

Gordon and Betty Evans
1769 Valley Park Avenue
Hermosa Beach, Ca 90254

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Dear Dougherty and Dougherty

Thank you for considering the thoughts of our neighborhood about plans for Hermosa Valley School. We have lived at 1769 Valley Park for 42 years. Our three children all attended the Hermosa Valley School. We continue our interest in this outstanding neighborhood school.

I was a member of the Hermosa Beach commission that evolved Pier Avenue Junior High School into a community center. It was our intent and understanding that the Hermosa Beach School district would always have the first right to the auditorium and gymnasium. I have not heard this mentioned at any of the board meetings.

Another concern is the "sand hill" and walkway. In our city there is a shortage of East West corridors. This access to downtown Hermosa Beach has been used by Hermosa residents for 41 years. The only other route to downtown is Pier avenue or the steep 24th street (which does not have sidewalks). It seems important for the community to keep some style of a passageway open for the students, mothers and caregivers. This sand dune is connected to the El Segundo sand dune and forms a natural hill from North to South along the beach cities. It would seem environmentally incorrect to change this lovely and natural hill.

Please let us know anyway we might help.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon & Betty". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gordon and Betty Evans