

**JEROME DUNLEVY**  
**5801 CRESTRIDGE RD., B-207**  
**RANCHO PALOS VERDES, CA 90275**

Planning Commission

I am writing to support the Building Committee's studies for the new project at St. John Fisher Parish.

They have given serious consideration to this project including how it would be questioned by the neighbor's and how it would affect them as well as the parishioners at St. John Fisher Parish.

One of the affects already is the parish school which is funded by the parishioners, thus reducing the cost to the members of the community for the public schools.

Also, the buildings at Saint John Fisher Parish are well surrounded by trees and are almost invisible from the streets around them. That is a large difference from the Church buildings on the south side of Crestridge Road not far from Saint John Fisher Parish.

  
Jerome Dunlevy

310-377-5475

## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 5:01 PM  
**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
**Subject:** FW: St. John Fisher Building Project (Planning Commission Meeting of Sept. 23, 2008)

-----Original Message-----

From: carosales47@aol.com [mailto:carosales47@aol.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 4:35 PM  
To: PC@rpv.com  
Subject: St. John Fisher Building Project (Planning Commission Meeting of Sept. 23, 2008)

This letter is to appeal to the Planning Commission that they support the proposed St. John Fisher plan to build a new church. I have been a member of the St. John Fisher parish for the past 30 years. SJF is a very special place for me, my family, friends and neighbors. I have attend the multiple meetings that SJF had in planning this project. It seemed to me that significant thought, effort and consideration for our neighboring communities was taken into account when planning this beautiful place of worship. I was very surprised to hear of some of the objections of the neighbors. As expected, our leaders have responded to the recommendations that were previously made by the Planning Commission.

Please support the building of this beautiful place of worship as has been proposed by St. John Fisher. Sincerely, Carlos A. Rosales, MD

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**From:** carosales47@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 4:55 PM  
**To:** lezam@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Building Project ( Planning Commission Meeting Sept.23,2008)

I am writing to request your support of the St. John Fisher Building Project tonight at the Planning Commission Meeting. I have been a member of the SJF parish community for 30 years. St. John Fisher is a very special place for me, my family, friends and neighbors. In planning for this building project, Msgr. Zork had several meetings and input from the parish members was sought. Multiple issues were brought

up at these meetings and addressed and attention to details was given with consideration that there would not be a negative impact on our beautiful PV community. I attended the Planning Commission meeting in June. I was very surprised to learn of the objections which were brought up by some members of the neighboring area. Recommendations were made by the Planning Commission and Msgr Zork and the project team have responded to the recommendations that were made. Tonight, I would appreciate if you support the St. John Fisher Building Project.

Sincerely, Carlos A. Rosales, MD

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**From:** Sjf5448@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2008 8:19 PM  
**To:** davidtomblin@sbcglobal.net; jeff@jefflewislaw.com; Jim Knight; pltetreault@netzero.com  
**Cc:** Bill Gerstner; Stephen Prestam; Edward Ruttenberg; lezam@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Building Project

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of building a beautiful and visible Catholic Church at the corner of Crest and Crenshaw. I believe that the beautiful, modern structure at this corner will enhance the value of the surrounding neighborhood and increase the values of our properties.

In support of St. John Fisher Project, I am

Mrs. Leonor Costales

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To whom it may concern,

I am dropping this note to the Planning Commission of the city of Rancho Palos Verdes to affirm and confirm my support of building a beautiful Church at the present site of St. John Fisher Parish. If people from all over visit the Wayfarer's Chapel, I am sure that this modern structure that will be built at the corner of Crenshaw and Crest will have a similar impact and increase the value of the surrounding properties and increase its popularity.

Strongly supporting St. John Fisher.

Pacita Sapico

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**From:** Del McCormick [dmccormick@sjf.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008 8:47 AM  
**To:** dtomblin@sbcglobal.com  
**Cc:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Building project

September 17, 2008

Mr. Dave Tomblin:

I am Adele G. McCormick and I am a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes . I am in favor of the St. John Fisher Building Project.

The need is great as St. John Fisher Parish has many charitable outreach ministries it supports and in order to continue to

help the poor and less fortunate, the parish facilities need to be expanded. We are adding more space to carry our work –

not more people, so claims that we need additional parking or we will increase traffic in the neighborhood are bogus claims.

Also, the parish school has issues that need addressing – for the safety of the children. Again, we simply are adding more

space to the school facilities. In order to accomplish this and improve our worship space, it is necessary to re-configure and

add to our present facilities without requiring additional parking or traffic to the neighborhood.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the city of RPV.

Adele G. McCormick  
28209 Ridgethorpe Court  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** Ronald Stankey [rhrsrv2@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008 9:31 PM  
**To:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Cc:** lhuntcounts@aol.com  
**Subject:** Saint John Fisher Building Project

My last letter of July 16, 2008 has our position on this updated building project accurately stated, but warrants repeating to the members of the RPV planning Commission at this time.

Abraham Lincoln once said, " You can please some of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time."

This building project is not about pleasing all of the people, but rather about building a church and supporting structures that will be adequate for the needs of its worshipers and a complex that administratively will serve their community.

Certainly there must be limitations imposed such as safety factors, parking of automobiles mixed with common sense that logistically will meet the needs of those destined to use the facilities. Yes, this must include Carrillon Bells used on a limited basis that a study has concluded will not be a nuisance to adjacent neighbors.

Being a good neighbor to those who have arrived on the adjacent properties after the initial facilities were built in 1962-63 is also part of the goals of the overall venture. The physical requirements and identifying structure of a church community obviously are not the same as a residential neighborhood planned for one and two story homes. A neighborhood school with all of its attendant facilities would be another example.

It is now time to set understandable emotions aside and proceed in an acceptable business like manner to complete a project which a large proportion of the community needs and has accepted as modified for your consideration.

