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Thank you for your time this evening. I'm the parent of two students at Patrick Henry Elementary and I've recently become alarmed at the intent of the Advisory Group to reveal only one site plan to the Board – C1. Unfortunately I missed last night's community meeting, but attended the previous 4 or 5 meetings and there was a consensus among the community that A1 met the most needs. We all saw the feedback results at the end of that meeting.

The most contentious issue, or maybe the only contentious issue, is obviously whether bus access should be on Taney or Latham. I ask you to pledge that safety is the #1 priority here – it is a need, not a want. I don't understand how we got from A1 to C1, and I'm no expert, but I strongly believe that A1 is safer. Perhaps an independent Traffic & Pedestrian ^{Safety} expert should review both site plans and make a recommendation.

I'm probably one of only a few parents that have ever come here to speak, because we all assume the site plan selected will be made in the best interest of the children. I ask that we not cater to a small group of people who've been the loudest. They've had the time and infrastructure to get yours, and the City Council's attention. I'd like to point out that the school was built before those houses were there. I'm struggling with the absurdity of buying a house across the street from a school and then demanding that no school bus access be allowed on that street.

Thanks again for your time.