



CITY OF CHARLESTON PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC COMMENT APRIL 19, 2023

A meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023** at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Public Meeting Room, First Floor, 2 George Street.**

The following written comments will be provided to the board members 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The comments will also be acknowledged into the record and summarized. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in person to speak in order for comments to be fully heard.

Application information is available at www.charleston-sc.gov/pc. Please check the website on the meeting date to view any withdrawn or deferred agenda items.

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First Name	Last Name	Address	Submitted Comment	Date/Time Submitted
Rezoning: 17 Magazine Street				
1 Comment in Support				
Nigel	Cooper	NA	See attached letter	Submitted to staff
Subdivision: River Road and Swygart Blvd.				
58 Comments in Support				
Melanie	Andersen	3037 Grand Bay Lane, Johns Island	The overcrowding at Angel Oak is affecting students' successes. We are in desperate need of another facility for both Angel Oak and Mt Zion. Johns Island has grown substantially, and we need to keep up with that growth. Please keep our children and families needs a priority!	Apr 7 2023 1:15PM
Laura	Dority	3224 Hydrangea Trail, Johns Island, SC 29455	Angel Oak Elementary is overcrowded and it is impacting educational goals. Johns Island is expanding and deserves a new school to continue to accommodate our growing population. We pay taxes and we want our taxes to go towards a new school that will benefit our children.	Apr 7 2023 1:34PM
Laurel	Williams	3308 Dunwick Dr	Current school is overcrowded! Mt. Zion and Angel Oak need to be combined. This needs to happen due to the growth of Johns Island.	Apr 7 2023 1:36PM
Michael	Stokes	2916 Caroline Rose Path, Johns Island, SC 29455	Johns Island schools are overcrowded with numerous classrooms in trailers and other outdated facilities. With the rapid growth of Johns Island our families deserve new facilities to support the population growth and to support all of our children on their educational journey.	Apr 7 2023 1:39PM
Ann	na	na	Johns Island is growing so fast and our schools cannot keep up! Classrooms are over crowded which affects our children's learning! my child is at angel oak and currently in 3rd grade and is learning in a trailer outside of the school! This is not fair to him and the other children. Not only do we need a new elementary school but we need a new middle school! If we want to keep children on the island we need these new schools.	Apr 7 2023 2:09PM
christina	Peterson	1588 point park drive	Not only will this school fix the over crowding at Angel oak it could open up a school to house the head start program so more of our early childhood children in our community could have access to quality education.	Apr 7 2023 2:09PM
Kimberly	Milligan	2873 Thunder Trl Johns Island, SC 29455	Need to avoid overcrowding of our current schools. Our district would benefit so much with a newer, larger school.	Apr 7 2023 2:15PM
Ginger	Severs	3468 Acorn Drop Lane	As a parent of two children at Johns Island schools, I am concerned with the current school capacities. At present, the schools are overcrowded which creates larger classroom sizes per teacher, and offers fewer resources per child. There is an urgent need for newer facilities for both AOES and especially Mt. Zion ES. The growth on Johns Island is happening at a rapid pace and the schools must create a new facility in order to keep up.	Apr 7 2023 2:45PM

