

From: [Melissa Hennessy](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: 10821 Bloomfield St. Unit B / CUP
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:52:21 PM

Dear Members of the City of Los Alamitos Planning Commission,

I am writing in regards to your consideration of Elizabeth Vega Gomez's application for a CUP at 10821 Bloomfield St. Unit B. We as a family that has been dancing at Elizabeth's current dance studio location Onstage Dance Center for the past 6 years, are absolutely thrilled with the prospects of moving into a larger space at the Bloomfield location. Onstage Dance Center has provided an invaluable place for my daughter to train and grow as dancer. We spend 5 days a week dancing at her studio and the confidence and life long family friendships my daughter has gained with Onstage Dance Center has been absolutely priceless. Elizabeth and her teaching staff at Onstage Dance Center have a stellar reputation in the community and would absolutely thrive in the new location. We hope that you will allow her to move forward with developing the new space on Bloomfield, it would be such a tremendous asset to our community! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Harbour-Hennessy



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From: [Jo Shade](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Cc: ["Jo Shade"](#)
Subject: Attn: Planning Commission: Re: OnStage Dance Center
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:28:21 PM

City of Los Alamitos

Attn: Planning Commission:

Re: Onstage Dance Center
10900 Los Alamitos Blvd.
Los Alamitos CA 90720

Hello,

Name is Jo Shade, long time dance mom, I moved my daughter to OnStage when she was in grade school, she has been dancing since she was a toddler, and moving to OnStage after starting at another studio for a dancer is a very big deal, not easily done. There are built relationships, training and guidance at every step. OnStage has a reputation as the leader in all these areas, as well as being a long time "feeder" studio that sends its dancers onto high school with a unmatched "set the bar" standard of training. The move to OnStage was the best decision we made for our daughter to prepare her for the path that she wanted to follow to achieve that high level which is her goal.

The teachers are experts in their field and have amazing relationships they have built with all the dancers. This is more than just a place where our kids go for their training, it's a second home to them on many levels. The tight connections they all have with each other as well as the staff.

We are a dance community that looks out for each other on so many levels.

Our studio has long outgrown our current location, we are spread out and doing the best we can under the circumstances of being overgrown. It's a constant reminder just being at the studio you clearly see we need to make a move.

As we are such a tight community we do have a constant watchful eye for the security of our dancers, they are running in and out of the studio to their pickup or drop-off caregivers and there is a constant flow of parents on the lookout for all as well as the staff. Our studio is currently located where there is a required watchful and constant oversight needed, in a busy center with high levels of people and vehicle traffic flow , but to be honest I feel that is true to be everywhere now. It is up to us as a community to be diligent in our efforts to keep our dancers safe, and we hold that to be a top concern, as we work together that will always hold to be standard.

A bit about me...and my community involvement, I am local resident of Rossmoor 25yrs. and sit on a few Boards, namely Rossmoor Homeowners Board of Directors, St. Hedwig Executive Autumnfest Board and LAHS PTSA. I am always concerned about our kids wellbeing, growth and safety. I take what we do here in our community very serious and hold myself as well as our leaders to a higher standard to not just fit our ever changing needs, but to maintain our wonderful community.

OnStage Dance Center is an excellent example that shows all those high standards. We are so very proud to be part of this studio and its environment, I only have one child and I strive for the best for her, that is OnStage Dance Center!

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have need for further questions.

Kindest Regards,

Jo Shade



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From: [Kruizenga, Alicia](#)
To: [Tom Oliver](#)
Subject: Onstage 10821 Bloomfield
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:46:32 PM

As a Dean of a college, I understand how important extracurricular activities are for our youth. It is not only for the physical aspects but mental as well. If there is anything this pandemic has taught us, it's the importance of a daily routine and activity. Dance provides both. It's a mental escape from the pressures of growing up. And it teaches discipline, resilience and strength.

As with all sports, everything is getting bigger and better. The dancers incorporate stunts, tricks and big movements. To do this safely, large studios are required. The dancers spend a majority of their free time at the studio, in between classes they need a quiet space to catch up on homework and study. This all requires a large studio space. When it comes to a dance studio, you can never have enough room. Every inch is utilized to ensure safe training for all dancers.

Onstage Dance Center is a staple in Los Alamitos. They are responsible for shaping a large portion of the youth. ODC partners with the local schools for fundraisers and events. They are platinum sponsors for Los Al High School Boosters and are responsible for training most of the Song Leaders on the World Champion Los Al Song Team.

Most importantly, Onstage Dance Center's owner, Mrs. Liz Gomez is a part-time mom to all her dancers. Whether she is mentoring them on dance or real life issues, she has been there for all her dancers. It is important that young kids have someone like Gomez to go to when they can't talk with their parents.