We trust the analytical members of the Planning Commission will agree, and will permit this well planned project to be expeditiously completed.

Sincerely,

Ron and Mary Stankey (Members of Saint John Fisher, and Residents of R P V since September 1966)  
6940 Starstone Drive  
R P V

**Ron Stankey**

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30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca 90275

Dear Mr. Rojas:

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Ann Horner  
(Name) (Ann Horner)

23 Santa Catalina Drive,  
(Address or Neighborhood) RBV 90275

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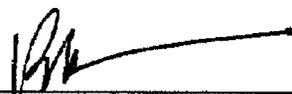
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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2008 8:08 AM  
**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
**Subject:** FW: St. John Fisher Building Project

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**From:** laura wratschko wratschko [mailto:lwratschko@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008 9:47 PM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Building Project

As a Palos Verdes 25 + year resident I urge the planning commission to approve the building project without any further studies or delays.

Sincerely,  
Laura Wratschko

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2008 8:09 AM  
**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
**Subject:** FW: Building project at St. John Fisher church.

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**From:** richard cowan [mailto:cd2thdr@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008 5:11 PM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Building project at St. John Fisher church.

This letter is to send our strong support of the building project at St. John Fisher church. We have lived in the area since 1960, before RPV was a city. We know and feel that the church and buildings will be a positive as well as environmentally beautiful to Rancho Palos Verdes. Again we strongly hope you will approve the building plans at St. John Fisher church.

Lois & Richard Cowan

5943 Finecrest Dr. Rancho Palos Verdes

**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** gladysjane@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2008 11:29 AM  
**To:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Cc:** dsork@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Saint John Fisher Building Program

This e-mail is in response to those who object to a cross being placed on the steeple of the projected St. John Fisher church.

Why should a symbol of what the church stands for be objectionable to anyone? If one doesn't want to see it, just look the other way. It will make no noise ( re: those who object to chimes ) and will not flap in the breeze like a flag.

If we approve of symbols and logos such as signs on banks and businesses to inform people of what these institutions stand for, why do some object to a symbol of what a church stands for, or would they approve if there was an elephant on the steeple?

Gladys Wellington

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**From:** Dan McCaskill [dan547@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2008 11:36 AM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** LezaM@rpv.com; dkurt@sjf.org  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Bldg. Project

Dear Commissioners:

I am a parishioner at St. John Fisher parish and am writing in support of the proposed building project now under review by the RPV Planning Commission.

It is not uncommon in our city to have dissent as regards proposed new plans by applicants. Presenting contrasting viewpoints is consistent with America's freedom of expression. I respect the right of dissent along with the negotiation of plans and objectives.

SJF retained architects have addressed community concerns regarding the size and height of the proposed structures. The "shadow study" and the carillon bell study have been completed and will be presented to the Commission on 9/23. These studies will indicate negligible effects on nearby residents.

Having followed developments of proposed changes to Marymount College, I have an uncomfortable feeling that a few local SJF area residents may insist on costly additional studies, the intent of which would be to make the project financially unworkable. At this time I remain optimistic.

Dan McCaskill  
28630 Roan Rd.  
RPV, CA 90275

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2008 3:16 PM  
**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
**Subject:** FW: St. John Fisher Building Project

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**From:** jaw1907@verizon.net [mailto:jaw1907@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2008 2:41 PM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Building Project

Those of you that have had the opportunity of extensive travel in Europe will certainly recall the beauty of the many churches atop the hillsides. Almost every village and town is blessed with such an ediface.

We in RPV now have the option of having a most magnificent structure on top of our hill. Please give your voices and your approval to this program.

Patricia Luker

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Naryl Newton (Name)      46 Oceanview Dr. (Del Cerro) (Address or Neighborhood)

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George Papps (Name)      25 Oceanaire Dr. (Address or Neighborhood)

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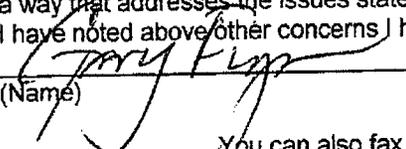
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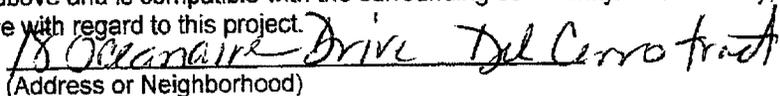
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**Subject:** St. John Fisher

Exactly what are we becoming when we silently tolerate and therefore tacitly approve, billboards screaming "Californication" yet take offense at the sight of a cross on a church?

Otis D. Wright  
30420 Via Victoria  
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1421 Via Arco  
Palos Verdes Est., CA 90274  
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Ms. Liza Mikhail  
Associate Planner  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Dear Ms. Mikhail:

As a 41-year resident of the Peninsula and a 41-year member of St. John Fisher Church, I strongly support the proposed building project. For too many years, the facilities have been inadequate and at times even awkward.

Yes, I was surprised at the opposition to the project and question the basis for such opposition. SJF sits high above its neighbors. No views are being blocked nor will they be. Shadows? A motorist can barely see the homes of Island View with the 8-10 foot hedges paralleling the street. Carillon bells are not sirens and their use will be limited.

St. John Fisher has had its property for 47 years. Parishioners have watched neighborhoods develop and expand without opposition from us. Numerous adjustments to the original site plan have been made in the spirit of cooperation with the neighbors. Now is the time to approve the long overdue SJF building project.

Sincerely,

Lenore Wasey

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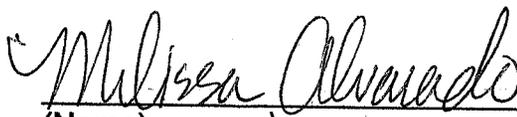
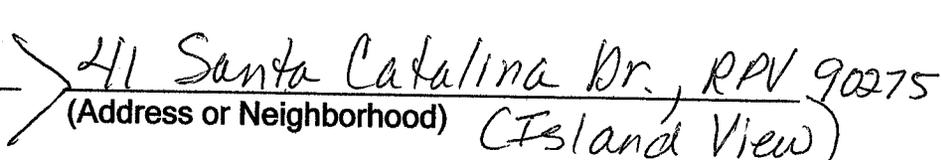
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 (Name) Robert V. Alvarado, Jr.  
  
