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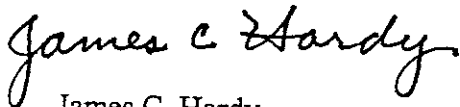
Dear Ms. Rosas:

Pursuant to your formal request regarding any remaining land that is zoned for school purposes within the boundaries of Foster City, please find enclosed the Zoning Map for the City of Foster City. Public schools are allowed in the PF (Public Facilities) zoning designation. The current PF zone includes the four sites owned by the San Mateo-Foster City School District for the three elementary schools and one middle school, the several sites owned by churches and several sites owned by the City. Of these city-owned sites, only the 15 acres adjacent to the Government Center is vacant, undeveloped land. Presently, the City Council has approved business terms for the lease of 11 of the 15 acres and is processing the land-use approvals for a mixed-use development to include senior housing, retail establishments and a public plaza. The remaining 4 acres (located in the southeast corner of the property) had been reserved for a public charter high school but that reservation was recently rescinded by the City Council. It should be noted that 2 of these 4 acres are under the PG&E transmission lines and therefore, planned to be the continuation of a parking lot as parking is a permissible use under the power lines. That leaves 2 acres outside the PG&E easement that is "buildable". You may, however, want to check the Education Code as in the past there has been reference that a public school is not permitted to be located within a certain distance of electrical transmission lines.

In the spirit of full disclosure even though it was not requested in your letter, the City of Foster City does own a vacant, undeveloped parcel that is approximately 4 acres located between Beach Park Blvd. and the levee at the terminus of Halibut Street (not far from Bowditch Middle School). The current zoning designation is CM-PD as it was at one-time part of a proposed Marina development. Any rezoning of the property would need to go through an environmental review process and any proposed development would need to go through the City's planning process. By mentioning this site, I make no representations as to whether or not this site would be acceptable as a public school site.

Because the City of Foster City has also received a number of inquiries and concerns from parents and community members regarding the impact on Foster City schools of the present and projected student enrollment combined with the expectation that Foster City residents would be assigned to and be able to attend Foster City schools (unless they voluntarily elect to take advantage of special programs offered at one the San Mateo schools), it is important that there be an open dialogue between the City and the San Mateo-Foster City School District on this issue. By copy of this letter, I am requesting that Superintendent Pendery Clark contact me at her earliest convenience to begin this dialogue.

Sincerely,



James C. Hardy
City Manager

Enclosure: Zoning Map

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