

January 18, 1972

Manuel Ruiz
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights
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Sincerely yours,

Herman Baca
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Dear Marsha:

It was nice to meet with you last month. I am sorry to be so late in writing this letter; however, with the end of the year activities in our school district, you can appreciate all the things that are happening.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate how appreciative we are that Pacific Bell is willing to assist us in a variety of functions. As I understand it, Pacific Bell is currently interested in the digital divide that exists between those that have access to technology and a large percentage of those that do not. As you are aware, National City and other areas within Sweetwater Union High School District, have some of the poorest families in San Diego County. Because of this, we have been working closely to assist them in improving their technology capabilities. Attached is a proposal to improve the digital divide problem by distributing laptop computers to our students, similar to what we do with textbooks.

Furthermore, we discussed the school bond effort that will probably be on the March 2000 ballot. Scott Alevy, who does an outstanding job for Pacific Bell, has always been supportive of public education; specifically, the Sweetwater district. Mr. Alevy has agreed to assist us in sharing this important endeavor. We would appreciate additional assistance from you by providing Pacific Bell employees in our area with specialized information regarding the importance of the school bond passage. Additionally, we are seeking to raise approximately \$300,000 in private contributions to help us run the campaign once the board makes the final determination. Any help Pacific Bell could provide in this important area would be greatly appreciated. A committee known as the Sweetwater Committee for Quality Education has been established. (A tax ID number is also available.) The mailing address to send donations is P.O. Box 6236, Chula Vista, CA 91909-6236. Your assistance in helping us raise \$50,000 in this critical area would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, we talked about the importance of school-to-work and how Pacific Bell might allow some of our students to participate in internship programs. Because of our corporate development



Committee on Chicano Rights

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October 6, 2000

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Mr. Bittle:

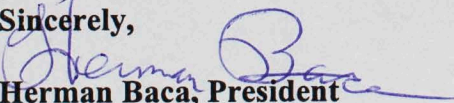
I have been unsuccessful in my attempts to contact you by phone, so let me thank you for the information that you forwarded. You state in your letter, that in regards to my response there is a discrepancy in the August 21, 2000 San Diego Union article, "Property owners who already pay Mello-Roos taxes for new schools...would be exempt from paying for the bond and will not be able to vote."

Let me state that there is no discrepancy, the article is addressing the voting requirements in the Santee school district election, and not the Sweetwater Union High School District. Please reread the article and my letter, as we would like for your association to reconsider addressing the question(s) and issues below to determine if you can provide us with any legal assistance:

- Under what legal statues or laws can districts like SWUHSD (proposition BB) manipulate an election outcome by granting rebates or bribes to attempt to procure the required 66 2/3% for passage?
- How can school districts disenfranchise voters as was the case in the 1997 SWUHSD'S election and the upcoming November 2000 election (see above article) in Santee, California?
- Also how can poorer areas of a district (as in the SWUHSD upcoming election) be forced legally to shoulder the entire financial burden of a bond when Mello-Roos (the proposed Otay Mesa) areas which are supposedly excluded (and will pay no taxes) receive financial benefit from those taxes?

Once again, thank you in advance for any assistance that the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association can provide us.

Sincerely,


Herman Baca, President

CC. Attorney Daniel Marshall

Marsha J. Lindsey
July 9, 1999

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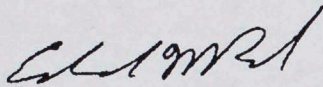
project, we have some transportation available to students. This would allow them to be placed in areas outside the Sweetwater district. Any effort in this important area would also be appreciated.

We also discussed the idea of utilizing some of your employees to assist us with projects at our school sites. I am attaching a list of Sweetwater district schools, including addresses and phone numbers. Please provide me with a list of those employees who would be willing to help us. If you would also include their first, second, and third school preference, we will attempt to accommodate them.

Lastly, we are a school district that has been a long time advocate of increasing parental involvement to maximize student achievement. To that end, we have utilized the Parent Institute as a way of helping parents become more familiar with the public school settings, and to be better advocates for their own children. It costs approximately \$5,000 per school to undertake this important endeavor. Any assistance that you could provide in sponsoring one or more schools within the district would be greatly appreciated. We tend to get a new group of parents every two to three years, as their students matriculate through our system.

