

PETITION TO THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL OF LOS ALTOS

WE, the undersigned, were surprised to learn that the City of Los Altos is planning to end its preschool program and open up an RFP for private entities to bid on using the preschool facilities. It is alarming that the city is planning to eliminate this long-standing program without providing parents or the community notice, transparency into the decision making process, and a chance to address any concerns.

THAT, the Tiny Tots preschool program has been in existence for 50+ years, many former students are now sending their own children to participate. The program sets children up to become engaged citizens through the unique opportunities they have to interact with other community organizations through regular field trips and activities. A quality preschool program with a low student to teacher ratio and an affordable price has countless benefits for not only students, but the community as a whole. High quality early education programs attract residents and prepare students for success in Los Altos schools.

THAT, the program consists of experienced teachers with a passion for early childhood development, the school provides an environment which allows the children to learn and thrive. The staff has gone above and beyond to provide a quality experience, even through the trying times of the COVID pandemic. It is disturbing that the city is contemplating laying off highly qualified teachers during a nationwide teacher shortage. The proposed implementation timeline means there is a high risk that the program cannot be successfully offered next year as it will be challenging to contract with a private entity, hire new teachers, and enroll students in time for next school year when enrollment began months ago at other local area schools.

THAT, outsourcing to a private entity will result in a decrease in program quality, an increase in tuition, and the loss of highly experienced and dedicated teachers. The city can alter the economics of the program without introducing a middleman that will extract funds for its own benefit. The addition of such a middleman will only serve to worsen the experience for students, parents, and teachers at the school.

OUR REQUEST is that the city delay their decision and first attempt working with the parents and community to continue the long successful legacy of the Tiny Tots and Kinder Prep programs. A collaborative solutioning process should be fully attempted before a decision is made to shutter and privatize our local school without consultation of parents, students, teachers, residents, and advisory commissions.

Sincerely Yours,

Ashley Hawrylyshyn, Current parent

Ryan Nolan, Current parent

Jenny Lin

Erika Tang, Prospective parent and Los Altos resident

Jena Wise, Past parent, Los Altos resident

Rachel Massaro, Silicon Valley Community Health Researcher
Marina Post, Current Parent
Gina Kim, Los Altos Resident
Casey Davis, Prospective parent
Elizabeth Stewart, current Tiny Tots parent
Stephanie Lin, current Tiny Tots parent
Citlali Tolia, Past parent/ Los Altos resident
Tiffany Martin, Past Parent
Ashley Lu, Prospective parent
Jennifer Keller, Past Parent, Los Altos Resident
Eduard Keller, Los Altos Resident, Past Parent
Tony Lu, Los Altos Resident
Feng Fang, Prospective Parent
Kjell and Helene Karlsson, Past parent of a Tiny Tots and Kinder-Prep student
Susanne Wisén, Past parent
Marie Rosland, retired teacher
Barbara Loebner, Los Altos resident
Thea and Steve Merrill, Long-time Los Altos residents, had two children in the MVLA system
Maggie Kwan, Prospective parent, Los Altos resident
Jane Holt, los altos resident
Erin Tressler, Past parent (2 kids)
Jane Vaden, Incorporated Los Altos resident
Jessica Behrmann, Current parent and past parent
Patty Hurley, 37 year resident and past Tiny Tots parent
Jayanti sharma, Current parent
Ted Wertheimer, Los Altos Resident
Danika Dellor, Past parent
Chandani Tamang, Prospective parents
Albina, Prospective parent
Jeannette Ring, Past parent and lover of all things Tiny Tots related!
Sarah Calleija, Past and prospective parent
Patrick Ring, Big brother to sister who attended
Alice Ring, Former Tiny Tot, current 7th grader at Blach
Leigh Burns Quan, Former teacher and parent of a tiny tot graduate
Leea Guy, Recreation coordinator who over saw tiny toys
Sara Brannin-Mooser, Past preschool parent in Los Altos
Claudia Meyer, Former Teacher & Director at Tiny Tots. Los Altos Resident
Catherine Dellor , Past parent/Los Altos resident
Christine Larsen, Former Los Altos resident and supportive friend of current students
Jake Humble, Resident
Marina Eisenbud, Mountain View resident and parent
Lanjun Wang
Andrea Carella, Los Altos resident
Linnea Sloan, Los Altos resident

