



DIXIE SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 9, 2008

Dear 7-11 Committee Members:

I am writing to let you know that I was recently informed by Kaiser Permanente Physician-in-Chief Gary S. Mizono, M.D., that Kaiser Permanente has made a decision to withdraw their request to lease the 2.5 acre parcel on the corner of Montecillo Road and Nova Albion Way.

In the formal letter acknowledging this decision, which I received on September 5th, Dr. Mizono stated that "...we appreciate the enormous amount of time and effort you put into the process. We also want to thank your board and the 7-11 (Community Advisory) Committee who met earnestly to answer the question required of their committee. The graciousness that you showed to us and the process is one we truly value."

The Dixie District Board of Trustees and I also want to extend our deep appreciation to each of you for the tremendous amount of time that you generously gave to the community input process and for your thoughtful consideration of the project and its potential impact. Needless to say, I am disappointed at this outcome, especially after all of us put in so much time and hard work

However, as all of you know, one of the primary reasons I was interested in the proposed lease was the opportunity it represented to improve the existing baseball and soccer fields and make them safe and useable once again for our children and youth. And as you'll remember, even community members who were opposed to the lease project volunteered a variety of ideas for fundraising and community organizing to improve the fields. I hope that *those who spoke out on this important issue over the past year will step forward now and work with the District and youth leagues to put together an action plan for improving the fields*—only then can we, in a real way, capitalize on the momentum of this vital community conversation and shared concern.

Please call me if you have any ideas for next steps along these lines, and thank you again very sincerely for the personal time and energy that you gave to the District this past year. Hopefully, we can ultimately create a positive result from all the work.

Yours truly,

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