

To the Planning Commissioner, the Planning Department, and the City Attorney's office
From David Treiman
August 31, 2007

**OBJECTION TO SEPT. 11 PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 06-035 AND
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO 06-008**

I obtained a document [LATE COMMUNICATION B-1] at the Planning Commission Meeting of August 28, 2007. It is a letter from Bruce Templeton to Ron Santos, Scott Hess, the Planning Department, and the Planning Commission. It is stamped "RECEIVED AUG 27 2007." I have attached a copy of this document following this letter.

This document lists a variety of outdoor activities and uses of outdoor sound systems, and asks that these be allowed without permits. This new document states, "We submit these events to be included in this CUP in deference to e and f."

This is a material change in the CUP application. It includes items that the Planning Department staff has repeatedly said were not included in the proposal. The items are not included in the July 10 narrative, or the revised Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration of July 19, 2007, or the Staff Report for the August 28 Planning Commission Meeting. These activities and these sound systems were not discussed in the Church's noise study.

This clearly requires a new initial study by staff to determine whether to require an Environmental Impact Report or issue a new negative declaration. It also clearly requires a new circulation and public comment period before this can be sent to the Planning Commission for a vote. This cannot legally be accomplished in time for the September 11, 2007 Planning Commission meeting.

Once again I must object to the failure to follow the requirements of California law.

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Referring to conditions set forth in Suggested Conditions of Approval – Conditional Use Permit 06-0351/Variance No. 07-001

Item 5 Section d - "Youth Breakout Room" be removed from the conditions. The Youth Breakout Room is designed for junior high students whose parents are attending worship services. Presently there are approximately 40 students each service.

Item 5 Section e & f - Historically we have held outdoor events within the context of our property that are critical to the performance of our ministry. We submit these events to be included in this CUP in deference to e and f:

Summer Season Kickoff Events

These events provide an outreach for pre-school/elementary aged children and families within our community to come and celebrate the beginning of summer. They can feature games, bounce houses, creative art stations, face painting and similar activities.

- usually June - 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm
- non-parking lot event – tidal court adjacent to multipurpose/chapel
- one day activity for preschool age
- one day activity for elementary age
- sound system required for spoken word and games/activity background music

Summer Preschool Event

This event is also known as our pre-school Vacation Bible School. Throughout the week kids take part in a half-day program learning about God in creative and relevant ways. We offer bounce houses and outdoor games within the tidal court area as activities for the children.

- usually July - 9am-12pm – 5 day activity
- non-parking lot event - tidal court adjacent to multipurpose/chapel
- 150-200 preschoolers, 3-5yrs. Old, with outdoor activities (games, bounce houses)
- sound system required for spoken word and games/activity background music

Summer Elementary Event

This event is also known as our elementary Vacation Bible School. Throughout the week kids take part in a half-day program learning about God in creative and relevant ways. We offer bounce houses and outdoor games within the tidal court area as activities for the children.

- usually late July/early August - 9am-12pm – 5 day activity
- non-parking lot event - tidal court adjacent to multipurpose/chapel
- 500 elementary age children, K-5th; outdoor activities (games, bounce houses)
- sound system required for spoken word and games/activity background music

Fall Carnival – Community Trick or Treat Alternative

This is our annual fall community event that offers an alternative to Trick or Treating. We feature carnival style games, bounce houses, and similar carnival style attractions.

- end of October - 5pm-9pm – 1 day activity
- non-parking lot event - tidal court adjacent to multipurpose/chapel
- 500 children, preschool and elementary age; outdoor activities (games, bounce houses)
- sound system required for spoken word, games and background music

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From meeting on 8-28-07 *SA*

Drive-Thru Nativity

This is our annual Christmas outreach event, now in it's 39th year. The Drive-Thru Nativity tells the story of Christ's birth and the events leading up to it through small dramatic vignettes. These vignettes are viewed from vehicles, as well as those who wish to walk through, who are then strategically guided through our parking lot.

- 3 nights each December - 6:30pm – 10pm
- parking lot event
- 700 cars per night
- sound systems for dramatic spoken/spoken words and Christmas background music in our last scene

Annual Church-wide Celebration Event

These events vary in theme and purpose, but require the use of our property to facilitate our congregation. We typically offer bounce house and activities for the kids, food service and beverage services for our adults, and some form of live entertainment on our campus

- Sunday afternoon, once per year - 12pm – 4pm
- 800 people
- non-parking lot event – multipurpose building/tidal court adjacent to multipurpose/chapel
- sound system required for music and live entertainment

Also, we would request that weddings and funerals be removed from the conditions of Section f to allow flexibility in the planning of weddings and funerals.

Respectfully Submitted,

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