#### Letters

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By writing these type of "calm down" round mails rather than offer quick, outstanding and out-of-thebox-solutions you make yourself a target. And we don't want you as a target, we ask you to help and provide pragmatic solutions.

Please forget for a second your official helm and try to watch it from our end: three teachers have developed cancer, multiple others, including kids, have developed symptoms and the school's director and his assistant have left one of the best schools in the country at the same time this summer, after Mr. Block had surgery ... and independent test results provide additional facts showing the highest PCB concentration ever—7,000 times higher. Would you really trust standards and agencies with the life of your kids?

So with all due respect, we are not lobbying here: Please help us, we need your lead and can't do it without you.

Heiko Schmidt

#### Taking an interest in Malibu

The following was sent as a letter to the SMMUSD Board.

It has come to my attention, as well as many parents, that the school board has spent a substantial amount of money that should be slated for cleaning up the school on attorneys to defend the board against culpability in hiding the environmental problems at Malibu Middle and High Schools. I think it's unacceptable.

This school is a dilapidated and antiquated building that should be torn down and rebuilt. We live in an affluent enough community that our kids should not have to attend school in old, ready for demolition buildings that are loaded with toxic caulking.

It is my belief that this school board is not at all concerned with what happens in Malibu. Since every school board member is from Santa Monica, I feel that they are only concerned with what happens in the Santa Monica schools.

find a way to throw out the cur-

rent board members and vote in new members who will be more forthcoming with information and take more of an interest in Malibu

Abby Bloch Parent of a sixth- and ninth-grader

## The future of Malibu Urgent Care

Without Malibu Urgent Care, Malibu would have no medical care available after hours, on weekends and during holidays.

Friends of Malibu Urgent Care is a nonprofit organization that funds these after hours. Otherwise, Malibu Urgent Care could not afford to stay open these additional hours, 365-days a year.

Imagine having to drive to Santa Monica or Thousand Oaks for urgent care—especially during summer gridlock. Malibu is not large enough to support a hospital, but we are fortunate to have an urgent care that is staffed daily by boardcertified ER doctors.

For the past eight years, we have been working toward building a new, state-of-the-art urgent care facility in Malibu's Civic Center area. Unfortunately, the proposed Reiner Initiative would be detrimental to everything we have worked hard to achieve. While some shopping centers would be exempt from this initiative, the location where our new urgent care is to be located would be in jeopardy of never being built.

Please support Malibu Urgent

Friends of Malibu Urgent Care Helene Eisenberg, President, Jack Evans, Vice-President, Marlene Matlow, Secretary, and Marca Kaufer, Board Member

## **Effects of** developing Malibu

Thank you for your fine piece on the heart and soul of Malibu.

Malibu's DNA, for better It is my sincere hope that we or worse, contains a passionate involvement with development issues, and even a touch of the Wild West. Picture Grandma Rindge, whose family once owned all of Malibu, standing with her men, rifles at the ready, to keep the state from coming in with a railroad and a roadway.

Decades later, the community rose up to remove ourselves from the county's jurisdiction to become the City of Malibu precisely on the issue of development and to put these decisions in the hands of the local Malibu community.

Once again, Malibu dwellers are asserting themselves to establish some control over their future. We knew rents were driving local and small businesses out of Malibu. But we didn't know that we are all at the mercy of absentee hedge fund flippers and the brutality with which this system operates. Hopefully you and John Evans (whose bookstore is closing at the end of the month) will educate us further on these grim realities.

We are not anti-development or anti-business. We are pro-Malibu. We are concerned that future commercial development will negatively impact community safety, degrade the natural beauty-and value-of our community, and lead to further horrendous congestion and infrastructure burden. In short, will we be paying the costs into perpetuity while the developers reap the profits, throwing us a bone here and there?

Carol Moss

# **Support for Israel**

As the world watches yet another assault on tiny Israel and its best efforts to defend itself, I encourage everyone who loves Israel and its brilliant people to send as large a donation to the State of Israel as possible. America has in its history always stood up for the good cause and for the little guy. Israel is both.

While America hates no one, we have always been the one nation guaranteeing Israel's survival. Let us pray for Israel and all the people in that area that are suffering today.

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