

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Barbara Fetterly <barb@fetterly.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 12:31 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Subject:** Support Project # PLN2002-0060 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

I, Barbara Fetterly, strongly support the approval of Project # PLN2002-00650 to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit. I am a current parent with a child at Odyssey School in San Mateo. We live in Belmont and my child has been provided a strong foundation and experience at Odyssey. Odyssey's middle school focus has allowed my child the safe, encouraging, educational environment the students deserve to create lifelong learners and involved community members. Our family believes Odyssey is valuable to our child, the other students and future students of San Mateo County. We hope that you will continue to support Odyssey with their valuable expeditionary learning and allow them to grow the school.

Thank you in advance,  
Sincerely,  
Barbara Fetterly

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Theodore Timpson <theodore.alastair@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 28, 2021 7:56 AM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; PLANNING\_PlanningProjects  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; Christopher Brousseau  
**Subject:** Odyssey School letter of support

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Dear Bryan,

I am writing to express full support for Odyssey School's application to expand its use permit. As a very small school in a remote area, the change would have minimal impact on the neighboring properties, but its program offers families a fantastic option for their children.

Our son has benefited immensely from Odyssey's expeditionary learning approach, and we are very proud of the nimble way it was able to respond to the health requirements during the pandemic while still allowing students on campus. Its focus on the middle school years provides much needed support for these early adolescents at a sensitive time in their lives.

I encourage the county to work very cooperatively with the school as it prepares itself for future growth. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Theodore Timpson  
Mountain View, CA

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Eduardo Bruno Martins, MD, DPhil <eduardo.martins@bmconsult.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 12, 2021 5:01 PM  
**To:** Deb Robinson; Bryan Albini  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; chris.brousseau@odysseyms.org  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School Potential

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Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

I strongly support approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 - to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

We live in Foster City and are current parents of a student at Odyssey (graduating tomorrow). The school has been a fantastic experience for our daughter, Lillie. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. Our family has had an awesome experience at Odyssey and we want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through Odyssey School.

Over Lillie's three years at Odyssey, she has grown from a child to a very mature and resilient teenager. The Odyssey faculty helped us navigate Lillie through this transition, which, as you know, can be challenging. The expeditionary philosophy exceeded our wildest dreams. In her last expedition a few weeks ago, our daughter sent this message to us: 'Mom and Dad, the air up here [at Mt. Whitney] is thin, but I am persevering'. And persevere she did, and hiked with her class to an altitude of over 11,000 feet. This was a major physical challenge. However, and most importantly, it was a massive mental challenge. Through Odyssey's expeditions she learned how much she can achieve when she has a focused and strong mindset. This resilience will be with her for the rest of her life, and she is now much better equipped to face any challenge in life.

Finally, I must applaud the faculty. They adapted the school grounds, calendar, expeditions and other activities to bring the students back to campus during this devastating pandemic. The easy way for the faculty would have been to surrender. Instead, they worked as hard as they could and the results were just amazing. Their dedication to our daughter as an Odyssey student is second only to our dedication as parents. A close second.

I wish Odyssey had a high school.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support

Sincerely,

Eduardo Bruno Martins, MD, DPhil  
Susana Bruno Martins, MD, MSc

979 Marquette Ln  
Foster City  
CA 94404

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Laura <laura.a.tashjian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; chris.brousseau@odysseyms.org  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

I strongly support the approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 - to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

I live in Belmont and am the parent of a student at Odyssey and have had children at Odyssey for the past 5 years. Odyssey has been a fantastic experience for both of my daughters. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. My family has had a terrific experience at Odyssey and I want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through Odyssey School. It is a unique educational experience and one that we have not found in any other educational institution in the Bay Area.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Laura Malinasky

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Dave Oda <dcoda@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 8:31 AM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; chris.brousseau@odysseyms.org  
**Subject:** We support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

We strongly support approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 - to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

We live in Belmont and are the parents of a (soon-to-graduate) student at Odyssey, which has been an absolutely fantastic experience for our son. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. Our son has enjoyed his time at Odyssey immensely and regularly espouses the virtues of the faculty and curriculum to family and friends. The academic, social, and emotional growth he has experienced through the program at Odyssey has been amazing to watch. Our family has had an extremely positive experience at Odyssey and we want to see more San Mateo County children to be able to have similar experiences and grow through Odyssey School.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support

Sincerely,

- Dave Oda and Lisa Chalfin

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Ramona Moritz <remoritz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 9, 2021 3:13 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Lane (Odyssey Faculty) Stephen; Christopher Brousseau  
**Subject:** Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Greetings,

I am writing to you in strong support of the approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 - to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

I live in San Mateo and am a current parent of a student at Odyssey, which has been a fantastic education and experience for my son. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. My family has had a positive experience at Odyssey and I want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through Odyssey School.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support

Sincerely,

Ramona Moritz  
1517 Cedarwood Drive  
San Mateo, CA 94403

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Joshua Zimmerman <newmath@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 12:38 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; chris.brousseau@odysseymms.org  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

I strongly support approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 - to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

I live in San Mateo and am a current parent of a student at Odyssey, which has been a fantastic experience for both of my sons and hopefully my daughter in a few years. Their faculty and staff have developed a rare culture, engaged in meeting the needs of their students for both personal growth and support. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. My family has had a wonderful experience at Odyssey and I want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through Odyssey School.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support

Sincerely,  
Joshua Zimmerman

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Dyuti S <dyutis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 1:05 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; chris.brousseau@odysseymms.org; Raj Ganjoo  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

We strongly support approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 - to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

We live in Belmont and am a current parent of a student at Odyssey, which has been a fantastic experience for our daughter. Odyssey focuses on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. Our family has had an outstanding experience at Odyssey and we want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through Odyssey School.