Marcia, I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for the Sweetwater district and your commitment to making the South Bay an important part of the Pacific Bell family. I also want to congratulate you and the San Antonio Spurs on their recent world championship. I am sure that 1999 and 2000 will be an outstanding year for both Pacific Bell and the Sweetwater district. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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Memo

To: Dr Edward Brand, Superintendent
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From: Brad Senden
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Pages: 5

Phone:

Date: 07/22/99

Re: Survey results

CC:

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

In this memo we present you with our observations and conclusions based on the results of 600 telephone interviews with registered voters in the Sweetwater Union High School District. In addition, 86 oversample interviews were completed with voters living inside the District CFD to make sure that opinion in this region of the District could be more accurately assessed. All interviews were completed between June 16 and 22, 1999. The margin of error for the results of the common questions included in the questionnaire ranges from +/-2.5% to +/-3.9%, depending on the response level to a particular question (i.e. the margin of error is higher for those questions where the response divides evenly at 50% vs. 50% and lower when the response is 70% vs. 30%). For all split sample questions, the margin of error ranges from +/-3.5% to +/-6.9%.

1. **The uninformed base of support for a bond proposal is weak.** Voters do respond, however, to information about the District's needs. It is, therefore, feasible for the District to consider placing a bond proposal on the ballot as long as the District is confident that voters will be informed of the District's needs by a strong citizens' campaign in support of the proposal.
 - a. **Without information, a bond proposal would only be supported by a simple majority.** Before specific information about the District's needs or the cost of a school bond were presented to those interviewed, the following question was asked in order to measure the uninformed base of support for a bond proposal: *The Sweetwater Union High School District*

may place a bond measure on the ballot that would increase property taxes to raise the funds needed to rehabilitate existing junior and senior high school buildings. Would you favor or oppose such a proposal? In response to this questions, 52.8% said they would favor a bond proposal, 41.7% said they would oppose it and 5.1% were undecided.

b. Information about the District's needs increases the level of support for a bond and dramatically reduces opposition to such a proposal.

After those being interviewed were provided with information about ways in which bond funds might be spent, each person was asked the following question: Now that you have heard some information about the proposed bond measure in the Sweetwater Union High School District, I want to see if this information has changed your opinion. Would you favor or oppose a school bond measure that would increase local property taxes to raise the funds needed to rehabilitate existing junior and senior high school buildings. In response, 64.1% said they would favor the bond, 29.9% opposed and 5.7% remained undecided.

c. At the end of the interview, the following detailed statement was read and each individual interviewed was asked again if they would favor or oppose a school bond in the Sweetwater Union High School District.

The middle, junior and senior high schools in the Sweetwater Union High School District are old. Most are more than 30 years old and in need of rehabilitation if they are to continue to serve the community. Deteriorating buildings, antiquated plumbing, aging sewers, worn out heating and ventilating units and out-dated electrical systems must be replaced. In addition, the District must build additional classrooms in order to reduce severe overcrowding. The state will not provide the District with all of the funds needed to rehabilitate these schools without local matching funds. Only by asking local voters to approve a school bond can the needed funds be raised.

Thinking about this statement, I want to ask you again if you would favor or oppose the local school bond proposal being considered by the Sweetwater Union High School District.

Presentation of this statement of the District's needs increases the level of support to 70% with 25.8% opposed and 4.2% undecided. Therefore, it is feasible to place a bond proposal before voters in the District as long as the District is confident that local voters will be fully informed by a citizens' campaign in support of a school bond. Lacking such information, the results of this survey also indicate that a bond proposal would fail to achieve the required supermajority.

