



April 26, 2019

The Honorable Albert J. Robles, Mayor  
City of Carson  
701 E. Carson St.  
Carson, CA 90745

**Subject: Catskill Elementary School Co-location – OPPOSE**

Dear Mr. Mayor,

We, the San Pedro Democratic Club, support the Catskill Ave Elementary School. We do not support charter school co-location at the school. We are aware that GANAS Academy co-location will destabilize the school learning community by taking away resources such as the computer labs, campus library, counseling room, and play yard. We are concerned that Catskill's 71-year legacy of serving Carson families with fully credentialed experienced teachers, Dual Language, School for Advanced Studies/Gate, English Language Learner, and Special Education programs will be adversely impacted if co-habitation takes place.

The San Pedro Democratic Club has more than 90 members from the South Bay/Harbor Area including the City of Carson. As a club we believe our schools should serve all students. There have been many instances where charter schools exclude minorities, special education students, and English Language Learners. Furthermore, we believe that schools should transparently include the community when making decisions. We are concerned that GANAS Academy may be failing to do this. In conclusion, we support the parents, teachers, and community members who oppose the co-location of GANAS Academy at the Catskill Avenue Elementary School.

Democratically yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Scoville".

Carrie Scoville  
President

cc: The Hon. Cedric Hicks, Mayor Pro Tem  
The Hon. Lula Davis-Holmes, Councilmember  
The Hon. Jawane Hilton, Councilmember  
The Hon. Jim Dear, Councilmember  
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