Thank you for your consideration and support

Sincerely,

Dyuti Sengupta & Rajneel Ganjoo



## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Gerard Manning <ger@ceolas.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 4:43 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; chris.brousseau@odysseyms.org; Anne-Marie O'Farrell  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Dear Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

I strongly support approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650, to increase Odyssey Middle School's Use Permit.

I live in Burlingame, and my daughter is just graduating from Odyssey; my son also went there for three years and is now heading off for college. I can say without a shadow of hesitation that Odyssey is one of the best things that has happened to our family in this area, and is a real gem of a place. Most schools, and most endeavors, are a mix - good at some things and poor at others. Odyssey is spectacularly good at developing middle-school kids into thoughtful, caring, engaged and \*alive\* young adults, and they are excellent at all the core things that support that, with no exceptions. The school, its teachers, leadership, and board have a real clarity of purpose and effective execution that has transformed my two children, and our family life.

Odyssey is such remarkable place that it really deserves to have the chance to expand as needed, both to serve more San Mateo children, and to ensure its flourishing in the years ahead.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

-Gerard Manning.

## Bryan Albin

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**From:** Holly Qiu <holly.qiu.ca@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 7:41 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albin; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** chris.brousseau@odysseymms.org; Steveo  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albin,

I strongly support approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 - to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

I live in San Mateo and am a current parent of a student at Odyssey, which has been a fantastic experience for my son Max. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. My family has had a positive experience at Odyssey and I want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through Odyssey School.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support

Sincerely,

Holly Qiu

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Alex Yang <alexyangmd.kids@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 8:20 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; Christopher Brousseau  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Dear Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

I strongly support approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 - to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

I live in Hillsborough and am a current and past parent of multiple students at Odyssey, which has been a fantastic experience for my sons. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. My family has had a great experience at Odyssey, and I want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through the Odyssey School.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support

Sincerely,

Dr. Alex Yang

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Tim Schaaff <tims@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 9:19 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; Chris.Brousseau@odysseyms.org; Yoshie Usui  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Dear Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

My wife and I live in Burlingame. We are the parents of a graduating 8th grade student at Odyssey School.

We are writing to you today to strongly support approval of Project No. PLN2002-00650 – to increase Odyssey School's Use Permit.

Odyssey is a dedicated middle school designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning during the critical and challenging middle school years.

And indeed for our son, Kai, the past three years at Odyssey have been a remarkable experience. His close relationships with his teachers, the amazing expedition experiences and the close-knit community filled Kai with wonderful memories he will cherish into adulthood.

Our family couldn't be happier with our experience at Odyssey School. We would love for more San Mateo County kids to be able to experience the truly unique opportunities that the school offers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Tim Schaaff  
Yoshie Usui

105 La Mesa Dr.  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
mobile: 408-425-3338 (Tim)

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Li-Ying Wu <liyingbode@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 7, 2021 11:41 PM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** chris.brousseau@odysseyms.org; Steveo  
**Subject:** I support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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I live in San Mateo and am a current parent of a student at Odyssey, which has been a fantastic experience for my daughter. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. We are really blessed to be part of the school. My family has had a very positive experience at Odyssey and I want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through Odyssey School.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support

Sincerely,

Li-Ying Wu

## Bryan Albini

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**From:** Michelle McDonald <mcdonald@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 8, 2021 7:27 AM  
**To:** Bryan Albini; Deb Robinson  
**Cc:** Stephen Lane; chris.brousseau@odysseyms.org  
**Subject:** I strongly support Project No. PLN2002-00650 Use Permit Amendment and Resource Management Permit for Odyssey School

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Ms. Robinson and Mr. Albini,

I live in San Mateo and am a current parent of twin daughters at Odyssey. These last three years have been a fantastic experience...yes, even during Covid lockdown. Odyssey is focused only on middle school education and is designed to inspire long-term, independent success through accelerated academics and expeditionary learning for the critical and challenging middle school years. The Odyssey staff uses research based, student driven pedagogy to teach core values such as community outreach and environmental activism.

My family has had an awesome experience at Odyssey and I want more San Mateo County children to be able to experience and grow through Odyssey School.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support,

Michelle McDonald

MA Bilingual Education/ Reading Specialist  
Former Educator SMFC School District (College Park Elementary, Parkside Montessori)