2. **A cost of \$37 per \$100,000 of assessed value is too high.** The survey included three key tests of this tax rate. It fails two of these three tests and therefore we do not recommend that a rate this high be attempted. Using the results of each of the tests of this tax rate and the tax tolerance trend line information collected elsewhere in the survey, we recommend the cost of the bond be set no higher than an annual average of \$29 per \$100,000 of assessed value.
3. **In addition to failing two of the three key tests of a tax rate of \$37 per \$100,000, there are four demographic characteristics which reinforce our conclusion that the rate be set at less than \$37 per \$100,000 value.** In each of the following comments, the response to Question 53 in the survey is used as a guide to voter reaction to a cost of \$37 per \$100,000. This reaction is to a specific cost in a very information rich environment.
 - a. After presentation of the detailed statement of the District's needs and the fact that the bond would cost \$37 per \$100,000 of assessed value, the level of support among non-parents only reached 64.4% with 30.2% opposed and 5% undecided. Based on the demographic study of the District completed before the survey was completed, parents only represent 25% of the registered voters in the District.
 - b. If we define frequent voters as those who have voted in at least four of the last five opportunities to vote, presentation of a cost of \$37 per \$100,000 only achieved a 60% level of support¹. Although these voters represent less than 20% of all registered voters, they will participate in any bond election held in the District and their reaction to the cost of a bond must be considered.
 - c. The level of support among voters who are both non-Hispanic and non-Asian (i.e. voters with no ethnic coding in the voter file) for a cost of \$37 per \$100,000 was 63.7% with 31.5% opposed and 4.6% undecided². These voters represent 63.9% of all registered voters.
 - d. At a cost of \$37 per \$100,000, there is a significant difference in the level of support among male and female voters. Although female voters give this cost a 71.6% level of support, only 65.5% of male voters supported this high a cost. The reaction of male voters needs to be considered as a final tax rate is set due to the fact that any citizens' campaign in support of a bond must be able to count on support from both genders.

¹ Among 5 of 5 voters, the level of support for \$37 per \$100,000 was 60.4% and among 4 of 5 voters it was 59.4%.

² Support for a tax rate of \$37 per \$100,000 is strongest among Hispanic voters (80.5% favored this tax rate) and weakest among Asian voters (42.9% favored this tax rate).

4. **There is a strong, positive response to a number of the basic needs faced by the school district. The survey presented thirteen areas where bond funds might be used and asked each individual whether each item made them more likely or less likely to support a school bond for the SUHSD.** More than two-thirds of respondents stated that they would be more likely to vote yes on twelve of the thirteen proposed projects.

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- a. Ten of the proposed projects in the survey made more than 70% of those interviewed more likely to vote for a bond. These proposed projects included: replacing aging portable classrooms, upgrading fire alarms, public address systems and other campus safety features, modernizing and upgrading school libraries, modernizing and expanding school libraries, providing additional classrooms to relieve overcrowding, modernizing and upgrading science labs, rewiring classrooms to provide students with better access to computers and technology, replacing old heating systems with new, energy efficient systems, replacing old ventilating and air conditioning systems with new, energy efficient systems, and fixing leaks in local school buildings.
- b. Two other proposed projects made more than two-thirds but less than 70% of those interviewed more likely to support a bond proposal. These included: rehabilitating each of the middle, junior, and senior high schools in the District, and replacing worn out doors and locks.

5. **Election timing is important in the SUHSD.** Support for a bond is strongest among those least likely to vote in an off cycle November election (like the November, 1999, election) or special election. The reaction of frequent voters was discussed above in reaction to a bond cost of \$37 per \$100,000. Less than 60% of these frequent voters expressed support for a bond following the presentation of a statement of the District's needs. Among less frequent voters (those who have voted in three or fewer of the last five elections), 75% said they would support a bond. Both the primary and general election ballots in 2000 will bring more of these voters to the polls. In placing a bond proposal on one of these ballots, however, the District must make sure that a citizens' campaign in support of the bond is capable of providing detailed information about the District's needs to all likely voters. Without information, even the community's least frequent voters will not provide the District with the supermajority required for passage of a bond.

6. **Support for a bond in the District's CFD is lower than in the rest of the District.** The voters living inside the District's existing CFD were identified in the voter file from which the sample was taken. To increase the accuracy of the ability of the survey to measure voter opinion in the CFD, oversample interviews were completed among these voters. The result allows us to separate voter opinion inside and outside the CFD area. Inside the CFD, only 65.5% said they would support a bond following the presentation of the statement of the District's needs (with 31.9% opposed and 2.6% undecided). Outside the CFD, 70.9% said they would support a bond following the

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presentation of the same information (with 24.6% opposed and 4.6% undecided). There is a similar difference in the level of support measured inside and outside the CFD in response to each of the questions where voters were asked if they would favor or oppose a bond in the SUHSD.