 (Address or Neighborhood) Island View

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Patricia Long  
(Name)

5 Moonmist Dr. - Del Cerro  
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*The existing Sanctuary*

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*Michael S. [Signature]*  
(Name) *20 Crestwood, RPV, CA 90275*  
(Address or Neighborhood)

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**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** Ken Di Noto [kdinoto@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 19, 2008 4:17 PM  
**To:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher project

Hi there,

I am sending you this e-mail to let you know that I am in *favor* of approving the St. John Fisher building project.

St John Fisher church has been an important part of our community since before we became a city. I think that the project on their property is an effort to use their land in a more efficient manner. That should be a property owner's right since it doesn't have a negative impact on the surrounding community. In fact, the addition of a building for youth activities will have a beneficial impact for the young people on the peninsula.

I'm amused that people travel to Europe and enjoy the sounds of bells from the many churches. Even closer, people travel to Catalina and enjoy the sounds from the bell tower in Avalon every fifteen minutes from eight in the morning until eight o'clock at night. I know that the chimes from St. John Fisher won't sound nearly that often or be as loud as the chimes in the lovely community of Avalon.

The objections I've heard to this project seem to be coming from a selfish, individual perspective. The project will benefit the *entire* community. Because St. John Fisher Church has been an important part of the community and has been an asset to the neighborhood, I strongly believe that their project should be approved.

Thank you,

Ken DiNoto  
7015 Hedgewood Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

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**Charles J. Huebner**  
2300 Paseo Del Mar  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274  
310-377-0508

Ms. Leza Mikhail  
Associate Planner  
Town of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

September 19, 2008

Dear Ms. Mikhail:

I am writing you in support of the proposal in front of the commission to expand St. John Fisher Church on Crest Road.

My family and I are very active parishioners and attend weekly mass at the church. We also volunteer significant time to the church; I serve as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector, my wife Lucy teaches CCD to a group of 10 boys that walk from PVIS to our house each week for spiritual instruction, and finally my sons serve as altar servers as well as attend the CCD programs.

The proposed expansion project is very important to our church being able to meet the needs of both our parish and the greater community in the coming years. The St. John Fisher Building committee has made significant modifications to its plans to alleviate concerns of the neighbors as well as other accommodations.

It is time for the commission to make a decision. Please vote yes in support of our new church.

Sincerely,



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*Speckle, etc*  
(Name)

5405 Valley View Rd RPV  
(Address or Neighborhood)

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## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** Keith Kamholz [krkamholz@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2008 12:05 AM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com; lezam@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RPV Resident in favor of St. John Fisher site plan

Dear Planning Commission Director,

I'm a 5 year resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, and I'm in favor of the St. John Fisher site plan. St John Fisher serves an important role in the RPV community, plus a larger role within the overall Palos Verdes/Southbay community. The improvements to the St. John Fisher site, will provide the space to allow the parishioners of St. John Fisher to better serve the parish, plus allow better outreach to the community with their many ministries supporting the elderly, the home-bound, the poor, and the many other groups the parish serves.

The new site plan will include a new church that will serve the needs of the parishioners for the decades to come. The new plan allows the parish grow locally and provides more space for outreach programs. As a RPV resident I recommend that the planning commission approve the St. John Fisher site plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

Keith Kamholz  
30246 Via Victoria  
Rancho Palos Verdes

## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** Cora Fischer [cmfischer@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 21, 2008 9:52 PM  
**To:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher building project

Dear Ms. Mikhail,

I'm writing to let you know that I strongly support St. John Fisher building project. I believe that the building of a new church and the planned expansion of the church facility did not come about without years of evaluation and study by a number of dedicated and responsible people who have given generously of their time to help Msgr. Sork determine the needs of the church today and into the future. The beautiful new church and updated facilities will not only meet the needs of the church but will enhance the neighborhood as well.

The chosen site and orientation for the new church building seems perfect and welcoming. The views of the neighboring homes don't appear to be impacted specially with the new set back from the corner of Crest and Crenshaw with so much open space at that corner. The traffic would not be any different than it has been because it is an existing active congregation for many years.

St. John Fisher church has been a good neighbor for many years to the neighboring communities. Having preceeded a few of the 'newer' surrounding communities, they have cooperated and lived with the inconvenience that went along with the developments for years until their full completion. The church only asks to be shown the same cooperation and understanding of their congregation's needs from their neighbors.

Since the church services and other activities happen at different times, there has not been any problem with parking and traffic with the exception of increased attendance during the Easter and Christmas services.

Instead of a nuisance or an inconvinience, the soft chimes of the bells at specified times could be a gentle reminder of God's presence among us, a call to say a little prayer - of gratitude, for help, for us and others, our families, our community, our country, our troubled world, for those suffering and in distress..and many, many more reasons to turn to Him more than ever before!

I respectfully urge you to please approve the St. John Fisher building project. God bless you!

