



On October 23, just days before the Getty Fire, BCA reps advise MSMU of the dangers they are putting our Bundy Canyon in, as well as their own student body. Over the years BCA rang the bells of concerns to Councilman Bonin, the City of LA and MSM. We all know our plights on the early morning of Oct. 28th, 2019 when the GETTY FIRE breaks out.

PLEASE sign our online petition at BundyCanyonAssociation.com.

BCA reps will be walking the canyon and visiting to your home in person with our petition for you to sign. Share your thoughts. Reach out to us at BundyCanyonEvents@gmail.com

1. Letter to MSMU from Bundy Canyon Association lead:

From: JACQUELINE BACAL [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2019 2:04 PM

To: Debbie Ream <dream@msmu.edu>

Cc: mike.bonin@lacity.org <mike.bonin@lacity.org>; Kathleen King <kathleen.king@lacity.org>; Stefanie Michaels ; [REDACTED]

Subject: The insanity of your proposed build

Hi Debbie,

As I watch on TV the fire and evacuation in Pacific Palisades, I am absolutely appalled that Mount St Mary's University thinks that a build of 35,000 sq ft Wellness Centre with the obvious intention of increasing enrollment and further commercializing your facilities in a high hazard fire zone is appropriate and safe for your students, faculty and staff let alone the residents of Bundy Canyon.

I would also like to know what event was held at MSMU last week that required the use of 5 extra large tour buses? I know that several of our residents have asked for an answer with no response so far. One has to wonder why?

I am also under the impression that MSMU had agreed to hold Homecoming events at your downtown location. Please clarify this arrangement. I await your response.

Jacqueline Bacal
Bundy Canyon Association

2. Letter from MSMU Representative back to BCA lead:

From: Debbie Ream <dream@msmu.edu>

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 2:53 PM

To: JACQUELINE BACAL [REDACTED]

Cc: "mike.bonin@lacity.org" <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Kathleen King <kathleen.king@lacity.org>, [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: The insanity of your proposed build

Jaqueline -

Unfortunately your email contains incorrect information and mischaracterizations about several items.

You know we have no intention of increasing enrollment or to "commercialize" the new facility. Instead, we are ensuring our current students have the facilities they need to excel. I will not continue to debate this deliberate falsehood with you.

With respect to the event held on campus last week, this event has been taking place for many years. It is one of our most important recruitment events of the year, in which underrepresented minority and low-income high school students and their counselors come to campus so that they have an opportunity to learn about the college education they could receive at Mount Saint Mary's. They are coming from their high schools via bus as their only mode of transportation. Many of these students' parents don't drive, or otherwise have the ability to get their kids to campus. We also instituted busing for this event to minimize the number of vehicle trips.

The comment about Homecoming is also incorrect. At no time have we discussed moving Homecoming from the Chalon Campus.

The continued misrepresentations about MSMU's plans are destructive because neighbors are not getting the true story. There is absolutely no "insanity" in building a wellness center to serve our existing students. The Bundy Canyon group has demonstrated that it doesn't really want to work with us. It has retained legal counsel to file a request for revocation on our conditional use, and is trying to close the university and deny our students – a majority of which are the first in their family to go to college – an education. Given that, should there be any questions or comments in the future about the proposed facility, please have your attorney reach out to Victor De la Cruz, our legal counsel, at vdelacruz@manatt.com and he will reply if necessary or appropriate.

Debbie Ream
Mount Saint Mary's University

3. Letter from BCA lead back to MSMU

From: Stefanie Michaels

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:12 PM

To: Debbie Ream <dream@msmu.edu>, JACQUELINE BACAL, <len.nguyen@lacity.org>, Krista Kline <krista.kline@lacity.org>, [REDACTED]

Cc: "mike.bonin@lacity.org" <mike.bonin@lacity.org>, Kathleen King <kathleen.king@lacity.org>, [REDACTED] <vdelacruz@manatt.com>,

Subject: Re: The insanity of your proposed build

Debbie,

Let me first step in here to navigate this email and your responses.

Per the MSM DEIR, there ARE plans to commercialize the campus, as it has done so illegally over the years with industries such as the entertainment business using it as a filming location as just one example. Based off of your CUPs, it clearly states that this campus is to be used as an educational facility only.

As you have noted, "we are ensuring our current students have the facilities they need to excel"...

