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The DEIR only evaluated the alternative for 800 housing units or 2400 units. The impact for 3000 or 4000 units are not considered at all.

The DEIR states

"Students in the project area attend Collins Elementary School or Eisenhower Elementary School, 97 Lawson Middle School, and Cupertino High School. Currently, 717 students are enrolled at Collins Elementary School, 624 students are enrolled at Eisenhower Elementary School, 1,228 students are enrolled at Lawson Middle School, and 2,273 students are enrolled at Cupertino High School."

All of the schools in the attendance area are at capacity or a little over capacity. For the General Plan buildout, **the DEIR estimates to add 528 elementary school students (almost an entire school) plus 158 middle school and 158 high school students.**

There is simply no capacity to accommodate 528 more students in Collins or Eisenhower. Plus, more housing projects are being approved in San Jose, which will fall in Eisenhower too. At 1228 students, Lawson Middle School is at capacity too. Cupertino HS is also at its highest capacity so far.

The overall enrollment of CUSD/FUHSD might be declining, but the area with student population decline is near the south western area of the district, far away from Vallco area. In order to accept more students near the Vallco area, the districts will need to somehow re-district or encourage students to attend alternative schools, which will likely create more traffic congestion and need for transportation services. Such impact on the school districts are not identified and the mitigation methods are not identified.

The decline in student population elsewhere in the school districts do not automatically create space for students from Vallco.

The travel time to a school with more capacity needs to be considered. Additional traffic mitigation or crossing guards for the added traffic congestion should be considered.

The DEIR did not sufficiently evaluate the impact on the schools near Vallco or identify mitigation methods.

Therefore, the DEIR cannot conclude that the impact is "less than significant".

Liang Chao

Cupertino Resident (speaking as myself)

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