Onstage Dance Center and specifically, Liz Gomez are the outstanding businesses and residents we want to keep in Los Al. I hope you and your committee roll out the red carpet for them and do everything you can to keep them in the city. Please allow Onstage Dance Center to move into 10821 Bloomfield Ave.

Alicia Kruizenga

From: [Darlane Belshe](#)
To: [Tom Oliver](#)
Subject: Onstage 10821 Bloomfield
Date: Saturday, March 20, 2021 9:15:00 AM

March 20, 2021

The City of Los Alamitos
3191 Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Re: Onstage 10821 Bloomfield

Dear Mr. Oliver,

I am writing to you on behalf of Onstage Dance Center. Onstage Dance Center has been an integral part of my family for the past four years. My daughter has a life threatening illness and due to health changes had to change her sport four years ago. We were lucky to find a dance studio with amazing teachers, who helped her find a new passion. Onstage Dance Center is an exceptional business and the teachers truly care about every child they teach. We have been blessed to do virtual classes during the beginning of the pandemic and to recently return to the studio for classes. My daughter thrived during the stay at home order because Liz Gomez made virtual classes available. My house would have definitely been impacted if my daughter didn't dance. Onstage Dance Center has always gone above and beyond especially with the Covid protocols to keep everyone safe and healthy..

A new location for the dance studio would be amazing. With the restrictions on class size, more space could make more classes possible. The location on Bloomfield would also be great for all the students.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this and I hope you can see how important Onstage Dance Center is to our community.

Sincerely yours,

Darlane Belshe

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From: [JOSE SALGADO](#)
To: [Tom Oliver](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Onstage Dance Center support letter
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 6:40:23 AM

Good morning Mr Oliver, please see attached letter in support of Onstage Dance Center.

Regards,
Jose

March 16, 2021

To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter to express full support for Onstage Dance Center new location closer to schools. Onstage has been a part of our two daughters' life since 2014. The owner, Ms. Liz is among the kindest people we know. She has created a family like environment for our girls. Ms. Liz and her staff know the girls and parents by name. She is involved in the community and a great role model. A new location where children can safely thrive doing what they love is perfect. Being close to schools would be great for parents and children. Onstage definitely adds value to the community, everyone looks out for the children and the children feel safe.

Please feel free to contact us if needed.

Jose Salgado [REDACTED] Martha Salgado [REDACTED]

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From: [Stacey Delpit](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: Onstage Dance Center
Date: Sunday, March 21, 2021 9:20:18 PM

Dear Planning Commission,

I'm am writing to encourage you to let Onstage Dance Center acquire a new facility at 10821 Bloomfield in Los Alamitos. With a new dance space they would be able to offer more classes for more children and young adults in the community. Even us moms might be able to squeeze a few classes into our schedule.

Onstage Dance Center has been a great outlet for my daughter and her friends. My daughter is 7 and has been taking classes at Onstage since she was 4. Dance has helped increase her self confidence and listening skills.

I grew up dancing myself and know first hand how important dance can be for a child's development. Not only is dancing a great outlet and stress reliever, it is also a great place to learn lifelong skills and build lasting relationships. The staff at Onstage are all kind and nurturing. They focus not only on dance but responsibility and self confidence. They help the kids grow and foster determination as their dancers strive to master new skills.

Best of all during covid Onstage did everything in their power to keep dance alive during the extremely stressful time for all of us especially the youth in our community. All through covid they found a way to involve the dancers and help not only their mental health but physical health as well. Never skipping a beat Onstage knows that dance is an essential outlet for the youth in our community. When restrictions were lifted and it was time to get back to the studios the kids were welcomed with open arms and what we assume were smiling faces behind the masks. Onstage has continued to impress us with balancing their new sanitation protocols and keeping dance as normal as possible for all children. I can not thank them enough for that. I can really see my daughter thriving even in a pandemic.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you will give this wonderful studio the opportunity to grow and reach even more of the youth our community.

Stacey Delpit



Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marisa Mena](#)
To: [Tom Oliver](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Permits for Onstage Dance Center
Date: Friday, March 19, 2021 9:49:10 AM

To The City of Los Alamitos

In Regards to Onstage Dance Center

I am writing to you in hopes that you expedite the permits for Onstage Dance Center located at 10821 Bloomfield St.

We have been part of the Onstage family since my daughter was 4, now that she is 9 her love and passion for dance has only grown. Dance has taught my daughter so much besides keeping her active and physically fit. It has taught her to work as a team, have confidence, dedication and no matter how hard it gets to never give up. These are some of the many reasons I am asking you to consider expediting the permits for the larger location for our studio.