Sincerely,

Cora Fischer  
Rancho Palos Verdes

**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** LB101296@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 21, 2008 9:17 PM  
**To:** davidltomblin@sbcglobal.net  
**Cc:** jeff@jefflewislaw.com; pltetreault@netzero.com; pc@rpv.com; LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** RE: Saint John Fisher Building Project

Hi. I'm not a resident of RPV, but have caught wind of the drama surrounding Saint John Fisher's desire to expand its campus. Honestly, I find it shocking that, in this day and age, residents in the surrounding area don't have better things to do with their time than fight a church. It's my guess that this church has only contributed positively to its community and with this building project, will only be better equipped to continue its mission. It's my understanding that the big (or at least one of the big arguments) relates to the church having church bells. Well, it's this that compelled me to write. My son plays AYSO soccer and had a game at Lunada Bay Elementary School this past weekend. I was pleasantly surprised when the school began to ring. Me and several other parents literally stopped dead in our tracks and turned to assess where this melodic sound was coming from. We knew of no church in the area. Apparently, and to my surprise, the school has it's own bells --- completely comparable to church bells. The funny thing is, several people, practically simultaneously, associated these bells with the battle Saint John Fisher is currently undergoing. As far as I'm concerned, I think that this establishes a precedence. If the city of Palos Verdes and it's residents can work together and enjoy the beauty of this schools bells, why can't the city of and residents of RPV come to the same resolution? I sincerely hope that the city of Rancho Palos Verdes doesn't cater to people who's intentions are standing in the way of progress, community and a faith mission.

Lisa Marhefka  
(Lomita)

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**From:** C. J. Ruona [cjrुona@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 21, 2008 1:40 PM  
**To:** lezam@rpv.com; PC@rpv.com  
**Cc:** dsork@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Saint John Fisher

My wife and I have been residents of Rancho Palos Verdes and parishioners at Saint John Fisher (SJF) since 1983.

I am sending this e-mail to express our support of the proposed building project at SJF. This will enhance our community by providing a beautiful new building and improving existing structures on the campus to better serve the parish and others who take advantage of it.

I understand that some vocal opposition exists regarding view impairment. It appears to me the only sight lines that might be effected are from a limited number of Villa Verde condominiums. I hope you physically investigate these claims as I for one doubt them based on my observation from the street.

The tolling of the bells has also been discussed but these tasteful chimes I am sure will effect few if any neighbors in a negative way.

I am saddened that a few individuals can disrupt an undertaking like this, which will enhance the city Rancho Palos Verdes and provide an improved venue for spiritual as well as temporal services.

C. J. Ruona  
Rancho Palos Verdes

## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** N. Hauge [nlhauge@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 21, 2008 9:27 AM  
**To:** lezam@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Saint John Fisher Master Plan

I am a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes and also a parishioner at Saint John Fisher. I urge you to approve the SJF Master Plan as presented.

Thank you.  
Nancy Hauge

## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** makuptz [makuptz@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2008 10:23 PM  
**To:** Bill Gerstner; David Tomblin; Edward Ruttenberg; Jeffrey Lewis; Jim Knight; Leze Mikhail; Paul Tetreault; Stephen Prestam  
**Subject:** St John Fisher Building Project

Dear RPV Planning Commissioners,

It has been my understanding that St John Fisher's existing church was never intended to be the permanent house of worship. When it was built in 1961 it was to be a temporary facility which would become the gymnasium when the church was built on the corner of Crest and Crenshaw; it's originally intended site. This corner is the perfect location. How wonderful it would be to drive up Crenshaw and see this beautiful church.

This site is a perfect location for a church building. No ones views would be obstructed because there is so much open space around that corner.

This is an existing congregation, therefore there would be no legitimate traffic problems. This church community has been a good neighbor for decades.

Since religious services and other activities happen at different times, parking and traffic would not be a problem.

Adding a pre-school is not a concern either because most of these children are coming in the same car with other school children and many of these families car-pool.

Church bells ringing occasionally would not be disturbing to the surrounding neighbors because the church is removed and high up on the hill and ringing bells can be very therapeutic.

In closing I would strongly urge you to approve St. John Fisher's building project. It would enhance our community plus the congregation deserves to have what was originally planned many years ago.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Kuptz

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**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** Harrie Goedde [hgoedde@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2008 9:19 PM  
**To:** lezam@rpv.com  
**Subject:** SJF building plans

Leza: 9/20/08 We request that the RPV Planning Commission take positive action and approve the St. John Fisher building plans at the forthcoming meeting.  
Frances and Harrie Goedde 6639 Verde Ridge Rd. RPV

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**From:** jordan mastroianni [jordanjay2@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2008 8:08 PM  
**To:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher building project.

Dear Planning Commission,

As an individual who has spent some time in and around St. John Fisher and attended the last planning meeting at Hesse Park in August, I am rather mystified by the attitude taken by some of the neighbors toward SJF Church.

As far as I can tell, SJF has been an exemplary neighbor. For the most part the neighbors don't even know that St. John Fisher is there.

The need for some development on the parish grounds is necessary. SJF has many charitable outreach ministries it supports. In order to continue helping the poor and less fortunate, the parish facilities need to be expanded to address this situation.

However, what is really needed is a church. The auditorium that has been used these many years has outlived its usefulness and a church is necessary. The auditorium has been modified and re-modified to serve a purpose for which it was never built. St. John Fisher needs a church. The land was purchased many, many years ago for that purpose. The people have every legal right to build it. The church has done every study imaginable to prove that the impact on the neighborhood would be at an absolute minimum. The church has done a parking study, a traffic study, a bell noise study, a steeple height study, an overall area study and even a shadow study to ensure the sun's rays would not be blocked from being cast on the neighbor's residences. All critical and not so critical criteria has been met.

It is now time for the Planning Commission to approve the churches building plan. The people of SJF need a church! They have more than met the cities code requirements for the building of the church, modifying the plan as requested. They have a legal right to a church and it is time for the request to be approved.

The updated parish plan is beautifully done and can only be said to add to the beauty of the neighborhood. Even at that, the facility is significantly less than prominent. It really is time to get on with the approval as requested by the parish committee so the beauty of SJF and the surrounding community can be further enhanced.

Thank you for your time and service to the city of RPV.

