

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at its regular meeting at City Hall Council Chambers, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California on **Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon as possible thereafter, to consider:

Application No.: PA-22-45

Applicant/Agent: Vista Meridian Global Academy/Joseph Smith

Site Address: 1620 Sunflower Avenue

Zone: Industrial Park (MP)

Description: Planning Application 22-45 is a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a new public charter high school (“Vista Meridian Global Academy”) within an existing building located on an industrially-zoned property and a Minor Conditional Use Permit (MCUP) for the allowance of small car parking. The proposed school would serve grades 9 through 12 for up to 500 students, 36 full-time employees, and 15 part-time employees. School hours are proposed from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM on Fridays. Student parking is proposed to be restricted with only student drop-off/pick-up allowed during limited hours. Proposed improvements would consist of interior remodeling of the existing two-story building, new building signage and paint, accessibility upgrades, and parking lot improvements. No other building or site modifications are proposed.

On November 27, 2023, the City’s Planning Commission denied the project on a 6-1 vote. A member of the City Council has called the Planning Commission’s decision up for review.

Environmental Determination: The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities.

Public Comments:

Members of the public wishing to participate in the meeting may find instructions to participate on the agenda. Members of the public may also submit written comments via email to the City Clerk at cityclerk@costamesaca.gov and they will be provided to the City Council, made available to the public, and will be part of the meeting record. Any written communications, photos, or other materials for copying and distribution to the City Council that are 10 pages or less, can be e-mailed to cityclerk@costamesaca.gov, submitted to the City Clerk’s Office on a flash drive, or mailed to the City Clerk’s Office. Kindly submit materials to the City Clerk **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 12:00 p.m.** on the day of the hearing, **January 16, 2024**. All materials, pictures, PowerPoints, and videos submitted for display at a public meeting must be previously reviewed by staff to verify appropriateness for general audiences. No links to YouTube videos or other streaming services will be accepted, a direct video file will need to be emailed to staff prior to each meeting in order to minimize complications and to play the video without delay. The video must be one of the following formats, .mp4, .mov or .wmv. Only one file may be included per speaker for public comments. Please note that materials submitted by the public that are deemed appropriate for general audiences will not be redacted in any way and will be posted online as submitted, including any personal contact information. For further assistance, contact the City Clerk’s Office at (714) 754-5225. The City Council agenda and related documents may also be viewed on the City’s website at <http://costamesaca.gov>, 72 hours prior to the public hearing date. **IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT**, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

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