

Submit a California Public Records Act Request to Carmel USD

The Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) is committed to transparency and providing easy access to public records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA). The California Public Records Act gives the public the right to access records created and maintained by public agencies in the course of their normal business.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6252(e), a public record is defined as "any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics." Public records requests may be used to obtain "records," which include a wide variety of documents and other materials (including print, photographic, and electronic formats) that were created or obtained by the organization and are, at the time the request is filed, in the organization's possession and control.

Records subject to disclosure under the CPRA may include email or other communications from members of the public or which reference them. While the District reviews all responsive records to determine if this information should be disclosed, in many cases references to members of the public, or the content of their communications to the District are subject to disclosure. Permissible exemptions from disclosure include documents that invade an individual's right to privacy (e.g., privacy in certain personnel, medical, or student records) or hinder the government's need to perform its assigned functions in a reasonably efficient manner (e.g., maintaining confidentiality of investigative records, official information, records related to pending litigation, and preliminary notes or memoranda).

Name of requestor: *

First and last name

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Email of requestor: (Responses will be provided to this email address) *

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Your request: (To enable staff to respond to your request as efficiently as possible, please include: The date range for the records requested; the department that holds the records (if known); and the types of records, including any important keywords. Please do not include any confidential information.) *

Carmel Residents were pleased that the 2021 Draft EIR for the proposed Carmel High School Lights was delayed and is under revision to address the serious and valid concerns raised by the community. The significant gaps included:

- Glare and Light Pollution: 44 luminaires using over 74 Kilowatts. No lumens given. Without Dark Sky Friendly Certification, residents from Scenic Drive to the top of Outlook Drive will be impacted.
- Size of the Lights: Four 80-foot poles, 2 ½ times the height of football goal posts and higher than the Portola Plaza Hotel. Tourism is critical to the lifeline of our local businesses. Carmel High School is the visual anchor to our community.
- Traffic & Parking Safety: 2,000 projected attendees. Neighborhood encroachment by residential street parking is not addressed anywhere in the Draft EIR. Imagine 2000 folks clamoring and competing on narrow, unlit, curvy streets at night, looking for a place to park their cars. Not safe.
- Number of Events: 37 identified Carmel Games and the California State Civic Center Act compels that every public-school facility is a venue for the broader public may utilize for other purposes.
- Noise Pollution: No measures given to control increased noise levels, in new evening hours, to stay within noise ordinance levels of 85 DB from 50 feet.
- Environment: "Potentially Significant Impact" on the Environment to include Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Air Quality, adjacent Hatton Canyon wildlife and no mitigations suggested.

It's unfortunate we continue to spend taxpayer's dollars to shore-up the inadequate work done by CUSD and the project lead, Dan Paul, Manager of the Facilities. Cost estimates for the total project are now closer to \$4.5 MM and include ripping up beloved tennis courts that were built with funds raised by local donors.

In anticipation of the next Draft EIR that is due this Spring, this is a request under the California Public Records to receive all public comments that were submitted to the original Draft Environmental Impact Report ("EIR"), for public review and comment between August 13, 2021 and September 27, 2021. This should be a fast and easy request that can be met in the 10-day legal requirement. We hope we don't receive another fancy letter from your attorney continuing to block access to information. Your list of CPRA requests that you are not responding to within 10 days is getting pretty long.

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