

## Maricela Hernandez

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**From:** Bob Burris  
**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 8:28 AM  
**To:** Raymond Taylor; Maricela Hernandez  
**Cc:** Michael Russo  
**Subject:** Fw: City Council 6/10/20 meeting – agenda item #12 – public comments

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**From:** Joe Chilco <joe.chilco@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** City Council 6/10/20 meeting – agenda item #12 – public comments

With regard to agenda item#12, please see my comments below.

My wife and I moved to Calabasas in 1991 because of the schools. Our kids attended Lupin Hill, A.E. Wright and Calabasas High School. Both went on to college and earned a degree.

It's important to note the results of ballot Measure V indicate that Calabasas voters supported it. Of the total votes cast, 57.57% were in favor. The City of Calabasas was the only jurisdiction where Measure V broke the 55% threshold for approval.

Support for our schools has always been money well-spent. Tax hikes are not popular with most people. The money to maintain our school facilities and the level of academic excellence offered must come from somewhere. Taxes are often the source. However, if this approach continues to meet with resistance, the City Council needs to innovate in order to produce the results the voting public wants.

Having the means to provide the best education possible is critically important and finding new ways to achieve those means should be a major priority for the City Council.

I urge the City Council to continue its annual support of local Calabasas schools through the applicable PFC.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Chilco  
Calabasas resident (address on file)

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**From:** Bob Burris  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:27 AM  
**To:** Raymond Taylor; Maricela Hernandez  
**Cc:** Michael Russo  
**Subject:** Fw: City Council Meeting - Item 12 BUDGET re school funding

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**From:** John Suwara <johsuwa@yahoo.com>  
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**Subject:** City Council Meeting - Item 12 BUDGET re school funding

We are writing regarding the General Fund Expenses for Las Virgenes Unified School District. In the revised budget presentation, we are pleased to see funding for the majority of items has been restored. However cutting the school grants amount in half is very disappointing.

School funding by the state will be reduced dramatically for the foreseeable future. Yet districts have the same curriculum needs as before in addition to mandated requirements regarding health and safety during the pandemic.

LVUDD is cutting expenses to the bone where they can and these cuts will filter down to the classrooms and students in one way or another. Please restore the school grants to the original amount. It will be money well-spent. Children are our future!

Thank you.  
John and Joanne Suwara

June 8, 2020

Calabasas City Council  
100 Civic Center Way  
Calabasas, CA. 91302

Re: **Item 12 on Agenda (Budget)**

Dear Mayor Weintraub and Councilmembers:

I hope that you and your families are staying healthy these days. I wanted to pass along some comments in advance of the next Council meeting.

I realize that our City's budget will be decimated due to the pandemic and reduced revenue, resulting in an approximately \$3 million shortfall. Spending cuts will be necessary; however, I believe that we need to be judicious about where we cut. I'm completely in favor of cutting all City special events (Pumpkin Patch, 4th of July, etc.). I even favor instituting progressive cuts in staff salaries. I believe those making over \$200,000/year should receive the largest cuts. Staff making between \$200,00/year to \$100,000/year should receive progressively smaller cuts. I believe staff making under \$100,000/year should not receive cuts. I also believe that we should not make cuts to hourly and part-time employees; these are the people who can least afford to take a financial hit.

Where I become uncomfortable with budget cuts is to our school grants and programs. Our schools should be the last place that we take cuts. Our schools will be facing cuts from the State, so it's even more important that we maintain our funding. I believe there are a couple of programs that we could cut, but the fiscal savings would be minimal (Every 15 Minutes \$5000, Walk-to-School Program \$1500). I believe our grants (\$250,000) and Before/After School Aides (\$14,100) should not be cut — even if that means dipping into our reserve funds. Before/after school programs should be maintained as those help working parents; ultimately, that helps our economy rebound.

I believe maintaining funding to our school grants and programs would be supported by our community. Measure V obtained a majority vote throughout the LVUSD, but missed the necessary "super majority" by just 0.17%. In a discussion with another resident, it was pointed out to me that Calabasas voters overwhelmingly voted in favor of Measure V (57%). That clearly demonstrates that schools are a priority to the residents of our city.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Best regards,  
Frances Alet  
Calabasas