Katherine Carpenter, Los Altos resident, parent of schoolage kids
Muhammad Wang, Prospective Parent
Linda Roy, Los Altos resident
Linnsey Nil
Paul Carella, Los Altos resident
Victoria Hambly, Past
GayLynn Ribeira, Past parent
Jacy Tse, Current parent, Los Altos Hills resident
Hollie Halpin, Past parent
Heather Katta, Past parent and current Los Altos resident
James Ring, Parent of former tiny tot, Mountain View resident
Chrishnika Paul, Past parent and Los Altos resident
Lisa Martins Skaggs, Los Altos Resident
Melanie Hinse, Past Tiny Tots parent
Meeta Nashru , Parent los altos
Shannon Campos, parent of LAHS students (past and present)
Anusha Natarajan, Los Altos resident
Sarah Wu, Past parent
Andrea Barnett, Los Altos resident
Jonathan Wu, Past Parent
Jeff Chung, Current parent 2 LAHS students
Sonia Soo, Current Los Altos resident and parents to LASD schools and LAHS
Ali, Paraeducator/family member of Los Altos Resident
Kay Chin, current & past parent
Yvonne Hildebrand, current Los Altos resident
Ben & Jessica Mullen, Past student and Los Altos Residents
William Hsu, Grandfather
Joann Barboudesplaces, Los Altos resident
Jeanine Valadez, Los Altos resident and member of the public
Anne Schmidt, past parent and Los Altos resident
Ray Abrishami, Past
Beth Kelly, Past Parent
Leeanne Kromer, Past teacher at Tiny Tots 1985-1996
Andrei Selikhanovich, Past parent (3 kids graduated from Tiny Tots), Los Altos resident
Jeff, Los Altos resident
Benjamin McCann, current parent
Nancy Tucker, Over 40 year resident of Los Altos
Mary Chin
Marjan Yahya, Current parent and resident
Kevin Lu, Prospective parent
Jessica Thomander , Current
Jane Holt, current and long term Los Altos resident
Sara Kiani , Los Altos North resident and parent to young kids
Meredith Purser , Current Tiny Tots parent

Dorothy Hsu, Grandmother
Eileen Fairley, Prospective parent, Los Altos resident
Lu Wang, Los Altos resident
Jenna Arruda, Los Altos resident, Previous Tiny Tots parent, community pediatrician
Linda Palmor, Current resident
Ginny Leung, current parent, Los Altos resident
Meri-Beth Bird, Past parent of 2 children that attended Tiny Tots
Sunny Early, Parent
John C Lukrich, Parent / Los Altos resident
Chris Roat, Los Altos resident
Malcolm Early, parent
Jennifer Walker, Los Altos resident
Beth Markus Lukrich, Los Altos resident
Valerie Klazura, parent of TT Alums and Los Altos resident
Mary Gallivan, Past parent
Riley Gallivan, former Tiny Tots student
Conor Gallivan, Past tot!
Annie Gallivan, Alumni
Jack Deely
Courtney Quinlan, Former Los Altos resident
Skylar Scull, Los Altos resident
Rich Gallivan, past parent, Los Altos resident
Elizabeth, Tiny Tots Parent
Scott Snedden, Past parent of two Tiny Tots alumni
Seamus Gallivan, Alumni of Tiny Tots
Dana Kawaguchi, Past Tiny Tot parent
Lily Chin, Tiny Tots Alumni
Kirby Hansen, current Los Altos resident
Myla Santos, Previous Tiny Tots Preschool Teacher
Karen Hansen
Hayden Brown, Current Los Altos resident and parent of young kids
Ryan Brown, Los Altos resident
Blaine Dzwonczyk, Tiny Tots Graduate Class of 2000, current high school teacher
Ye Dong, prospective parent