Dear Councilmember Krekorian,

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 43 homeowner and residents associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains from west of the San Diego Freeway to Mount Washington. The Federation’s mission is to protect the property and quality of life of its over 200,000 constituents and to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the hillside and mountain areas in which they live.

The Federation considered the Harvard-Westlake School’s development project beginning at its July 2013 meeting and regularly since then. The Federation is concerned about the massive parking structure with an athletic field on top and the night lighting proposed for the playing fields where there is currently an oak woodland open space. This part of the proposed development also calls for a pedestrian bridge to the east side of Coldwater Canyon Blvd., where the main campus is located. We urge you to support requiring the School to place “Story Poles” to delineate the boundaries and height of this proposed parking structure including the fencing and lighting that they propose for the top of the structure.

Please support our request to have the school install Story Poles 30 days prior to any further City approvals or hearings, so the neighbors, the School and the larger community may see the extent of the proposed changes to the character of this historic area and to the Scenic Highway designation of Coldwater Canyon Blvd.

Also, please refer to our original letter dated August 16, 2013 on this matter.

Sincerely,

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P.S. We have new offices: Suite 104, 12000 Sunset Blvd., #104, Los Angeles, CA 90027. Call 310-855-9016 or info@hillsidefederation.org.