Sincerely,

Jordan Mastroianni  
26637 Honey Creek Road  
RPV, CA 90275

**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** gafrass@att.net  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2008 8:48 PM  
**To:** LEZA MIKHAIL; BILL GERSTNER; JIM KNIGHT; JEFFREY LEWIS; STEPHEN PRESTAM;  
EDWARD RUTTENBERG; DAVE TOMBLIN; PAUL TETREULT  
**Subject:** APPROVAL TO PROCEED ON THE ST. JOHN FISHER BUILDING PLAN  
**Attachments:** LTR TO RPV PLANNING COMMISSION.doc

Dear Members of the RPV Planning Commission:

I am submitting a request that you permit Saint John Fisher Parish to take the next step in obtaining City approval to implement the Building Plan.

My understanding of open issues and my rationale for the request are contained in the letter in the attachment to this e-mail.

It is my hope that all remaining issues will be expeditiously resolved at the Sept. 23 meeting.

Thank you for your thoughtful and decisive consideration.

Guido J. Frassinelli

To: Members of the RPV Planning Commission  
Subject: Saint John Fisher Building Plan

Hearings before the Commission have revealed several concerns with regard to the Saint John Fisher Building Plan. This letter addresses the concerns that I am aware of and summarizes my understanding of how Saint John Fisher Parish has responded to these concerns and to the guidance of the Commission.

The cross, very slender in profile, has been lowered over 10 feet and the roof line has been lowered 4 – 6 feet.

- As is evident when one closely examines the high-fidelity model of the site built to scale, the effect of the cross and roof line in reducing the sunlight reaching neighboring lots is miniscule, even if the north-south position of the sun were to remain fixed. When the change in the sun's position with the seasons is taken into account, the annual impact on the sunlight reaching neighboring lots is virtually imperceptible.

The church building footprint has been decreased significantly and the front of the building has been moved further back from Crest Road.

- The view is not impaired because there is ample space around the corner of Crenshaw Blvd. and Crest Rd.

On-site parking accommodations for over 330 spaces can be augmented by off-site spaces when needed.

- The additional spaces will accommodate larger attendance at services such as at Christmas and Easter while minimizing parking on the streets adjacent to the church.
- Parking conflicts between religious services and other activities (e.g. school) are a non-issue. They occur at different times. The addition of a pre-school is not burdensome: multiple children from the same family use the same car, and car-pooling is popular among families with school children.

An electronic carillon will be located in one of the bays at the rear of the church (there is no bell in a tower). It has been tested and initially the volume has been set to a 50 decibel (dB) level at the property line. Properly tuned, the carillon produces soothing sounds. According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), 50 dB is as loud as moderate rainfall. ASHA equates a whisper in a quiet library to 30 dB, ambient sound in a quiet room to 40 dB, and a loud conversation to 60 dB. The carillon will be rung for a maximum of 60 seconds on any one occasion. The maximum number of occasions in any one day will be five, at times not interfering with the sleep of neighbors.

- The loudness to a listener twice as far away from the carillon as the property line would be about 45 dB.

- The loudness and tuning of the carillon can be adjusted over a trial period so that its ringing will become an occasion of joyful anticipation for the neighborhood.

The Saint John Fisher Parish community has been a good neighbor for over 47 years. The building plan reflects a gradual disciplined approach involving extensive feedback from parishioners in numerous sessions to produce design requirements. Several alternative architectural designs resulted. The parishioners then expressed their preference for the design eventually submitted to the Commission. Neighborhood feedback (both during the Commission hearings and in joint meetings with parishioners on church grounds) and the guidance issued by the Commission have helped to refine the design. The Parish has responded in good faith with the modifications mentioned above, with acoustic testing, and with the construction of a new high-fidelity model, all at considerable expense.

It should be evident by now that all reasonable concerns have been addressed and alleviated in a responsible manner, and that the building plan should be approved. The Saint John Fisher Parish Plan will result in a facility that will beautify the neighborhood and will continue to enrich the community spiritually, educationally, and socially in ways that Rancho Palos Verdes and the Peninsula will treasure. I urge you to grant approval so that Saint John Fisher Parish can proceed to the next step in implementing the plan without delay.

Respectfully yours,

Guido J. Frassinelli

## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** dinoto [dinoto@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2008 2:26 PM  
**To:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Building Project

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to let you know that I am in favor of the building project at St. John Fisher Church. As a Palos Verdes resident since 1971, I have seen many changes in our community. This is a good change for the future of that community. It utilizes the site so much better than the existing church and will enhance the neighborhood. This is a church that has been a "good neighbor" for decades and will continue to be so. The residential areas were all built after the existing church and the homeowners chose their properties based on the location. It is unrealistic to think there will be any difference for them because of this project. The new church is an asset and a necessity, and I am in favor of it.

Linda DiNoto  
7015 Hedgewood Dr.  
RPV CA 90275

**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** Amy Wu [amywu4@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 19, 2008 5:57 PM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** Support St. John Fisher Building Project

Dear RPV Planning Commission,

My husband, Andy, and I are long time RPV residence for 27 years. We have always enjoyed and been proud of our city. We think the building of a beautiful church is only going to enhance the beauty of our city. We owe it to many new generations of RPV residence to come.

St. John Fisher Church has made great effort to redesign the building to minimize impact to near by neighbors. At the previously held hearings, we feel some of the demands are not reasonable. We'd like to express our support for the St. John Fisher Church building plan and like to urge your approval.

Thank you for listening to our voice.

Sincerely Yours,

Amy Wu

## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** Tom/Mary Judge [gatecity@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 20, 2008 10:01 AM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com; LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Building Project

To the Members of the Planning Commission and Associate Planner Leza Mikhail:

As a St. John Fisher parishioner since 1967, I am writing to ask that you facilitate the approval of its building plans in a timely manner. Our Building Committee and Architect Shelley Hyndman have worked diligently to accommodate all change requests of your Planning Department.