Greg	Moore	1646 Sparkleberry Lane	I've had 2 kids at AOE from CD to the last one finishing 5th grade this year. Eight years ago the student population was approx. 450, it's now close to 800. We need another school now. Ms Condon and her staff have done an outstanding job with the resources that they have but we've outgrown the current facility and it's impacting the staff's ability to remain effective.	Apr 7 2023 3:06PM
Courtney	Pickard	3012 rushland mews	We are very excited to have a new school on the island to support the growth of our community.	Apr 7 2023 3:41PM
Natalie	Bernens	4463 Chisolm Rd	Overcrowding at angel oak elementary. My daughter has class in a trailer. Students have a lot of kids in their classrooms, which gives each student less attention & focus.	Apr 7 2023 5:45PM
Molly	McLean	1782 Hickory Knoll; Johns Island, SC 29455	This is not a want, this is a need! AOES is overcrowded, affecting the students' education. I have lived on John's Island since 2010 and the amount of growth, especially with young families with young children is astounding. The Johns Island teachers deserve new facilities. If we do not get this, what is the alternative? More trailers for students? That is not a permanent solution. We deserve better.	Apr 7 2023 6:21PM
Katie	Erickson	6134 Chisholm Road	This project would benefit the students at Angel Oak due to the overcrowding which affects the student's academic success. Johns Island families deserve a new campus due to substantial growth.	Apr 7 2023 7:47AM
angie	mundy	angiephenix5@gmail.com	Angel Oak Elementary is currently very overcrowded. Every classroom and office is currently in use in the building and there are 12 trailer classrooms in use outside. This poses safety and health concerns. D9 is in need a new school to help alleviate these issues. It needs to be built to assist with the huge growth Johns Island has been going through and will continue to go through.	Apr 7 2023 8:00AM
Sheila	Garth	2881 Cavalcade Circle Johns Island, SC 29455	Angel Oak is over crowded and unable to support the student population growth. Two grade levels (CD and 3) are placed in trailers, unable to be part of the main campus during classroom instruction. With the continuation of the growing population on the island, it is inevitable that another school will need to be built in the near future, and being proactive by moving forward with the current plan allows the district to avoid future crowding problems. The students deserve better!	Apr 7 2023 8:09AM
Kristin	Craft	1940 Pinehurst ave. Charleston, SC 29414	I have taught at Angel Oak Elementary School since 2014 and have also taught at Mt. Zion. Our school is overcrowded, and it affects our students' ability to learn and be successful. I currently share a classroom with another teacher, and teaching 2 groups of students at the same time is very distracting and chaotic. These also tend to be some of the students with the highest need in the school. We have many classes in "learning cottages" because the building is not big enough to house all of our students. Our school grows every week. We	Apr 7 2023 8:14AM

			need a new facility that is well-planned and factors in the constant growth that is happening on Johns Island and in Charleston County. The Johns Island community deserves to have adequate facilities to meet students' educational needs and goals.	
Robyn	Markovic	2756 McFadden Way, Johns Island, SC 29455	A new elementary school on Johns Island is desperately needed to effectively educate all of the children who reside on the island. A new school will allow for smaller class sizes, less crowding, and updated learning spaces that are conducive to 21st century learning. In addition, a new school will ensure that ALL Johns Island students receive equitable access to a strong education.	Apr 7 2023 8:19AM
Rachael	Fowler Jeffcoat	3104 Plow Ground Road	Hello! As both a Johns Island resident and a current teacher at AOES I am in support of a new D9 school. Our students at both Mt. Zion and Angel Oak deserve updated learning facilities to reflect the rapidly growing community. For the success of our students, we need an additional building to accomodate all of the new (and continuing) growth. Overcrowding at our school negatively impacts educational success and modular (trailer) classrooms are not the ideal learning environment that our youngest community members need to be successful! All John's Island families will benefit from a new school campus. Please approve a new D9 School to support our students!	Apr 7 2023 8:42AM
Waring	Jordan	6134 Chisolm Rd	Overcrowding at AOES is affecting the students' educational success. Johns Island families are deserving of a new campus due to substantial growth, Multiple grade levels have students learning in trailers. Substandard facilities at Angel Oak ES & Mt. Zion.	Apr 7 2023 9:33AM
Barbara	Ambrose	1133 Holloway Court, Johns Island, SC 29455	Johns Island has grown so rapidly over the last several years. I am so thankful that the overcrowding of our current schools is being addressed. I would like to see the project be approved ASAP so that overcrowding does not become more an issue. The education of our students' is of utmost importance. Thank you.	Apr 7 2023 9:35AM
Mindy	Richardson	3329 Tabard Rd., Johns Island, SC 29455	The overcrowding at Angel Oak Elementary School affects the student's educational success. The community has a need for newer facilities for both Angel Oak Elementary School and Mt. Zion Elementary School. Johns Island families deserve a new campus due to substantial growth on the island and a need to support it. Students currently have to learn in trailers, which excludes them from the school atmosphere.	Apr 7 2023 9:47AM
Deborah	LaRoche	3408 Thorpe Constantine Ave, Johns Island	A new school will greatly ease the overcrowding at our two current elementary schools, brought about by the tremendous, largely unchecked growth of neighborhoods, townhouses, and subdivisions on Johns Island in the last several years. As a long time resident of Johns Island (20+ years) and parent of two public school students, it is important	Apr 7 2023 9:51AM

