

Offered by Councilor Garrison



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ROSLINDALE AND WEST ROXBURY RESIDENTS FIGHTING TO STOP A CHARTER SCHOOL FROM BEING BUILT AT 361 BELGRADE AVE

- WHEREAS,* The City of Boston is being overdeveloped in many areas, including unique places like West Roxbury which has a high percentage of homeowners and senior citizens; and,
- WHEREAS,* 361 Belgrade Ave, which is on the West Roxbury/Roslindale line, is a gateway to West Roxbury and a nearby rotary acts as the hub to a major, 4-lane road way (Centre Street) and a major, 4 lane parkway (West Roxbury Parkway) which navigates to Washington Street and is already a confusing, congested and dangerous intersection; and,
- WHEREAS,* Building a Charter School at 361 Belgrade Ave would be detrimental to many residents as a result of the noise and a dramatic increase in traffic as there is currently no train scheduled to stop at Bellevue Station during school hours and the bus stops 400 feet from the school; and,
- WHEREAS,* The BPDA proposal does not meet the standards that the proposer submitted in their Charter, as the submitted proposal is for about 550 students and 67 staff members, and is roughly 49,000 square feet. Because the size was dramatically reduced, the students will not get the benefits they were promised in what was supposed to be a state of the art school facility; and,
- WHEREAS,* While Councilor Garrison is not against Charter Schools, as she voted in support of them during the 1993-1994 Massachusetts House of Representatives Legislative Session, she nonetheless believes that Charter Schools must be located in the appropriate places in order to succeed, and the vast consensus among residents is that 361 Belgrade Ave is not a good location for a school;
NOW THEREFORE
- BE IT RESOLVED,* That the Boston City Council go on record in support of the residents of West Roxbury and Roslindale and voice strong opposition to the proposal for a Charter School to be built at 361 Belgrade Ave, as it is not the right location for a school and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the West Roxbury Civic and Improvement Association, the Bellevue Hill Improvement Association, and the Roxbury Prep Belgrade Ave LLC.

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