

RESOLUTION 2009 – 12

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES REQUESTING THE LA PORTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THOROUGHLY EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE SITES BEFORE RECONSTRUCTING BAYSHORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OTHER THAN ON ITS PRESENT SITE.

WHEREAS, Bayshore Elementary School has been an institutional part of south La Porte and Shoreacres for more than four decades; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Shoreacres desires to continue as community partners with the La Porte Independent School District to serve our mutual constituents, both students and taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, Bayshore Elementary School is located in a quiet residential district well suited to the young age of its students; and,

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ike has caused great damage to Bayshore Elementary School displacing students who now attend class on five different campus; and,

WHEREAS, The residents and citizens of the City of Shoreacres represented by it's City Council desire to quickly recover from the effects of Hurricane Ike and maintain the social fabric of their small community; and,

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ike has damaged more than eighty percent of the 691 homes in Shoreacres and many of those homes will be reconstructed and occupied by new residents; and,

WHEREAS, The City has already observed, and further anticipates, that new residents in Shoreacres will have a significantly increased number of school age children that would be well served by Bayshore Elementary School in it's present location; and,

WHEREAS, Hurricane threats, while serious, are infrequent and occur with sufficient warning to allow any school campus to be evacuated well in advance; and,

WHEREAS, Other community threats, while perhaps equally infrequent, can and do occur without warning that would allow students to evacuate campuses safely; and,


WHEREAS, There has been little discussion and open dialog with the citizens of Shoreacres; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Shoreacres hereby offers this resolution of support for a thorough evaluation of alternative sites before reconstructing on other than the current site, knowing that the citizens consider a neighborhood school one that is within walking or nearby driving distance and essential to the well being of our young children.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of March, 2009.

ATTEST:

David K. Stall, City Secretary


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