

48-Hour Comments for SP-2026-00072

Tijeras Bio-Zone Education Center

Site Plan – EPC for Extraordinary Facility in Major Public Open Space

First Name	Last Name	Your email	Your Address	Interested Party	Other - Interested	Is this case Citywide?	Case Type	Project Number	EPC Case Location Description	Comment	Attached PDF	Do you wish to submit an	Submission date	Case Number
Jane	Baechle	jane.baechle@gmail.com	7021 Lamar Ave NW	Resident		No	Zoning Map Amendment (i.e. zone	PR-2026-000174	Paseo del Norte and Kimmick, Albuquerque, NM	Please find my personal communication attached.	Letter to EPC for 10-15-2026.pdf	No	10/10/2026 16:58	ZMA-2026-00014
Jane	Baechle	jane.baechle@gmail.com	7021 Lamar Ave NW	Resident		No	Site Plan - EPC [new]		Tijeras Bio-Zone	Please see my personal comments attached.	Letter to EPC for 10-15-2026.pdf	No	10/10/2026 17:07	SP-2026-00072
Diane	Souder	Soudergraf@aol.com	1709 Kit Carson Ave sW	other	Chair, Open Space Advisiry Board	No			15600-16000 Central Ave SE	As the Chair of the Open Space Advisory Board I wish to share withe the EPC that the Board has visited the site and is in support of the Site Plan. This will be an important addition to Albuquerque's Open Space Program and the facilities are consistent with extraordinary facilities in Open Space. Thank you, Diane Souder Chair, OSAB	N/A	No	10/11/2026 21:42	Sp-2026-00072
Near North Valley	Neighborhood Association	NearNorthValleyNA@gmail.com		Neighborhood Association Repres		No	Zoning Map Amendment (i.e. zone		115 Candelaria Road NW	Please see attached.	10-13-26 NNVNA letter to EPC re_115 Candelaria.pdf	No	10/13/2026 8:03	ZMA-2026-00015

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Date: October 10, 2026

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Chair, EPC

From: Jane Baechle

Re: ZMA-2026-00014/PR-2026-000174 - 99999 Valiente Rd NW

SP-2026-00072 - Tijeras Bio-Zone Education Center

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

Although I am the current president of the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (WSCONA), I am writing in my individual capacity to express support for both of these items. The reasons for my support follow.

Representatives from WSCONA met with Modulus Architects in a facilitated meeting regarding two applications for the Oak Grove Classical Academy on Monday, September 24, 2026. You heard the request for a waiver to the VPO-2 height restriction, as outlined in the IDO, to permit a building height up to 19' on this parcel in your meeting of September 17, 2026.

The second request discussed on August 24, 2026 was for a zone map amendment which would zone the entire parcel MX-M. WSCONA remains grateful that the applicant and agent were willing to withdraw that request and instead seek approval to rezone the parcel so the entire area is zoned MX-L. That is the request before you now, being deferred to the November 19, 2026 hearing.

We understand that development on this parcel requires unified zoning. To that end, we support the request to rezone the portion which is currently zone MX-M to MX-L. We wish the Oak Grove Academy success and want to ensure that, should the area see redevelopment in the future, any changes remain sensitive in use to the surrounding landscape. I recognize that our views do not necessarily represent those of Tribal Nations and support the deferral to ensure that Tribal Nations have adequate time to comment before the matter comes before you.

I also support the proposed Site Plan for the Tijeras Bio-Zone Education Center. It is popular in some quarters to argue that westside residents and neighborhood organizations should confine their comments solely to projects in their immediate area. I have seen the Open Space Division's plans and the input of the Open Space Advisory Board. This plan represents a thoughtfully designed opportunity for the people of Albuquerque to enjoy this area. I am personally committed to advocating for public open space no matter where it is located. In that, I believe all of WSCONA shares my view.

Our open space lands protect natural and sensitive areas, provide a sense of place and connect us to the people and places around us. They are an asset to the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County and rightfully belong to all.

I request your support of both of these.

Thank you for your time and consideration.