			to me that ALL children on Johns Island have an opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, welcoming school setting that is conducive to learning.	
Leanne	Vance	3248 Joe Wright Rd. Johns Island, SC 29455	Overcrowding at Angel Oak Elementary is affecting the academic success of the students. New facilities are needed for both Angel Oak and Mt. Zion. Due to substantial growth, we have lower grades students in classrooms without restrooms, which means they have to travel in the hallway without adults to use a restroom. The island continues to see substantial growth, which means both schools will run out of any space that is left and have overcrowded classrooms.	Apr 7 2023 10:02AM
Emily	Davis	1526 Innkeeper Lane Johns Island	The children of Johns Island need a new school for this rapidly growing area. The current school is a treasure, but are outgrown due to so many new neighborhoods and families moving to Johns Island.	Apr 7 2023 10:11PM
burnell	smith	5851 octavia ave., Ravenel sc 29470	Angel Oak Elementary is over crowded. Learning is very important and we need to make sure every child get the attention that is needed. The new school will give us this additional room to be flexible to assist our children . As the Data Clerk here at Angel Oak, I have seen the growth over the years. When I first started in 2007 our school enrollment was 273 students, our school enrollment now is 780 student. We need the new project to be pass to accommodate our community.	Apr 7 2023 10:26AM
Chris	Eller	1537 Fishbone Dr	Growth in Johns Island is booming, so this project is imperative to maintaining and improving student-to-teacher ratios and educational standards.	Apr 7 2023 11:25AM
Leslie	Fipps	n/a	There is a high need for newer facilities for both Angel Oak Elem. and Mt. Zion. Due to the influx of people moving to the island the last several years, both of these schools have experienced a substantial amount of growth. The overcrowding at Angel Oak Elem. has had an effect on students abilities to grow	Apr 7 2023 12:17PM
Anna	Stokes	2916 Caroline Rose Path	Overcrowding at Angel Oak Elementary is affecting the students' educational success! Students are located in trailers that flood, contain mold, and classroom size hinders learning. Johns Island families deserve a new school due to substantial growth!	Apr 7 2023 12:37PM
Courtney	Goodin	2754 Sunrose Lane, Johns Island SC 29455	Johns Island has seen tremendous growth the past 5 years with only more development ahead. Students are in trailers due to overcrowding and the district is unable to meet the demands of the community size. Johns Island needs a new elementary school as soon as possible.	Apr 8 2023 4:07PM
Amanda	Peterson	3265 Hartwell Dr Johns Island SC	School is not large enough to support the families on Johns Island - it's overcrowded and kids are learning in trailers. Johns Island continues to have an influx of young families and we need a school system big enough to support that growth.	Apr 8 2023 7:38AM

Kenneth	Melton	3702 River Rd. Johns Island, SC 29455	School is needed badly to reduce overcrowding. Mt. Zion infrastructure is currently unacceptable to children's educational success. Due to unregulated growth on the island, our children deserve an adequate educational environment, not more trailers. Our tax base and tax dollars demand a new school to improve the educational environment of our students.	Apr 18 2023 11:26AM
Sara	Hastings	204 Tall Oak Avenue, Charleston, SC 29407	John's Island has become overcrowded and needs an additional school. Our students are currently learning in trailers that are almost at their full capacities with not enough space for proper learning. With recent school safety issues, it is also concerning to not have teachers and students in a secure school building. The community deserves an upgraded learning facility for upper elementary, as well as renovations to the existing schools.	Apr 18 2023 9:24AM
Holly	Moore	The retreat	We need newer facilities with more space for our students to learn and succeed. Trailers are not a long term solution.	Apr 18 2023 10:30AM
Patrikina	Cline	1035 Leonard Drive Johns Island SC	Johns Island is in need of a new elementary school to serve all the families that are moving here. Angel Oak Elementary is over capacity and the old Mt Zion school property does not support a new building due to sewer issues. After much research the current concept plan is the most viable.	Apr 18 2023 7:59AM
Bradley	Taggart	1633 Jessy Elizabeth Road, Johns Island	As a resident and parent of three children on Johns Island I strongly support the application for the new D9 school. Our children are crowded into trailers. The optics of this overcrowding has begun to damage the impression of our schools which had been on the upswing lately. Keeping in mind the delays that naturally accompany any construction project, please accept the application as is so that we can have the doors open for the 2024 school year. If we delay the application and allow "paralysis by analysis" we risk cheating our children out of another year where they don't have proper facilities.	Apr 17 2023 8:48AM
Katie	Rush	n/a	This is an extremely necessary project. Students at Mt. Zion Elementary on Johns Island desperately need a new school. As someone who works there and daily send my own children there, it is in desperate need of a replacement. Students daily learn while surrounded by literal mold and active termites. The septic is out of date and capacity. The building has been neglected for decades by the county and it is now unsafe for our students and staff. Students often learn in trailers- used ones passed down from other schools. These trailers ALSO have mold and termites. Please approve this project so our students can have access to a healthy, clean, not overcrowded learning environment- as all other students in CCSD are given that opportunity.	Apr 17 2023 8:53AM