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Re: Registering Students to Vote on Campus

Dear Dr. Brand:

A non-profit organization not affiliated with the District is supporting the District's upcoming bond measure. This organization has District students as members and would like to enlist those student members to set up tables to register eligible students to vote. The voter registration tables would be set up before and after school and during lunch time and manned by student members of the organization. This letter will provide a very brief analysis regarding whether school sites may allow students to set up tables to register other students to vote.

CONCLUSION

Students may set up tables to register eligible persons to vote before and after school and during lunch, however, it is important that the schools ensure that the students are not urging support of the ballot measure at the voter registration tables. The non-profit organization may not use the school as a forum to support the upcoming bond election. There must be no literature urging the support (or defeat) of the ballot measure on campus, however factual information presenting both sides of the ballot measure may be provided.

DISCUSSION

Education Code section 7054 prohibits the use of school district funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate and provides that violation of that section is a misdemeanor or felony punishable by imprisonment or a fine. Merely registering people to vote on campus would not in itself be an improper use of

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To:	Ed Brand
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Subject:	Thoughts on Sweetwater Bond strategic plan
Date:	February 3, 2000

Team,

The document attached describes how I think we could approach the Sweetwater Bond Issue.

Sweetwater Bond Issue Field Campaign Work Program

I have tried to outline in this document concrete steps that are necessary to move the field campaign around the Bond issue forward. In my opinion the key components of a successful field campaign are as follows:

- 1) **Message.** Determining the "message" of the campaign. Besides a catchy slogan, for example, "Sweetwater Youth: Building Futures." There needs to be agreement among the young people about what they stand for and believe in. In addition, the role and purpose of National City Youth Organizers should be described well, in which I see as developing young people to solve problems in their communities. Once the message is decided, it should be translated into two or three written paragraphs that are easily understood by all. This message has the key information about the Bond, mileage, etc. but moreover why it is important to young people.
- 2) **Volunteer Recruitment.** A field campaign cannot be won without a lot of bodies. The youth currently involved need to attract others to this cause to help them. The depth of the campaign's reach (how many precincts they are trying to cover) determines the number of volunteers needed.
- 3) **Internal Organization.** A field campaign needs key positions identified from a core group of volunteers. Some typical roles that are needed: Scheduler: person who keeps master calendar and sets up events, speaking engagements etc. Volunteer Coordinator: recruits trains and assign volunteers to the field campaign. Researcher: conducts all the data base research that is necessary to set campaign strategy and targets. Media Coordinator: contacts local media, prepares press releases, etc. Some of these roles can be shared, but how duties are delegated is very important. Obviously, tasks should be matched with skills. I would suggest the existing core group do the research together. It will help them develop the strategy.
- 4) **Money.** Some money is needed for materials, refreshments for volunteers, etc. If there is money available, an internal mechanism for access should be set up.

A. The Facts (What do we know to be true?)

This is based on what I know about the issue, and you may wish to add to this list.

- When the Bond passes, it has already been determined how the money will be spent. Specifically, it will be used for Physical improvements to the schools.
- Many schools in the Sweetwater District are in need of desperate repairs.
- No decisions have been made regarding the physical improvement; the following areas could be influenced by the youth organizers and will create community support. (inclusive)
 - a. Architectural Design
 - b. Beautification: grounds, murals, trees, gardens, passive space. Etc.
 - c. Selection of contractors, architects, artist, etc.
 - d. Others you and the Youth Organizers can think of.

- Potential positions for Sweetwater Youth Organizers:
- 1) gets out the yes vote and remain neutral 2) Get out the yes vote, register and educate non-voters 3) get out the yes vote, register and educate non-voters, work on the "no" voters 4) Don't get involved at all.

For the purposes of this document, I am assuming that the Youth Organizers will go with 2 or 3 above.

