

**Pacific Elementary School District
Resolution # 2018-7**

**A RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
REGARDING THE CEMEX PLANT PROPERTY REUSE**

WHEREAS, we, the elected Board of Trustees of the Pacific Elementary School District, in Santa Cruz County, have an interest in the reuse of the CEMEX Cement Plant property, we are writing from the perspective of the school community, with the goal of highlighting potential opportunities and impacts to Pacific School District.

WHEREAS, the CEMEX property is located in the Pacific School Elementary District, which is one of the smallest in the County. Pacific has a current student enrollment 117. We are funded via Average Daily Attendance, so our budget is highly dependent upon having an enrollment that maximizes our capacity. Because the district is small and the number of K-6th grade children is also small and variable, the school has prided itself on providing a unique educational atmosphere that attracts students from nearby districts in order to assure that we have sufficient attendance to fund the school.

WHEREAS, the parents at Pacific Elementary are engaged and provide countless hours of volunteer work, direct donations, and fundraising appeals to provide for school programs and assist with maintenance and infrastructure. In a word, our school is dependent upon our community.

WHEREAS, we believe that the reuse of the CEMEX plant provides a unique opportunity to stabilize school enrollment, school funding and the Davenport community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the benefit of the school and the community, we strongly believe that any reuse plan should include residential development. While we recognize the importance of visitor-serving businesses, the community is in danger of losing itself in solely catering to North Coast tourism. While the proposed reuse plans include limited housing for business employees, we believe that the plan should go beyond this. Indeed, we feel that the reuse of the plant provides the opportunity to create a “Really Newtown Davenport” that would link the New and Old town communities that have been separated for a century. A modest influx of families with children will assure the viability of the district. This is particularly important, as K-6 enrollments have been declining in Santa Cruz County. Thus, we are resolved to strongly encourage the Board of Supervisors to consider a plan that includes permanent residences, at roughly 30% increase of current residents for the community. This will provide the needed infrastructure support, economy of scale, and stability of attendance to assure the long-term survival of our small Pacific Elementary School District.

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Abstentions: _____

Absences: _____

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

President, Board of Trustees