Pamela	Taggart	1633 Jessy Elizabeth Road, Johns Island	Our Johns Island students are suffering from a major space squeeze. Kids are learning in trailers, and school administration are having to make trade offs in what can be offered to students by converting non-teaching spaces into adhoc classrooms. It negatively impacts the students learning when teachers literally have to rewrite their lesson plans due to too many bodies and not enough space for normal early-childhood learning activities that require hands on participation (when every inch is taken up by desks). We shouldn't require our kids to sacrifice their learning (not to mention their health with COVID in cramped quarters) due to something that is so imminently solveable. Please approve this project and soon! Give our third child (going into AOE next year IF there is room) the chance to learn and grow in an appropriate environment! Thank you.	Apr 17 2023 8:14PM
TIFFANY	WHALEY	6009 MAYBANK HWY WADMALAW IS, SC 29487	in support	Apr 17 2023 7:46AM
Erik	Wilsgard	1309 Segar Street	Desperately needed. Start now!!	Apr 17 2023 7:47AM
Antonio	Prioleau	2813 Cavalcade Cir Johns Island SC 29455	As a D9 citizen and parent to a student currently at AOES, with the current growth here in Johns Island AOES along with other Island schools are going to become even more overcrowded. Our children DESERVE adequate educational resources at their disposal so that they will succeed. All families deserve the right to have a new campus in our community so that students can have the adequate student/teacher ratio, adequate classrooms instead of having to be displaced into trailers from overcrowding.	Apr 16 2023 3:02PM
Luchelle	Brisbane	4017 Prosperity Road Johns Island SC 29455	I support the New D9 School Project.	Apr 8 2023 12:47PM
Alyson	Huggins	8009 Spotted Bass Court	There is overcrowding at our school affecting the students' educational success. We need newer facilities for both AOES and Mt. Zion ES. Johns Island families deserve a new campus due to substantial growth. Students are currently learn in trailers.	Apr 9 2023 5:41AM
KC	Schroder	1933 Halle Rd Johns Island SC 29455	We desperately need a new elementary school on Johns Island. As a parent, I witness the impact of overcrowding and neglect at our current schools. We need to do better for the Johns Island community. This school is a great first step!	Apr 9 2023 11:05AM
Andrew	Sbarra	4425 Rice Mill Drive	I am in favor of the new D9 school. Angel Oak elementary has begun to become over crowded and adding a new school will help make room for the growing population of John's Island which will help for learning and safety.	Apr 17 2023 2:56PM
Sandra	Delgado	3659 back Pen Rd.	They need a New school please the childre need it. Ángel Oak	Apr 17 2023 3:18PM

