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# City Council Agenda Item

**Subject:** Council Discussion to approve Case # CUP-2025-01, Conditional Use Permit to combine the existing W.A. Fountain Elementary School and existing Unidos Language School to construct a new expanded elementary school, located within the Single-Family Residential District (RS).

**Submitted By:** SaVaughn Irons-Kumassah, Principal Planner, Planning & Community Development Department

**Date Submitted:** February 25, 2025

**Work Session Date:** March 03, 2025

**Council Meeting Date:** March 03, 2025

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**Background/History:**

The applicant for 5215 West St. is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to expand the existing W.A. Fountain Elementary School in response to projected community growth. The project will involve partial demolition and expansion to accommodate a combined population of W.A. Fountain Elementary School and Unidos Language School. The land use and zoning will remain unchanged, and improvements will include a new driveway, better circulation, parking, landscaping, and a new stormwater system. Although the property has operated as a school for many years, a CUP is required due to the scope of the work. The project will not negatively impact public services and will enhance safety and circulation. It will also involve work within a floodplain and stream buffer, with necessary erosion control and permits. Post-construction stormwater management will improve runoff and water quality. The design respects the site's history by preserving significant features and maintaining vegetative areas, with exterior features chosen to blend with the area's character.

On Thursday February 20, 2025, The city of forest park Planning Commission voted to approve the conditional use permit request. If the Mayor and Council approves the proposed Conditional Use Permit Request, The applicant will be able to move forward with their partial demolition plans and begin the combination and construction of the new expanded elementary school within the Single-Family Residential District (RS).

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**Cost:** N/A

**Budgeted for:**   N/A   **Yes**        **No**

**Financial Impact:**

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**Action Requested from Council:** To deny Case # CUP-2025-01, Conditional Use Permit Request.