

Palm Street Area Residents Association

Altadena, CA

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Hello Neighbors!

This flyer is intended to introduce you to the Palm Street Area Residents Association (PSARA) in Altadena, and to inform you of some of our upcoming areas of focus in 2011.

Who We Are

As indicated by the white lines within our green logo, as shown on the front of this pamphlet, PSARA covers the following geographic area of Altadena: Palm Street between Fair Oaks and Marengo, plus the streets feeding north and south from that segment of Palm Street: Almond Alley, Ewing, Highview, Raymond, Pentagon off Raymond, Emerson, and the Poppyfields cul-de-sac off Emerson.

We are a group of residents who are desirous in retaining the character and the safety of our quiet and peaceful residential neighborhood. We meet regularly, seeking solutions to neighborhood issues that affect any one of us, remembering that "injury to one is injury to all." Residence or property ownership within the PSARA geographic area, plus a willingness to participate in PSARA activities, is all that is required for membership in PSARA.

Background

This neighborhood association had its start in Fall 2008, when several concerned neighbors came together to address noise and traffic problems associated with the Sahag-Mesrob Armenian Christian School, which had just opened a second campus for 250 day students at 183 – 205 East Palm Street. These concerned neighbors brought the noise and traffic issues to the attention of the Altadena Town Council, and to the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Sahag-Mesrob had opened this Palm Street campus without obtaining a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which is required for operating a school in a residential neighborhood. Sahag-Mesrob was eventually defeated in court, and closed their Palm Street campus in June 2009.

Our Current Area of Focus

You have likely noticed the many red and white "NO SCHOOL ON PALM" signs that appeared in our neighborhood in Spring 2010, when The Almansor Center in South Pasadena announced its intention to purchase the 183 – 205 East Palm Street property, to open a day school for 250 students in who are afflicted with Autism Spectrum Disorders. In Fall 2010, the Almansor Center declined to purchase the property, and the property was then purchased by Philip Clarke of Arroyo Pacific Academy in Arcadia, who has already submitted an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), intending to open a second Arroyo Pacific Academy campus for 250 high school students on the property. PSARA intends to actively participate in all phases of this CUP application process.

On-going Activities

PSARA is working on the formation of Neighborhood Watch groups, planning for disaster preparedness, as well as addressing the speeding problem on Palm Street between Marengo and Fair Oaks. We welcome inputs and concerns from our neighbors.

For More Information

For updated information, please visit the PSARA website at <http://AltadenaPSARA.org>

For questions, or to be added to the PSARA e-mail list, please send e-mail to info@AltadenaPSARA.org

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