Christine	Franklin	2387 Lenwick Hall Lane Johns Island 29455	The schools are over crowded for the children to learn properly.	Apr 17 2023 6:14AM
Kevin	Sterling	Michelle Lane 29455	Build the school and start tomorrow. AOE is overcrowded with students forced to learn in trailers separated from school and support staff. These trailers have been added yearly from the time the school was built. Teachers are overloaded and forced to exhaust themselves because of their workload and it's probably difficult to maintain morale. Obviously development on the island is not slowing. The only way to not build a new school beginning tomorrow is to stop all new development on JI and honestly that I am not opposed to either. Thank you, Kevin	Apr 10 2023 11:14AM
Chelsea	Moore	6048 Chisolm Road Johns Island SC 29455	I teach at Angel Oak Elementary School and I am a parent of an AOE student as well. We have absolutely no room for new students. As is, one of our special areas has to come to classrooms on a cart, students cannot all have an assembly at the same time, and several classes are separated from their peers in trailer units outside. We need a new school because the Johns Island population is only growing.	Apr 11 2023 7:54AM
Patty	Dennis	188 Midland Parkway	The schools on John's Island are horribly overcrowded. There are currently 12 classes in Mobile Units at Angel Oak Elementary. Not only are these units overcrowded, they force the students in all of these classes to brave the weather several times each day to get to special areas, dismissal, and lunch. There are no covered walkways or awnings to protect the students from rain. The areas flood with very little rainfall so they are forced to walk through standing water each time they leave class. The spaces are far too small for the number of students in the rooms. There are 25 third grade students in approximately 600 square feet with little to no storage for class room supplies and materials. This is not the best learning environment for these students. There is also the question of safety. In a weather emergency these students would be at more risk than those housed in a brick and mortar facility.	Apr 16 2023 1:22PM
Ashleigh	Conatser	3240 Dunwick Dr. Johns Island 29455	Johns Island families deserves a new campus due to substantial growth, students having to currently learn in trailers and being too crowded in the schools.	Apr 16 2023 6:09PM
Katie	Neighbours	3606 Rabun Ct. Johns Island	Angel Oak is very overcrowded and with all of the new and continued growth on John's Island a new elementary school is essential.	Apr 16 2023 6:51PM
Ana	Esparza	3323 Island Estates Drive, Johns Island SC 29455	Our children deserve a new school that will help them have a better chance in learning without an over populated school. Our children deserve the same opportunities other children have in other regions in Charleston County. It is not safe for	Apr 16 2023 7:17PM

			children to be outside of a building having to be in trailers because of overcrowding. IT IS UNSAFE!	
Stephanie	Jenkins	3412 Thorpe Constantine Ave Johns Island	We are in dire need of a new school. With all these new home comes new families. Our community is already overwhelming the schools we have!	Apr 16 2023 7:25PM
Jessica	Chappell	1645 Jessy Elizabeth Rd	With the growth to Johns Island we need another Elementary school to assist with the current over population.	Apr 16 2023 7:28PM
Brenda	Farnsworth	1026 Summerall Road, Johns Island	With the growth of the Island growing so fast. Our schools has to keep ahead of the growth for our children's education.	Apr 16 2023 8:51PM
Tara	Mande	3081 Penny Lane, Johns Island, SC 29455	I am writing in support of this project. As a D9 parent, I hope to see this project begin as soon as possible. My children (and those of all the Johns Island elementary schools) have been dealing with overcrowding for years. Johns Island families desperately need newer facilities that accommodate our area's growth. Our students deserve a school where they can thrive and succeed. Thank you for supporting this project.	Apr 16 2023 9:24PM
Stacey	Richardson	3015 Marlin rd. Johns island,SC 29455	Over crowding in Angel Oak Elementary has decreased students educational success!!	Apr 17 2023 1:21PM
Juana	Rodriguez	1623 Langston Dr Johns Island SC 29455	overcrowding at our school affecting the students' educational success, the need for newer facilities for both AOES and Mt. Zion ES, Johns Island families deserving a new campus due to substantial growth, students having to currently learn in trailers, etc.	Apr 17 2023 2:16PM
Subdivision: River Road and Swygert Blvd.				
5 Comments in Support with Concerns about Traffic Issues				
Charlee	Porcelli	2861 Ortega Dr	The exponential growth of Johns Island warrants the district's attention, especially in regard to the schools. Mt Zion is a great school but is significantly in need of updated facilities for students. Angel Oak is overcrowded with students in trailers. The overcrowding does not provide the best resources for students and teachers. the neighborhood near the proposed new school will be needs to be properly addressed with speed bumps and River Road is very concerning for many parents. It is not a safe road and should be looked into as well as so many more families would be using this road. Johns Island continues to be overlooked in terms of resources and facilities for our kids and deserve the same attention as Mt. Pleasant and surrounding Charleston areas. While we are on this, the high school needs to be reviewed for appropriate facility updates as Johns island grows. Our kids deserve better.	Apr 17 2023 8:09PM
Meg	Samples	1120 Twitchell St, John's Island	Although I support the school being built in the area, my concerns are the roads and traffic issues that will happen. River Road is currently lacking shoulders and many spots the edges are crumbling. It is a narrow road and there have been many	Apr 8 2023 10:10PM