WE absolutely agree and have been contacted by students asking that we step in to ask you that we help negotiate for them with you, because of outdated things like books, study materials, things like biology equipment and so on. They noted that several of them (students) have brought this to your (MSMU) attention to no avail, and that the "wellness center" is less than needed compared to these other needs. We have hesitated to step in on this, albeit with your letter

below, I feel this must be brought to your attention as it seems to be a more viable request for their educational concerns.

More so, via your DEIR, your plan IS to INCREASE your student body, which currently sits somewhere around 1500 or so asking to raise it to 2200 students. So, THIS IS NOT A DELIBERATE FALSEHOOD from Jaqueline Bacal. The plan is to increase your student body at the Chalon Campus, whether MSMU feels they should be allowed this or not.

This would bring MORE people, visitors, MSMU faculty/students/etc., Lyfts, Ubers et all, support vehicles, etc. etc. etc. to our canyon and tiny streets to your campus. It's not rocket science that this is inevitable to happen with your expansion plans and all of this all pouring onto Sunset Blvd. in the end.

Regarding the annual event that is held at your campus mentioned below. I have been here since 2002. It's only been in the last several years the uptick in the size with large school busses getting stuck on our narrow windy streets, see complaint from David Dian just a few years ago, when a bus on North Saltair got blocked there. The busses have continued to get bigger and larger and taller, whether or not they hold the same amount of students is irrelevant to a point, it's that our streets cannot take the size of these vehicles nor can we risk them getting caught on these streets should an emergency happen. (See image).

We appreciate the fact that you are recruiting some low-income students, but then why every time I report a student speeding, turning down Norman, not letting me out of my driveway to stop long enough for proper driving respect, do I see them in mostly brand new vehicles, inclusive of one yesterday—three girls in a brand new sooped up mustang with double exhausts that made it sound like a mag truck—another issue of noise here in our delicate canyon. How can these poor students afford such vehicles?

As far as your bussing, we have reported over and over that your buses are often empty, or are with a few students in them. We have also noticed an uptick in Lyft and Uber cars that carry these students up and dismissive of our complaints to you, still turn down Norman after drop offs.

We also have been told via other groups from years before, who took issue with campus activities, who negotiated things like graduation that was moved off campus to the DTLA campus, also so were other events such as Homecoming.

Regarding the Bundy Canyon Group not wanting to work with you...

We met with you and other groups at the campus several times, and both Kathleen from BHA and I were waiting for new dates from YOU to continue to meet to get answers to our questions. Apparently, you needed to get your people who met with us schedules to get us a new date... which NEVER HAPPENED. **THIS FALLS ON YOU** and the team from the college we were meeting with.

"It has retained legal counsel to file a request for revocation on our conditional use, and is trying to close the university and deny our students – a majority of which are the first in their family to go to college – an education."

Let me break this comment down for you.

We have retained counsel. We have NOT filed the request for revocation—that is another group. SO, to say we have mischaracterizations about several items again, FALLS ON YOU!

We are NOT TRYING to close the University and deny your students an education. THIS is an ABSOLUTE LIE you have created to perhaps make Bundy Canyon Association look bad and use this as an excuse to not have to deal/meet with us?

We only ask that you operate within your conditional use permit, which at last count was 750 students. You have doubled that count with the current student body.

Congratulations to MSMU for educating those first in their family to go to college. BRAVO! In fact, MANY UNIVERSITIES offer this, so to hang your hat on this and throw this at us is absolutely disingenuous, as you charge many of them for classes they don't take and leave them with loans they can't afford. Yes, we have heard from students on this as well.

In the end Debbie, this is about not only protecting our homes, our right to living in peace, but also to work with you all to protect your own student body. We live in an extremely dry and red flag area. This week alone, fires in the palisades and right here on Kenter, at home which backs up Bundy, not so far from any of us here in Bundy Canyon.

And, the traffic. Now, with all the Ubers, Lyfts, and other rideshare companies sitting here waiting for students to call them to be picked up from campus and or those who take them to get to school, who aren't allowed to drive and park there, we've seen an INCREASE in vehicle traffic at all hours of the day and night, and adding to our dreadful Sunset traffic.

Our Bundy Canyon is a disaster waiting to happen, and instead of your concern for we neighbors, it's all about the campus and expanding and serving your student body, who is JUST AS AT RISK AS WE ARE!!!

We absolutely can talk to Victor. Should he like to, he can reach us at our emails on this note back to you.

We also have been open to meetings with you all should you be interested in this as well, but we would expect honesty, transparency about your operations, proposed plans, traffic counts, etc.

Thank you,
Stef Michaels