restrooms and space allocated for the use of students with special needs is critical to their success as special education teachers provide many different services to their students, including constant diapering and changing students' clothing.

For all these reasons, I do not support this disruptive, divisive co-location.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Schmerelson
Board Member
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