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Los Angeles Unified School District  
Local District 4  
Thomas Starr King Middle School  
4201 Fountain Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90029

To Whom It May Concern:

The Los Feliz Improvement Association Schools Committee is in complete support of the establishment of a new Environmental Studies Magnet at Thomas Starr King Middle School. Established in 1916, the Los Feliz Improvement Association is the oldest homeowner association in Los Angeles with a long history of support of schools and education. We are confident that an Environmental Studies Magnet Program would greatly enhance the educational opportunities and achievements for students at the school.

The proposed Environmental Studies Magnet would offer greater public school choice for both the King resident and greater Los Angeles/LAUSD community. In addition, the environmental theme of this proposed magnet would build on the work of our organization by providing students with avenues for meaningful involvement in their neighborhoods by preserving resources and bettering their city for themselves and their fellow citizens. Inasmuch as John Marshall High School has an Environmental Studies Small Learning Community the matriculating students will enjoy both the educational advantage as well as the enhanced community experience of continuing participatory studies in this field.

The Los Feliz Improvement Association would like to be involved in the development and implementation of the new Environmental Studies Magnet at King. As a partner in education, we would consider contributing the following:

- Continued annual financial support for planting of trees, flowers and scrubs.
- Volunteer participation in campus clean-up events.
- Join with faculty and students in the exhibitions of special projects.
- Publish news of activities and accomplishments in the Los Feliz Improvement Association Observer distributed to over 1000 households in the community.
- Continued political advocacy for needs at Thomas Starr King MS where appropriate.

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It is our sincere hope that the application for the Environmental Studies Magnet at Thomas Starr King Middle School is granted for implementation during the 2011-2012 school year. Our Schools Committee looks forward to working with King during the program's planning year and implementation. We are committed to partnering with King and other community organizations in providing the highest quality educational experience for all students while at the same time increasing the levels of student involvement, service, leadership, and volunteerism in our community.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Seligman, President

Marilyn Bush, Schools Committee Chair