

## Citizen Participation Plan for Private Autism School "Polaris Academy" 1512 S. Clearview Ave., Mesa, Az 85209

## Date: December 16, 2024

**Purpose:** The Purpose of this Citizen Participation Plan is to inform citizens, property owners, neighbor associations, agencies, and businesses in the vicinity of the site of an application for a private school for autistic and neurodivergent children located at 1512 S. Clearview Ave., Mesa Az 85209 located at the Southwest corner of Hampton Ave. and Clearview Ave. The application and consideration requires a Council Use Permit, Bonus Intensity Zone Overlay, Site Plan Review, and Design Review Board Review, but does not require modification of the general plan. Outreach is primarily to engage discussion about the proposed use for a private school and the design standards requiring the BIZ overlay. Public schools, including charter, trade, elementary, secondary and high-schools, and colleges/universities are already approved uses for the property, but private schools require a Council Use permit and specific design components necessitate a BIZ overlay.

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**Meetings:** The initial Pre-application meetings were held on April 11, 2023 and November 5, 2024 under PRS23-00250 and PRS24-00897.

**Action Plan:** The following plan is designed to accommodate the surrounding properties and comply with the request for neighbor and neighborhood involvement by the City of Mesa:

1. Contact and invite all property owners by mail within 500' of the site, and registered neighborhoods and HOA's within 1 mile of the site as provided by City of mesa staff, regarding a January 29, 2024 neighborhood meeting as well as all Planning & Zoning and City Council meetings.

2. Hold a neighborhood meeting with the parties identified above on January 29, 2024 and mail invites for the same by January 15, 2024.

3. Post all required Council or Zoning notices on the Property as may be required by City planning staff.

4. Submit a Citizen participation Report with the results of all outreach and meetings to the City of Mesa at least 10 business days prior to any public hearing.

5. All persons listed will receive a letter with the project description and conceptual site plan and be provided information on how to participate/comment on the proposed CUP, BIZ overlay, and site plan/design review at any relevant neighborhood meeting, Planning and Zoning Meeting, or City Council meeting. Exhibits and mailing lists for all property owners, registered neighborhoods, and HOA's will be submitted to the City of Mesa for verification and review.