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Subject: RE: Rose Rock School - email in support
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From: shanah vassar
To: Ahmadi, Kasra G.

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> Date: Mon, 1 Apr 2013 01:44:39 -0400
> From: stephanieroyse@cox.net
> To: howyougonnalive@hotmail.com
> Subject: Rose Rock School - email in support

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> March 30, 2013

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> To Whom It May Concern:

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> I am writing this letter to express my support for the development of Rose Rock School on the property adjacent to the Town & Country addition in Norman. It is my opinion that the establishment of a Waldorf school that can serve a greater number of students in central Norman will be an asset to our neighborhood and the entire community.

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> My children attended Children's House Montessori School in Norman when they were small. While Montessori and Waldorf schools are not identical in philosophy, I do believe they both offer very young learners an understanding about their place in the world and incorporate the vital concept of social responsibility into the students' curriculum at a very early age. The more children who can be exposed to this philosophy the better. They will be the ones caring for our community as we grow too old to do so ourselves.

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> I realize that some of my neighbors have concerns about having the school located near our homes. Of the concerns that were voiced, I felt the only truly legitimate issue was the prospect of rezoning the area. Now that I understand how the change in zoning would be dealt with if someone wanted to build a strip mall or other commercial venture on the property, my concerns have been assuaged.

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> Perhaps most importantly, I am eager to see this piece of property remain in the hands of one owner. Knowing that there are no plans to divide and sell off the property to a variety of owners or tear down the existing home are of great comfort to me. Open spaces are at a premium in our beautiful community and the idea of placing the Rose Rock School on this piece of property sounds like the ideal use for this unique piece of land. Thank you.

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> Sincerely,

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TO: Norman City Council

FROM: Mr. L. Dee Fink, resident *Dee Fink*
234 Foreman Avenue, Norman

RE: My Support for the Proposed Location of Rose Rock School on West Main Street

DATE: March 25, 2013

I am a person who has changed my position regarding the proposed location of Rose Rock School on West Main Street in Norman. At the Planning Commission meeting in May, 2012, I spoke in opposition to the school locating here, citing its excessive size (~250 students) and the resulting traffic/parking problems. But I also said if the school reduced the number of students to, say, 150, I would withdraw my opposition.

Since that time, Rose Rock has drastically reduced the number of students it proposes to have, to 59, and has worked extensively to solve the traffic and parking issues. As a result, I now **SUPPORT** their location on this site, for three reasons:

1. Rose Rock has worked very hard to hear the community concerns and has made significant changes in an effort to accommodate those concerns.

- They have arranged to meet with people in this community, in our community, multiple times.
- They have made extensive changes in their plans for the school, for example:
 - Reducing the size of the school
 - Re-arranging the traffic flow in and out of the school grounds
 - Reducing the total "footprint of the school" on the lot, e.g., no new buildings, reduced light glare to the immediate neighbors, etc.

2. Rose Rock will be a good neighbor in this community.

- If Rose Rock does not come into this location, something else will.
- There are very few home owners or business owners (if that were allowed) who would work as hard as Rose Rock has, to listen to and adjust their plans to our expressed needs.
- The desire to be a good neighbor is part of their whole educational philosophy; that attitude will not go away "tomorrow".

3. Our community should work to accommodate special schools; that is a responsibility we should take on gladly.

- All schools are in a general sense "good" but not all schools have the special character of Rose Rock, to promote a green attitude toward the environment, a "let's learn how to get along" attitude towards other people, and let's help each other learn. This is a very special kind of school.
- When we have the opportunity to keep and support this kind of school in Norman, we should work hard to do that, not create roadblocks for it.

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Mary Jo Tinsley
1512 Sunset Drive
Norman, OK 73069
March 30, 2013

City Council
City of Norman
P.O. Box 370
Norman, OK 73070

I live just outside the 350 foot area, at 1512 Sunset Drive., that has received the notice from the City of Norman about the Rose Rock School zoning at 1515 W. Main Street. I would like to express my wholehearted support for the school.

I am glad that the property was purchased by someone that is interested in keeping the structure same and who is interested in residing at the house to give it a home feel. I was worried that the property would be purchased and torn down to build another gas station, strip mall, more unnecessary houses, etc.

Rose Rock School has done a lot to alleviate traffic concerns by proposing a school of only 59. I appreciate that they have added parking and widened the driveway to accommodate the extra traffic flow. I go through that intersection every day and I just don't see how this could be an issue, especially since they reduced their student numbers. I appreciate Rose Rock School's approach of minimal impact to the neighborhood and support their PUD application.

Rose Rock School has been working with neighbors for about a year in addressing our concerns since the Planning Commission meeting in May 2012. I sincerely appreciate that about them. They have demonstrated to me that they will be strong partners in our neighborhood and our community.

Sincerely,



Mary Jo Tinsley

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To Whom it May Concern;

My name is David Spradling. My family and I live at 134 Crestmont Avenue. This letter is to voice our support for George and Shanah Ahmadi and the Rose Rock School at 1515 W Main.

Our family has discussed this matter and we feel there are several important reasons to support the Rose Rock School and their proposal. These reasons include historic preservation, community and neighborhood growth and property value.

Firstly though, I have had the pleasure to know and spend time with the Amhadis over the last 5 years and I have found them to be honest, forthright and upstanding members of our city. They are exactly the sort of neighbors we want living and working in our neighborhood. Over the course of the last few months I have seen the Ahmadis work very hard to discover and address reasonable neighborhood concerns. It is clear to me they are trying to work with neighbors. I believe they will work diligently to improve the area, serve their clients and make our neighborhood a better place.

The house at 1515 W Main is an historic fixture in Norman and the Rose Rock School plans to keep and use it. Our family is deeply concerned that were any other plan for that property by any other business or development be approved the house would come down. I know the Rose Rock School plans to improve the grounds as well. We are anxious to see the results.

The Rose Rock School also means a chance for our neighborhood and community to grow. The plan is to create a small private elementary school. Our family thinks kids are great and is in favor of more and different educational choices for them. More and different choices is one of Norman's strong points and we shouldn't shrink from it now.

Our last and perhaps most important reason for supporting the Rose Rock School is property value. It is my understanding that having a school in the area will neither increase or decrease the value of our home. However, the same could not be said were another, larger business to decide to move onto that property. We would like to see this community come together to support this locally based business because the alternatives are much less appealing.

Our one significant concern about the proposal is much the same as many others; traffic. Having the Rose Rock School at 1515 W Main will mean more traffic in the area. Rose Rock School has a viable plan to accommodate the extra traffic and lessen the impact on the surrounding neighborhood. We believe this concern to be less significant that the possible benefits of having the Rose Rock School in our neighborhood.

I came to Norman in 1987 and have made this my home. Norman is a city of independence, thoughtful rebellion and boundry pushing free thinkers. We strongly believe the Rose Rock School fits that

mindset and fits our community and our neighborhood. We should welcome their efforts to make our city a better place.

There are many views and many voices in this debate, most all of them important and worth hearing. Thank you for the opportunity to make ours heard.

David Kelso Spradling and Family