			accidents in the same area that the school will be built. Please address and plan properly for the infrastructure needed to keep children and residents safe and the influx of traffic.	
Perry	Jameson	1823 Four Paws Path	We need a new school on Johns Island so I support the project. However the location of not ideal. River Road will not be able to handle the traffic just like Main and Chisolm Road now.	Apr 7 2023 8:51PM
Paul	Sebestyen	1130 Rearick Rd. Johns Island, SC 29455	As part of the planning, traffic calming measures (speed bumps), and sidewalks will be needed on several of the streets in the Swygert's Landing neighborhood. The following streets are direct cut-throughs to 2 out of the 3 proposed entrances: Claybrook St., Updyke Dr., Ostrom Alley, Moonbeam Dr., Sarnoff St., Tebalt Dr., Twitchel St., Eckenrod Alley. If the traffic calming measures are not put implemented, I will personally chaperone all Swygert's Landing students wishing to walk/ride their bike to/from school via Claybrook St. This street does not have sidewalks, so that would happen in the road. Given the volume of kids that would favor this option, I suspect that would cause considerable delays and frustration.	Apr 10 2023 1:14PM
Allie	Delaney	2840 Claybrook Street	In support of new school. AOE is over crowded and needs a new school to support the growth on the island. Please also address concerns of traffic impacting the roads and neighborhood the school attaches into. I fear it will be a mess of traffic without the infrastructure of new roads to support.	Apr 7 2023 10:05AM
Subdivision: River Road and Swygert Blvd.				
15 Comments in Opposition				
Sara	Marshall	1518 Chastain Road	Any money spent on public schools should be spend on improving the middle school and high school on Johns island.	Apr 7 2023 3:10PM
Anonymous Concerned	Citizen	Anonymous	This proposed school is in a TERRIBLE location for all those involved! While I support the idea of a new school for Johns Island, and agree that our children need it, CCSD has not taken public comments received to date into consideration. This proposed school is going to be located on one of the most dangerous roads in the entire state, near one of the most dangerous intersections (Brownswood and River). And you want bus even more children and put even more cars on an already terribly roadway!!! That's INSANE! CCSD states that they did a traffic study of how the surrounding roadways and the adjacent neighborhood of Swygerts Landing would be impacted, but that traffic study has been hard to find, at best. Not to mention, the main thoroughfares through Swygerts Landing leading to the school (Sarnoff Rd, Teabalt, and Moonbeam) are not even included in that traffic study! How does that show due diligence? Swygerts Landing is not equipped with sidewalks or appropriate roadways to support school traffic through the	Apr 7 2023 4:28PM