B. Phase I - Research and Strategy Development

This is the most important part of the Field Campaign. Good research determines everything else. The first thing you need to know is how people voted on the last Bond Issue. Most of the information we need should be available from the Board of Elections and/or the City. I would do the following:

1. Determine the voting precincts in the Sweetwater Schools District.
2. Obtain voter registration data for the last election. You want to ask for a list of registered voters for the Sweetwater precinct and the detail of how they voted on the last Bond Issue. (Computer printout).
3. By comparing the address with a street list, you can see who is not registered to vote. You can get a street address list from a Criss-Cross (here they are called Hanes) directory. Every library has one. You simply look up a street, i.e. Granada Avenue and its lists every house and who lives there. If you match that to the registered voter list, you know who is registered and who is not.
4. The purpose of gathering this information so that you can target your "get out the vote" efforts.
5. It is also helpful to have GIS maps (usually available from the City) that give block level detail. This information can be cross-referenced with voting data with blocks to see what kind of territory you have to cover.

Note: The consultants may have already gathered this data and might be willing to share it with our group. However, it is important that everyone understands how it was obtained.

Steps

1. Slogan and Message

A saying that unites and lets people know what the campaign is and encourages support. For example, several years ago when the Children's Defense Fund was trying to get a major bill passed in Ohio related to child protection they had a slogan: "Give Children a Voice. Yours. Vote." The young people involved with this project should develop their own slogan.

2. Campaign Literature

Undoubtedly the consultants have developed materials, but it would be good for the National City Youth Organizers to develop their own. This literature should express why the Bond issues are important to them. They should decide what they want to highlight and why the voting public should make an investment in their future. This does not have to be expensive. A 3/5-palm card can be developed, run on card stock at Kinkos and cut so that one sheet yields four pieces of literature. Some of these kids are probably computer geniuses anyway and could whip out something!

3. Targeting

Goals regarding whom to target need to be set and prioritized. I would suggest the following:

- a) You want everyone who voted yes on the last Bond issue to vote yes again
- b) You want to convince non-voters to register and vote yes.
- c) You want no votes last time; to be yes votes this time.

Using the data that has been collected, precincts would be selected. I would suggest we start with the inner ring neighborhoods that the students most likely live in, ex. National City

B. Phase II - Implementation

The following are basic components of most field campaigns.

1. Walk and Talks (strategically targeted by neighborhoods)

Volunteers walk and talk each block of a target area. Specifically, knock on doors; talk to people about the campaign. If no one is home, campaign material is left. Note: Hand-delivered campaign material can not be placed in mailboxes ever.

Steps to implement:

- a. Recruit Volunteers: If possible, recruit young people from affected communities. Determine how many volunteers you will need.
- b. Train. All volunteers must understand the issue if they are going to talk about it. National City Youth Organizers should assist with the training. Develop materials, schedule, and hold training sessions.
- c. Tools for Volunteers. Street level maps, campaign literature, voting list with names, voter registration cards. (Question, can anyone register people to vote? YES WE CAN)

2. Community Group Presentations

Identify groups in the targeted communities and arrange for a speaker from the Youth Organizers to speak about the Bond Issue. Ex. PTA, Rotary, Neighborhood Associations, etc.

Steps to implement:

1. Identify groups and associations. (phone book, directories, contacts)
2. When do they meet? How to get on the agenda?
3. Schedule events and speakers
4. Prepare succinct 10-15 minute presentation.
5. Identify key volunteers who are capable of this.
6. Rehearse public speaking

3. Media

Assume you have no money to purchase radio or Television time. What venues are free? Most local TV and radio have public service shows.

Steps to implement:

1. Find out what/who they are and how you can get on the shows.
2. Develop a database for all media.
3. Schedule shows. Presentations should be polished and sharp.
4. Cultivate alternative media.
5. Prepare general press release that will go out to your media list.

4. Community Events

Some community events will allow you to set up a table and promote your cause. Find out about all the events in the community.

Steps to implement:

1. Contact local Chamber of Commerce for list of community events.
2. Make a list of events, date, and contact person.
3. Decide if it's a venue we wish to pursue.
4. If yes, set date, find volunteers, and identify materials needed.

5. Events National City Organizers plan

Some Field campaigns organize rallies and other events to raise consciousness about their cause, attract volunteers, or raise funds to further campaign with. Is this a strategy you wish to pursue? If yes, events should be designed with the young people as well as a detailed implementation schedule.

These are my thoughts on the Campaign. As I am sure you can tell from reading this, execution of a field campaign is a lot of work. Effective planning needs to be done up front to pull it off. If the Youth Organizers are in general agreement with this approach we would develop a detailed work schedule that would outline tasks by areas, who would be responsible for getting it done and timetables.