A larger studio gives more children the opportunity to to learn the art of dance in a safe space, while also instilling the skills that I mentioned above, that are so important in our youth today. There is no better feeling than doing something for our future.

Thank you for your time,

Misty Mena
Dance Mom

From: [Wondee Marr](#)
To: [Tom Oliver](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Onstage 10821 Bloomfield
Date: Saturday, March 20, 2021 10:08:27 AM

To DOliver @ city of Los Alamitos,

I am thrilled at the thought for Onstage dance center to have the opportunity to create a safe and amazing environment for dancers at this location.

On stage has been a home for so many dancers, Including my daughter and all of her close friends since kindergarten. Liz and Onstage staff have such a positive and encouraging force in our community. Girls try a dance class and it quickly becomes a passion & a home for a lifetime.

The studio has outgrown the current space because, parents realize the value of the people that help create the environment at Onstage. This new location will give ODC and all of our dancers the ability to continue to grow in their dance abilities, become stronger, and have a larger space to be more creative & more effective.

Dance has been such a valuable part of my daughters life, since she was five years old. She is now in high school & dance has been everything to and for her. My daughter, Sophia has learned so many valuable and important life lessons from ONstage Dance Center and all of the staff, especially her dance instructors. They learn to trust in themselves and their teams , gain confidence, value teamwork, & learn important lessons about their bodies minds and sprits.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I cannot wait for my daughter to be in the new space with her team!!!! We love ODC!!

Wondee Marr

From: [Beth](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: Regarding Onstage dance center
Date: Sunday, March 21, 2021 8:51:50 PM

To whom it may concern,

My daughter has been dancing with Onstage Dance Center for 9 years. It's a safe place to keep her physically active and mentally focused on something outside of school. Not only does this studio provide an amazing place for its students to thrive as dancers, but the teachers at Onstage are like family to her. The friendships she has made there and the mentors she has help her grow in so many ways as a young lady. Having an environment where you can drop your child off and trust that they will be looked after, taught and treated like family is so important, especially in these times. I don't know what my child would be doing now if she wasn't busy dancing her heart out at this amazing studio.

To grow this dance community would be such an amazing opportunity for anyone who attended even a single class to experience for themselves.

Regards,
Beth Petersen

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Marisa Mena](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: #7 Dance Studio
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:05:32 PM

Good Evening,

My name is Misty Mena, and my daughter Jayden has been dancing at Onstage for the last 5 years. I am asking you to grant the studio the required permits for a larger studio, that will allow for more students to experience the joy that my family has had at Onstage Dance Center. My daughter has learned so much more than just the amazing art of dance. The teachers and staff has helped build her skill, confidence and taught her to work well with others on a team, this is truly a second home for her and so many other children. Please invest in their future, I thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Alicia Martinez](#)
To: [PlanningCommission](#)
Subject: Onstage Dance Center
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:43:34 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I am reaching out to you today in regards to Liz Vega-Gomez, Glen Gomez and Onstage Dance Center, Los Alamitos, CA. I have known both Liz and Glen for over 25 years. I grew up training with Liz at our Onstage Dance Center Downey, CA location. I have the great privilege to be an employee of this great company.

They have created a safe place for dancers of all ages, levels, backgrounds and races to come to on a daily basis to dance their hearts out. Even throughout a global pandemic, they were able to be quick on their feet, as a small business, to provide a service for the younger generation in the Los Alamitos/OC area. Being able to provide a beautiful and safe location/building to continue to impact more dancers, would benefit many more families in the Orange County Area.

Thank you for your time.

Alicia Martínez

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March 22, 2021

To the Planning Commission:

I am writing this letter as a proud and concerned parent of a Daughter that is part of the Onstage Dance Center. My Daughter has been at Onstage for the past 11 years and Onstage has been a God send in her development as a Dancer and most important as a young lady. As an educator and a Coach I understand the importance of the arts for the development of our children heading into adulthood. Onstage has been a vital part in my daughter's development. They run a first class business with excellent teachers and administrative leadership. The ownership treats our children as their own. They have great values that they pass onto our children not only in Dance but life.

As the business looks to expand for continued development it would be my hope that the City of Los Alamitos would recognize and support the efforts in which Onstage Dance Center brings to our community. My daughter and the Children presently and in the future would benefit greatly from a new, larger and more accessible location in order to continue this development.

Any questions in regards to my support for the relocation of Onstage please do not hesitate to call.

Thank you for your time and consideration:

S. Dean Grosfeld (Head Football Coach / Full Time Instructor Cerritos College)

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