			<p>neighborhood for buses or pick up lines. Not to mention, the neighborhood will become more of a cut through for traffic from River Rd to Brownswood than it already is. As a homeowner on Sarnoff St, it already a race track and dangerous for our children! We don't need it to be worse! Further, funneling all elementary aged students to one end of the island during rush hour traffic is only going to exacerbate already terrible traffic getting off the island in the mornings. Those parents who would typically would be dropping kids off on the opposite side of the island and then turning right onto Maybank at the intersection of River, now will join all of us leaving this end of the Island and sit in the terrible traffic to turn left onto Maybank! Again, not well thought out! The rebuttal will be that people can leave the island via Main Road -- those leaving the island via Main also sit in terrible traffic which will likely back up all the way to Brownswood with additional traffic being added to River from those dropping kids off at the school. Even with a staggered school schedule, there is 0 chance that parents would be able to make it to both schools due to the traffic nightmare that will result in the construction of this school. And again, all traffic will cut through Swygert's Landing to Brownswood in an effort to shave a few minutes off the travel time! But that wasn't accounted for in the traffic study! Beyond the negligence and lack of care CCSD has shown for the safety of our students, the negative impacts to those who live on Johns Island, CCSD has also shown a lack of care for the environment. CCSD has yet to obtain permits for development from the Corps, DHEC, NFIP, Stormwater, etc. The proposed school would result in impacts to wetlands and streams and would result in tremendous compensatory mitigation costs that tax payers shouldn't have to shoulder! That money should be spent on our children!!!! Not to mention, Johns Island already has a flooding issue -- further developing wetlands will only make this problem worse! Find an upland parcel and develop that! The homeowners on Moonbeam would be very grateful to NOT have their flooding issue worsened by this development! Beyond the wetland impacts, bald eagles have been observed numerous times on and near that property, as well as American Wood Storks in the ponds nearby. Further, the Northern Long Eared Bat has just been listed as endangered and all tree-clearing work may result in impacts to this endangered species. Have bat surveys been done on the property or has it been surveyed for other endangered species? A public hearing needs to be held on this matter because the voices of the public, the neighbors, the parents, and the community have NOT been heard by CCSD! I have</p>	
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			attended public meetings on this school in the past and everything that was said was ignored. This is the chance for the City of Charleston to do what is right by the tax payers and the people who live in and love this place! Again, I support the idea of a new elementary school for Johns Island, but this location is NOT where it should go! Please force CCSD to re-evaluate this alternative -- There are plenty of others on Johns Island!	
Anonymous	Na	Swygerts Landing homeowner	I am all in favor of a new school for John's Island, but this location has not been well thought out and I as a citizen have not felt heard. I have submitted comments to other city meetings for my concerns to not be addressed at all. I thought citizen input was important? The school is being proposed to be built at a dangerous intersection. How many people last year died at the intersection of Brownswood and River road? And CCSD wants to add traffic in that area? With children in the vehicles? I feel like CCSD has not acknowledged any concerns and not been open to any alternative locations. As a member in the Swygerts Landing neighborhood, the school has not addressed any traffic concerns for us. There are only two ways in and out of the neighborhood. How is it not going to become a gridlock at school drop off and pick up times? River road gets backed up from Maybank to Murraywood every weekday morning. Now we are just going to add for traffic to be backed up past brownswood road? This has not been well thought out at all. Not to mention what flooding impacts will happen to the Swygerts neighborhood when that much impervious surface is built? CCSD needs to find a new location for the school.	Apr 7 2023 4:47PM
Bill	Stewart	1101 Tebalt Drive. Johns Island SC 29455	As a homeowner in Swygerts Landing, it is extremely disturbing to me how far removed decision makers are with regards to this proposal. There have been 3 deaths due to vehicle accidents from Brownswood road to the River road entrance to Swygerts, yet I haven't see any mention of that in any of the published traffic studies. I also encourage whoever is in charge to actually utilize surveys of the current Swygerts landing neighborhood. River road is scarcely equipped to handle two way traffic now let alone with the addition of numerous buses and parent pickup vehicles. In addition, once vacation time travelers begin to arrive, it is nearly impossible to drive anywhere on River road for about 4 months of the school year. Also, why does the county feel it's prudent to spend more money on a new facility when one is already in existence at Mount Zion. Simply upgrade the sewer system since that seems to be the hindrance and use what we have instead of wasting land on another unneeded project. This would also potentially allow you to actually pay teachers commensurate with all that you expect	Apr 7 2023 5:16PM

			them to execute on a daily basis. I personally do not want all of the projected traffic in front of my house and believe this to be an unnecessary and unwanted proposal. Stop this wasteful spending and actually utilize funding to improve the road infrastructure in Charleston as a whole.	
Anonymou s	Anonymous	NA	I am opposed to the construction of this school. They are proposing entry and exit on one of the most dangerous roads in the county we have had three deaths this year and in this week alone 3 accident by where they are wanting to place construction. They also are building over marsh and not preserving the land. Multiple construction permits have been denied for this same reason. They could have chosen to build where they have land at the Mt Zion location but are not wanting to due this due to the need to upgrade the sewer system. In addition the traffic pattern is already over crowded and their current plan has no way to get student to and from the school in order to provide for a full instructional day. By no later than 7:15 I am unable to get off the island either way for approximately 45 minutes without the new construction completed for apartment or houses that are already underway. In review of these items I do not see away that this infrastructure can withstand the nature of what school traffic or a bus lot housing of 90 buses going in and out can be manageable or safe for residence or the students at CCSD.	Apr 7 2023 5:17PM
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Anonymous	Anonymous	Anonymous	The neighborhood and community members that this would actually affect directly (Swygerts Landing) should be approached for comments and input before this is approved. A new school is definitely needed on the island but this location is NOT where our children should be— this location on River rd is NOT safe.	Apr 8 2023 9:40AM
Matthew	Reynolds	2816 Ortega Dr	This is a recklessly planned project putting residents and families at risk by not building up the road infrastructure to handle the increased traffic. Not only are residents being disregarded, but the DOT even acknowledges the infrastructure as failing. Too many wrecks already happen on Johns Island.	Apr 9 2023 10:32AM
Very	Concerned	Tax pAyer rd	Please do not put this school here! The island needs a new school but not at the risk of making traffic and the #of fatalities on a River Rd much worse!!! If 526 were in place this wouldn't be as terrible of any idea	Apr 10 2023 8:06PM
Anonymous	Na	29455	Please find a new location for the school. This is a poorly chosen location.	Apr 11 2023 11:56AM
Please	Listeb	Johns Island Resident	Please reconsider the location of this school. This is a terrible site and does not address MANY of the concerns of the community. Also, CCSD has done a terrible job at engaging the people of Johns Island and actually LISTENING to the concerns that have been presented by the few who have been engaged. Traffic studies need to be done on County roads not just SCDOT roads. The traffic study does a terrible job of addressing an ongoing and worsening problem on Johns Island. No one has addressed the number of fatalities that already occur in River Rd near the Brownwood intersection. No one has addressed the flooding of the nearby neighborhoods or where the water will flow when all of the fill is brought in. CCSD hasn't engaged with the neighborhood that is directly impacted by adding car rider lines, drop off/ pick up, bus traffic and parking, additional through traffic from those whom will be rushing	Apr 17 2023 6:16PM

