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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 9:05 AM  
**To:** City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton  
**Subject:** Call.Click.Connect. #81682: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and members of t

Dear *Call.Click.Connect.* User

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### Request Details:

- Name: Ellen Epstein
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- Phone Number: 7038505559
- Email: [ellen@bowwowpets.net](mailto:ellen@bowwowpets.net)
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and members of the City Council,

I am writing to express the feelings of frustration and disappointment of the residents of E. Windsor Ave, Clyde, and E. Custis as a result of your approval of the SUP for the Montessori School to increase its attendance this year to almost double the current amount of students.

From the time we, the people of the neighborhood, heard about this SUP, we were under the impression that upon consulting with the neighboring property owners, the school and the City would take seriously our concerns about any current problems we experience and the impact of this SUP on our neighborhood.

We organized as well as we could to express our opinion that we had already reached the so-called tipping point, and that we were all frustrated with the traffic tie-ups.

We outlined our concerns, spoke up at meetings, and were completely ignored. It seems that our words fell on completely deaf ears.

This is the first time I have had any experience with standing up to the City about something that our community feels very strongly about, and I am extremely disappointed that none of the people making the decision took our concerns seriously.

The fact is, that according to Sarah Fondreist, the director of the school, they had a total attendance of 41 students last year, and they already had an approved SUP for 64 students.

You approved a total of 85 students this year, with a total growth in the coming years to reach 102 students.

This means that the amount of students will more than DOUBLE this year (from 41 to 85) causing more traffic and noise in our lovely neighborhood.

You all "seemed" concerned about these issues, but when it was time to make an informed decision, we believe the importance of our opinions were pushed aside to make way for what is perceived as an advantage to the City at the expense of the residents.

I actually proposed at the City Council Meeting to keep the amount of students to the current SUP terms and to do a traffic study at the current number, before making the decision to add more students. Does that not make sense?

I only hope that the efforts of the school to mitigate any traffic and noise issues that arise will be sufficient. We all

doubt it, given that, as we said, we have all been suffering in silence for the past year with half the amount of students allowed at the school.

Thank you,

Ellen Epstein

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- Expected Response Date: Wednesday, September 30

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