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Memo

To: Oliver C. Chi, City Manager
From: Farrah N. Khan, Mayor *FK*
Larry Agran, City Councilmember *LA*
Date: July 28, 2023
Re: Safe and Sustainable Transportation

It's important to create safe and sustainable routes to school for our Irvine students. Parents at University High School have been advocating for IUSD to subsidize a bus to campus, to serve a number of neighborhoods, including the Quail Hill area. Based on feedback received here at the City, it appears that the parents were offered one unsubsidized bus if they were able to raise \$75,000. Further, the parents have requested City support in the amount of \$50,000 to facilitate establishment of the school bus program for University High School.

The City of Irvine has the opportunity to support these families and keep their kids safe, reduce bicycle injuries, decrease traffic, cut emissions, all while improving school attendance and on-time arrival. Currently, the City supports our school district partners at Irvine Unified School District in a variety of ways, and we provide a direct contribution of up to \$2.5 million per year to IUSD through the Educational Partnership Fund Grant (EPFG) Program. This is on top of an additional \$1.5 million per year that the City provides in Challenge Match Grant Funds to the Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF), Tustin Unified School District, and the Santa Ana Public Schools Foundation.

With the request that we've received from University High School parents, coupled with the existing support that the City provides to IUSD, I am requesting that this item be placed on the August 8, 2023 City Council agenda, to consider allocating \$50,000 from the City's EPFG Program for use towards subsidizing a school bus program for University High School students.

cc: Irvine City Council
City Clerk
Director of Administrative Services