			from school to school. No one has addressed the safety concerns of the neighborhood that HAS NO SIDEWALKS nor was it permitted to be a curb and gutter neighborhood with side walks. There are no speed bumps, very few stop signs, and LOTS of near misses of small children already!!!! Please, find a better location of this school for all of those who will utilize it and for those that live in the area and will VASTLY impacted by the additional traffic that the school will bring.	
James	F	Johns Island	I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed location of the construction of school D9. As a retired city planner with over 40 years of experience, I have seen firsthand the many challenges and issues that can arise from hasty and poorly planned projects. My primary concern with the proposed school is its placement. From my analysis, the location of the school is highly problematic, and it will undoubtedly cause significant traffic issues and safety concerns in the area. The area is already congested, has poor roads and adding more traffic, regardless of the proposed road changes will only make it worse. Moreover, the placement of the school and its entrances/exits going through a large neighborhood is one of the most inconceivable things I've seen in my 40 years of work. There is no doubt in my mind a child will be seriously injured because of the sheer volume of traffic, speeds and timing. In closing, I implore you to take a step back and evaluate the proposed school's placement more carefully.	Apr 17 2023 9:53PM
I live here	I care	Concerned Resident	Overcrowding is a problem. But this is not the fix! combining all students onto one side of the island only exacerbate so many problems that already exist on Johns Island, to include traffic, flooding, safety, etc. please block this location, not the whole school.	Apr 17 2023 6:19PM
Anonymou s	Na	Na	The proposal is for the John's Island area to go from two schools to two schools. I understand that the new school will hold more students, but I feel does not show foresight into future growth. What will happen when inevitably this school will become overcrowded too? I think CCSD needs to pick a better location that will support future growth.	Apr 10 2023 3:18PM

151 Queen Street
Charleston
SC 29401

April 8, 2023

Planning Commission
c/o City of Charleston Department of Planning, Preservation, and Sustainability
2 George Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Planning Commission Members,

I am writing to you in support of the rezoning application for 17 Magazine Street. I am a neighbor who lives within a block of the property, and I have spoken with the applicant about their plans for the property and their reasons for the rezoning request. I feel that if this request is granted, they will be able to bring significant value and benefit to the neighborhood.

The property's context and history make this rezoning appropriate. 17 Magazine St is a dilapidated and vacant building that is surrounded by commercial uses. On one side is the renovated Old Charleston Jail, which will be used for tours and office space, and a psychiatric therapy practice occupies office space on the other side. The building at 17 Magazine appears to have some history of commercial use, as it housed a travel agency as recently as 2009. One building away is the corner of Logan and Magazine Streets, where other commercial uses including a funeral home and the women's clothier Worthwhile co-exist with student rentals.

I support the applicant's request to use 17 Magazine Street for neighborhood-friendly commercial uses that could enhance and create a synergy with the adjacent and surrounding businesses and residences. Limited Business zoning would allow for a small retailer, small office or live/work space, or a small coffee café. All of these are uses that both exist in the near vicinity of the property and are welcomed by the community.

In short, I feel that with a Limited Business zoning the property at 17 Magazine Street could be made into something much more beneficial for my neighborhood than a dilapidated and vacant former residence. I applaud the applicant for the effort they are making to renovate the Old Charleston Jail next door, a truly important project for the City of Charleston, and I support their request to rezone 17 Magazine Street to add an amenity for the neighborhood. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nigel Cooper", written in a cursive style.

Nigel Cooper