We, as parishioners, have been in a "temporary" church building since it was built 50 years ago-a new church would enhance the neighborhood (contrary to some residents' statements) and bring a new spirit to us as parishioners.

I ask that you approve and send the project plans on to your City Council as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mary Judge  
28 Rollingwood Drive  
Rolling Hills Estates

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**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2008 8:07 AM  
**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
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City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
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**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
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Regards,

Art and Kay Bourgeois

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE ST JOHN FISHER PROJECT  
PLANNING, BUILDING AND  
CODE ENFORCEMENT

Greetings

A hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2008, at 7:00 PM at Hesse Park for public comment regarding the proposed building project by St. John Fisher Church (The Applicant). While supporting many of the stated purposes of the proposed project, many residents in the surrounding neighborhoods (Island View, Mela Lane, Valley View Road, Burrell Lane, Park Place, Del Cerro, Mesa Verde and Ridgecrest ) share 3 primary concerns regarding some aspects of the proposal.

1. The size and mass of the new sanctuary. The Applicant proposes to build a new 17,000 sq. ft. sanctuary with a tower and steeple towering 74 feet above the ground. The Applicant has chosen to position the new sanctuary on its 9 acre (400,000 sq. ft.) lot at the corner of Crest and Crenshaw. The building looms over residences directly across the street in the Island View (where building pads are 20 feet below the Applicant's building pad, further exacerbating the appearance of height, bulk and mass of the structure.) The dimensions of the structure and its positioning at the corner is inconsistent with RPV norms of community compatibility, especially in light of the fact that the area is composed of single family homes, and is at the gateway to one of the major trails in the City.

2. The adequacy of parking. The applicant seeks to increase the seating capacity of its sanctuary from 650 to 870, while decreasing the on site parking from 359 spaces to 331. The proposed parking is inadequate given the current use of the site thereby increasing street parking in neighborhoods surrounding the Applicant.

3. Noise. The Applicant has proposed to ring bells several times during the day, seven days a week. Since the formation of RPV in 1973, no church has been permitted to ring bells, and the City should not depart from this precedent.

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If you want the Planning Commission to address the concerns listed above, please sign the statement below and mail it to:

Joel Rojas, Director of Planning, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
30940 Hawthorne Boulevard, Rancho Palos Verdes, Ca 90275

Dear Mr. Rojas:

I share the concerns and values of my neighbors. I encourage the Planning Department and Planning Commission to work with the Applicant to develop a plan that allows the Applicant to build their improvements in a way that addresses the issues stated above and is compatible with the surrounding community. Additionally, I have noted above other concerns I have with regard to this project.

Louis Smolensky  
Gertrude Carter Smolensky      5366 Valley View RD      RPV  
(Name)      (Address or Neighborhood)

You can also fax this letter to the Planning Department at 310-544-5293 *by tonight*  
Comments should be sent As Soon as Possible (Sept. 16, 2008)

*OR drop at 5431 Valley View mailbox.*

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2803 Cambridge Drive  
Rosedale Park, Va 20275  
September 20, 2008

Ms. Liza Hillie  
Assistant Planner  
Planning Department  
Rosedale Park, Va 20275  
30940 Hart Lane Blvd, N.P. Va 20275

Dear Ms. Hillie,

We are writing to you in support of the St. John Fisher  
Building Committee with the hope that the final  
meeting of the parties on September 23 will be in the  
spirit of the best sales, "Three Cups of Tea".  
By that we mean that the Planning Commission and  
our Building Committee can be of one mind with  
regard to the merits of our Period Development Plan.  
We believe, indeed, pray, that the efforts of your  
Commission and our Committee have met the  
concerns of our neighbors so that this most  
worthy project may proceed expeditiously.  
Thank you for your favorable consideration

Very truly yours  
Dr. Peter Robert D. Inman

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PLANNING, BUILDING AND  
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**Sam & Cindy Pheng**

17 Misty Acres Rd., Rolling Hills Estates, Ca 90274 (310) 265-0810

September 15, 2008

Leza Mikhail  
Rancho Palos Verdes Planning Department  
30940 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

Dear Ms. Mikhail:

We are St. John Fisher parishioners and school parents of three children of St. John Fisher Parish School. Our daughter and son graduated from St. John Fisher School in 2005 and 2008. We also have one more child in middle school presently. Our family supports our new church building plan for the following reasons.

1. We need a safer playground for our school children. Green and grassy area of playground is ideal for the children rather than asphalt ground which we have currently.
2. Our facility needs to be improved to serve various groups/organizations because it is very small.
3. The existing location of the church is not visible and it needs to be relocated to where we propose to you.
4. We need to prepare for the future of the church, our children, and grandchildren to ensure a worship place for them.
5. With a bigger church it will definitely cut down the number of masses that are celebrated on Sunday if there should be a shortage of priests
6. To have the technology for the sick and the disabled to be able to view mass right at home is an excellent way of fulfilling their spiritual needs.

We attended the last two meetings and we heard everyone who spoke and we appreciate our neighbors' concerns but here are our thoughts

- Everyone is used to their present environment and no one wants to change anything however that is not realistic in our real world. We live in a world of constant changes therefore changes do happen everyday.
- A church with the bell tower in the neighborhood will not decrease the value or marketability of their homes but might increase the value of their homes.

- Parking will not be an issue even if we only have the required parking stalls because the overflow of Easter and Christmas varies each holiday. Church is place that people go together as a family not individually. Therefore, a typical family of five people does not necessary drive two separate cars.
- If our neighbors in the Island View are fine with their own neighbors' guests to park on their private streets for a party which usually goes for a few hours then they should be able to allow the "occasional church goers" to park on their street for 1 hour or 1 ½ hours maximum while they attend mass 2 times a year.
- We have done what our neighbors asked us to do (lower the bell tower and reduce the original size) now they need to accept and compromise.
- We have not built our church yet but we're applying for a building permit. The process involves the public hearing and notices sent to nearby neighbors therefore, they're informed of our plan.

