

**AGENDA ITEM** 4

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**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL****AGENDA DATE: AUGUST 27, 2014****To: Mayor Tragarz and Council Members****VIA: Rob Wishner, City Manager****FROM: Tom Weiner, Community Development Director****SUBJECT: Resolution 14-45 - City of Walnut's Position on the Proposed Mt. SAC Parking Structure Project****RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Review, consider and individually sign the letter and Resolution 14-45 Indicating the City of Walnut's position on the proposed Mt. SAC Parking Structure Project; and
2. Direct the City Manager to distribute the letter and Resolution to local representatives in the State of California Legislature, the State of California Community Colleges Chancellor's office, and the Mount San Antonio College Board of Trustees

**BACKGROUND:**

At the August 13, 2014 regular meeting, the City Council directed staff to prepare a letter and resolution expressing concerns with the proposed location of the Mt. SAC parking structure project and to distribute this letter and resolution to local and state policy makers as well as regional entities. Attached is the letter and resolution for Council consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no material fiscal impact.

**RELATION TO MISSION STATEMENT:**

Our mission is to exceed expectations of the people of Walnut. We collaborate with the community to enhance our civic pride.

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Attachments:

1. Letter Indicating the City of Walnut's Position on the Proposed Mt. SAC Parking Structure Project
2. Resolution 14-45

# ATTACHMENT 1

Letter Indicating the City of Walnut's Position on the Proposed Mt. SAC Parking  
Structure Project

August 28, 2014

**(LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL)**

Dear (Local Legislator):

The Walnut City Council has recognized significant community concern regarding the proposed location of the Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) parking structure project and has adopted the attached Resolution No. 14-45.

The City of Walnut believes that continuing its role as a well-planned suburban residential community is a fundamental goal. The quality of life, which is the hallmark of Walnut, can only be preserved by safeguarding the town and country atmosphere through the emphasis of sound land planning, traffic management, public safety, and the integration of all development with significant buffers from residential areas. Additionally, safeguarding funding sources for public projects, including schools and community college districts, must always be prioritized.

Walnut residents in proximity to the parking structure's current proposed location may endure traffic impacts, increased noise, and unhealthful air quality. On behalf of the residents of Walnut, we kindly ask that you join Walnut in urging Mt. SAC to consider alternatives for a location on campus that is better suited for the parking structure site.

Thank you in advance for your support on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Department at (909) 595-7543.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Tragarz  
Mayor

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Eric Ching  
Mayor Pro-Tem

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Mary Su  
Council Member

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Antonio "Tony" Cartagena  
Council Member

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Robert Pacheco  
Council Member

# ATTACHMENT 2

Resolution 14-45

## RESOLUTION NO. 14-45

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT, CALIFORNIA, URGING MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE (MT. SAC) TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE PARKING STRUCTURE PROJECT ON THE NORTH-SIDE OF THE MT. SAC CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF WALNUT WHICH IS DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO EXISTING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

**WHEREAS**, a majority of the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of its residents against the prospect of major environmental effects of the placement of the proposed parking structure. The City has adopted the following Mission Statement: "Our mission is to exceed the expectations of the people of Walnut. We collaborate with the community to enhance our civic pride. Walnut is a place where small town values are respected and blended with contemporary ideals. It is a community that considers the lessons of the past, understands current and future realities, and shares a sense of cultural belonging. These are our core values;" and,

**WHEREAS**, the vision and fundamental goal of the City of Walnut is to continue its role as a suburban residential community and to preserve its rural character; the peace and tranquility which is the hallmark of Walnut can only be preserved by safeguarding the town and country atmosphere through the emphasis on green and open space and the integration of all development with significant buffers from residential development; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the proposed project, heard the voice of many concerned Walnut community members, and recognizes the need to support the desire of the community by urging the relocation of the proposed parking structure based on the many potential impacts, including traffic and public safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project may hamper efforts by the City of Walnut to enhance traffic flow on Grand Avenue and adjacent streets around the subject location due to the large volume of traffic proposed to be infused into the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, fire and life safety are important components to the overall health and welfare of students, residents, and all members of the Walnut community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the continued growth of Mt. SAC has a tangible impact on infrastructure needs as well as the ongoing demand to maintain said infrastructure at acceptable levels and functionality; and,

**WHEREAS**, safeguarding funding sources for public projects, including schools and community college districts, must always be prioritized; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed location of the parking structure in proximity to existing residential development may impact property values, leading to a potential reduction in the property tax base of the City—the main revenue source for City programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Walnut as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The City of Walnut shall go on record supporting the desire to consider alternatives to the presently proposed location of the parking structure; and,

**SECTION 2.** The City Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to local State Legislative representatives, Community College Chancellor's Office and the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27th day of August, 2014.

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Nancy Tragarz, MAYOR

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Eric Ching, MAYOR PRO TEM

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Robert Pacheco, COUNCIL MEMBER

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Mary Su, COUNCIL MEMBER

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Antonio "Tony" Cartagena, COUNCIL MEMBER

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ) ss.  
CITY OF WALNUT             )

I, Teresa De Dios, City Clerk of the City of Walnut, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 14-45 being:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT, CALIFORNIA, URGING MT. SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE (MT. SAC) TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF THE PARKING STRUCTURE PROJECT ON THE NORTH-SIDE OF THE MT. SAC CAMPUS IN THE CITY OF WALNUT WHICH IS DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO EXISTING RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

was an action item duly introduced and approved at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:           COUNCILMEMBER(S)  
NOES:           COUNCILMEMBER(S)  
ABSTAIN:       COUNCILMEMBER(S)  
ABSENT:        COUNCILMEMBER(S)

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Teresa De Dios, CITY CLERK