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(By Electronic Transmission)

Alameda Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
2060 Challenger Dr.
Alameda, California 94501

Subject:— Approval of the Measure I Schematic Design for Historic Alameda High School (Item F-2 on Board's 3-22-16 agenda)

Dear Boardmembers:

The Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) is very pleased with the direction that the Historic Alameda High School rehabilitation project is heading and urges you to approve the subject design.

It is our understanding from staff that there will be no changes to any historical exterior elements other than replacing the existing wood windows in the main building with new wood windows that will match the existing windows. The same kind of window replacement was performed several years ago in the East Wing, which received an AAPS Preservation Award. In addition, staff is researching the original exterior colors and will consider these for inclusion in the project.

It is also our understanding that all historic interior treatments within Kofman Auditorium and the main lobby will be retained. A second floor classroom directly above the lobby with a decorative plaster ceiling will be restored by removing an existing partition. We have reviewed the Schematic Design and believe that it is consistent with the above understandings.

We would like to thank staff for being proactive in ensuring that the HAHS's character-defining architectural elements are being maintained and keeping us informed of the progress on this project. We look forward to reviewing the construction drawings, which are scheduled for completion on May 2.

Please contact me at (510)523-0411 or cbuckleyAICP@att.net if you would like to discuss these comments.

Sincerely,

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AAPS Board and Preservation Action Committee