We are sending you our voices together as a family to ask you to grant our church the necessary permits and allow our parish to build our new church.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Pheng". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Sam and Cindy Pheng

**Leza Mikhail**

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**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
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**From:** Ke6zxc@aol.com [mailto:Ke6zxc@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2008 5:59 PM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com  
**Subject:** SJF Project

**Dear Sir or Madam,**

**I live in Rancho Palos Verdes and am a citizen of the United States. I support the St. John Fisher Building Project. We need a new Catholic Church to replace the old one. This project can do a lot of good for the community and our nation at no cost to the tax payers.**

**Demetrius Hatzeson  
6542 Ocean Crest Drive C204  
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-5490**

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Dear Planners:

I've been asked to write to you all regarding a plan to enlarge this facility.

I am not a member of this church, nor am I a neighbor, just an interested resident of RPV.

I'm wondering what might be so contentious about the request to enlarge a place of worship!

I know that the RPV Planning Commission tries to be fair. So I guess the most important thing is that: fairness!

Does the facility meet the requirements for development standards, geological issues, parking requirements, noise and lighting to not disturb the neighbors, and any view impairment issues? Is the facility too large for the property? Will the enlarged development look too out of place in the area. Is it monolithic? Will it cause traffic jams?

I guess these questions are the most important in my mind.

If all these questions are answered to the Planning Commission's satisfaction, and at that point, the neighbors satisfaction, what other questions might be asked to hold up the development? If there aren't any more questions that have great importance, then why not let St. John Fisher go ahead with it's project.

Thank you all for your hard work on this issue, and for your fairness.

Sincerely,

Jessica Leeds

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 9:17 AM  
**To:** PC@rpv.com; lezam@rpv.com  
**Subject:** In support of building at St. John Fisher

Dear Planning Commission,

As residents of Rancho Palos Verdes and parishioners of St. John Fisher we support the proposed building project at St. John Fisher.

Thank you,

Mary Canfield  
Mary Blackwood  
Elizabeth Blackwood

3656 Vigilance Drive  
RPV, CA 90275

**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** Phyllis Trujillo [phyllis@trujillohome.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 6:57 AM  
**To:** lezam@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Parish Project

Please be advised that we are in favor of this project for the following reasons.

1. Parishioners since 1963
2. This project meets our original master plan goal.
3. We have **never** had a complaint about parking.
4. No new masses will be added.
5. The school attendance will not grow above the 250 number.
6. The community center will be for youth projects.
7. We will remodel one existing building for our priests.
8. We will give \$2,000,000 of our monies to help a needy church in Cudahay.

We have always been good neighbors and will continue to be.

Robert & Phyllis Trujillo  
Rolling Hills, CA

## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 9:45 AM  
**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
**Subject:** FW: St. John Fisher Church

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**From:** mjcasaburi@aol.com [mailto:mjcasaburi@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2008 8:53 PM  
**To:** PC@RPV.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Church

Hello Planning Commission,

I will begin by saying that I am not Catholic, nor am I affiliated with the parish of St. John Fisher in any manner.

I am writing to urge you to consider the building plans for St. John and vote in a favorable manner. I believe that the church has had building plans and plans for a tower that have been approved in the past, but the congregation was unable (for one reason or another) to do that construction at that time. Other building projects in RPV go ahead on old approvals ... look at Ocean Trails/Trump National; Long Point/Terranea; etc.

There is another way to look at this matter. Most of the world's most famous, beautiful, and long-lasting edifices are religious buildings: Notre Dame, St. Peter's, Temple Mount, The Hagia Sofia, The Parthenon, the Mormon Temple - etc, etc, etc. These buildings have stood the test of time, some for centuries, and are some of the most popular buildings in the world. I am sure the best known building in RPV, and the only one most people can identify, is Wayfayers Chapel. While I don't believe that one needs a spectacular building in order to follow one's beliefs; I do believe that religious buildings hold a very special significance for their congregants and for their community at large. Most religious institutions are very welcoming to the public as well ... hosting all manner of community groups like boy and girl scouts.

My great grandfather was a minister in NYC. He presided over the planning and building of a wonderful church there. It was patterned after a chapel at Oxford University and was dedicated in 1898. Shortly thereafter he died in 1902, when his son, my grandfather was, 16. I never knew this man, my mother never knew this man (her grandfather), and I daresay that my grandfather probably did not know his father very well. None of us have practiced his particular religion ... but one of the most memorable and emotional days of my life occurred almost exactly a year ago, when I attended a worship service in the beautiful church building that my great grandfather helped create.

I think most people have an incredible emotional tie or bond to places of worship where they spent some of their childhood, or were married, or participated in a parent's funeral, etc. Please consider the very special role that faith plays in peoples' lives and allow the parish of St. John Fisher to build a very special place to worship.

Thank you,

Mary Casaburi  
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## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 9:47 AM  
**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
**Subject:** FW: St. John Fisher Catholic Church Building Project

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**From:** Eileen Morris [mailto:ninateach@yahoo.com]`  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 7:01 AM  
**To:** PC@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Catholic Church Building Project

Dear Planning Commission:

I am a resident of Lomita and have been a member of St. John Fisher Parish for over seven years. I am writing to express my absolute support of the building plan before you. I am a member of the Contemporary Choir and cannot put into words how SJF has enhanced my life. The parish does so many good things for people in and outside of the community. And there is so much to be done. We need more space to accommodate our parish members and enhance the educational facilities of our little ones. Both of my nieces attend SJF Parish School. We spend much of our time in RPV shopping and enjoying all the wonderful things it has to offer. Please do not let the sometimes ridiculous objections of an outspoken few affect our mission, which will ultimately beautify RPV and enhance property values.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Eileen Stassi Morris  
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## Leza Mikhail

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**From:** Lynn Granger [lynngranger@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 12:59 PM  
**To:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Building Project

We are members of St. John Fisher and residents of RPV. We are also residents who have been house hunting, and one of the areas we have strongly considered and have looked at closely is Island View, so we know the neighborhood well. We do not see what all the fuss is about and do not see how the St. John Fisher building project will impact them in any way. Our parishioners, nor the number of them, are about to change because we remodel the church, we'll simply have a prettier church. It is as simple as that. The parking, bell, and shadow issues are non-issues except in the minds of people with closed minds.

We fully support the St. John Fisher building project.

Lynn and Mark Granger  
4809 Falcon Rock Place  
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**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** Robert C. Perpall [perpallrpv@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 1:01 PM  
**To:** LezaM@rpv.com  
**Cc:** dsork@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Saint John Fisher Building Project

Dear Ms. Mikhail,

I am writing to express my support for the St. John Fisher Church Building Project currently under review by the RPV Planning Commission.

I have lived in the same house for fifty years (Since before RPV was incorporated) and was there when the St. John Fisher Parish was organized.

I have seen the parish grow in numbers and in participation in community affairs. In fact, I believe that the parishioners, together as a group and as individuals have had a major impact on the quality of life in Palos Verdes! We have many who have participated in community government and organizations such as Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts; to say nothing of the numerous local charities that have benefited from our participation. My wife, Toni, is involved in many community organizations, both in and out of the parish, and she is impressed with the positive reputation that the involved parishioners have.

In fact, we have so many ministries in our parish that there are times when there are not enough meeting rooms. That is one of the most compelling reasons for us to go forward with our building project.

In addition, we feel that is very important for the youth of our community to have a gathering place in a wholesome environment for after school activities.

By building the worship center that was originally envisioned nearly fifty years ago, we will be able to use the auditorium building and parish center for the support of these various community activities.

I urge the RPV Planning commission to endorse our project; and to do so in a timely manner so that costs will not be further inflated.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Perpall

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**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** Joel Rojas [joelr@rpv.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 1:46 PM  
**To:** 'Leza Mikhail'  
**Subject:** FW: Request approval of St John Fisher building project

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**From:** R Lufbery [mailto:rlufbery@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 12:57 PM  
**To:** PC@rpv.com  
**Cc:** L. Bilski  
**Subject:** Request approval of St John Fisher building project

From:  
Larry Sidor  
1001 Via Romero,  
PVE 90274

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the proposed St. John Fisher building project.

There have been a lot a false statements about this project in letters submitted to the city and to the local newspaper. This is unfortunate, but I trust the the members of the Planning Commission realize the falacies and disregard them, and will make the decision based on the facts.

The proposed church building is a beautiful, stately design which meets the city's development codes and regulations, and which will provide much needed improvements to the SJF Parish facility. Pastor Msgr. Sork met with some of the neighbors prior to the June 24th public hearing to explain the project and to answer their questions.

It is my understanding that the reason that the public hearing was continued from July 22nd to Sept. 23rd is because of a Public Records Request for communications documents made by those in opposition to the project. This is an unfortunate delay of the decision making process.

However, the parish has used the time since July 22nd to provide additional data and studies, and voluntarily built a 3-dimensional model (prepared to scale at great expense) showing not only the SJF project but also the nearby properties, to supplement the existing drawings and plans. The parish also planned three (3) informational meetings/tours on the site for the neighbors sending individual invitations to each home in the nearby Homeowners Association. You

will be given the attendance count at the hearing.

I was shocked by some of the disrespectful comments and accusations of those speaking in opposition to the project at the July 22nd Planning Commission public hearing.

Even though the project as proposed could have been approved as presented, that original project - which serves a parish of 3,000+ families - was revised and downsized after the June 24th hearing to answer the concerns of a few people.

Therefore, in all fairness, since the neighborhood concerns and Commissioners' concerns have been addressed by the revision, the additional studies, and the on-site information sessions, the development should be permitted to proceed without further changes and certainly without further delay. As you know, construction scheduling can be a time-sensitive matter, especially when there is a parish school schedule to take into consideration !

While a few people may not like this proposed development, members of the St. John Fisher parish community contribute much to the city of Rancho Palos Verdes. This building project will enhance the city as well as better serve the needs of St. John Fisher Parish. The applicant has modified the original project and done everything to answer the concerns and questions of the Planning Commissioners and the public.

Please do not delay, make your decision on Sept. 23rd and please vote in favor of the St. John Fisher proposed project .

Thank you for all you do for RPV!

Sincerely,  
L. B. Sidor

**Leza Mikhail**

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**From:** Ann Armstrong [ann1des@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 1:11 PM  
**To:** pc@rpv.com  
**Cc:** lezam@rpv.com  
**Subject:** St. John Fisher Catholic Church

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I've been pondering about what I wish to say in my letter of assent to the St. John Fisher project. There are so very many reasons why the building of the new Sanctuary and improvements to the facilities would enhance the life of not only the parishioners of St. John Fisher but the whole Peninsula.

We have seen this City grow from its very inception and had many disagreements with the way in which City Council decisions were made, which affected the quality of life. However, generally, good decisions prevailed and the Councils, all of them, have kept in mind that the decisions to add to the quality of life on the Peninsula was paramount and have achieved that. We do depend on the Planning Commission to use their very best judgment in recommendations they make to the City Council and a positive recommendation to proceed with the building of St. John Fisher would be counted amongst your best work.

The quality of life in our surroundings is what we seek when we leave the sanctuary of our homes. We need places to continue that sanctuary once we leave the confines of our homes and we need those places on the Peninsula. Retail businesses, offices, and the basics that offer convenience on the Hill are only that. Where we really refresh and renew are at that places where we worship. You can do no better thing than make it possible for the people you serve to make that happen.

Please approve this project expeditiously.

God bless you all

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