Submitted By

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 22, 2000

TO: Directors Department Heads
Principals Coordinators

FROM: Earl Wiens, Director
Student Support Services

RE: NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

After our most recent Coordinated Compliance Review (CCR) the district was found to be in non-compliance because we did not include the correct "Non-discrimination" statement in our documents. In addition, we were not consistent in placing that statement on our documents. Therefore, below you will find the statement that is to be used and comes directly from board policy #2224.

FOR ENGLISH DOCUMENTS

"The Sweetwater Union High School District does not discriminate with regard to sex, race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry/ethnicity, marital or parental status, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or any other unlawful consideration.

SUHSD Administrative Policy #2224"

FOR SPANISH DOCUMENTS

"Sweetwater Union High School District, proveerá acceso a sus servicios, actividades, clases y programas, o en la contratación o reclutamiento, avance de personal, no discrimina en cuanto a género(sexo), raza, color, religión, origen nacional, ascendencia, etnia, estado civil o paternal o maternal, edad, discapacidad física o mental, orientación sexual o cualquier otra consideración ilegal.

El Distrito cumplirá con todas las leyes estatales y federales que prohíben la discriminación.

SUHSD Política Administrativa #2224"

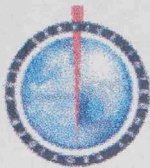
Documents needing the non-discrimination statement include: Personnel (ie. items distributed to the public, applications, recruiting flyers etc.) rules, and calendars, materials mailed to parents by sites and district departments including: flyers, codes of conduct, surveys, newsletters (except individual or single letters or memos), information distributed to students (i.e. rules, handbooks, registration packets, pamphlets, reports to outside agencies).

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This is helpful. Thanks. I want to make a suggestion that we amend the name of this committee when the proposition letter is assigned to include "YES on Proposition 'X'". I also think we should limit the scope/focus of the committee name to reflect what this measure is about - schools/school buildings. "Quality Education" is not only too broad, but invites debate on a whole range of other issues. We want to under promise and over deliver! Amending is a simple thing to do and should be done before we move into any significant level of communication/production. This will not affect what has already been created for fundraising efforts.

Sincerely, Ariane

**SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
PLANNING & FACILITIES**

ANDREW B. CAMPBELL

January 20, 2000

Mr. Mark Baca
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Dear Mr. Baca:

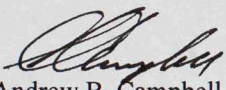
On behalf of the Sweetwater Union High School District Board of Trustees, Superintendent Dr. Edward Brand, and Sweetwater High School Principal Mr. Ralph Mora, you are cordially invited to participate with us on a team that will provide guidance to staff and consultants for the modernization of Sweetwater High School.

You have been asked to participate in this important effort because of your interest and involvement in Sweetwater High School. Although a school modernization bond will not be on the election ballot until November 2000, this preliminary planning work is a necessary first step in planning the needed facility improvements. A tremendous lead time is involved in planning the improvements, programming, designing the details, and gaining the necessary building permits. On January 29, 2000, the Board of Trustees will consider authorizing staff to commence the detailed planning effort, as we cautiously are optimistic that a bond effort can be successful in the fall. We believe that beginning the programming portion now will allow the district to "jump start" this long planning process which could ultimately assist the district in obtaining state funding.

We ask that you attend three programming meetings with district staff and our architect. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. in the library/media center at Sweetwater High School. The two follow-up meetings will be scheduled during the initial meeting.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

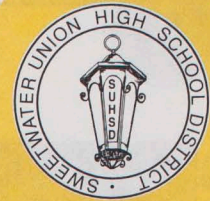
Sincerely,


Andrew B. Campbell
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Hilltop High Wins Prestigious Countywide Academic Decathlon



Hilltop's Academic Decathlon winners are honored. With them are Adviser Virginia Martinez, Board Member Arlie Ricasa and Principal Jerry Rindone.

For the first time in the 17-year history of the challenging Academic Decathlon, a Sweetwater District school—Hilltop High—swept through 10 rigorous academic events to take the decathlon title.

The nine-member student

team led by teacher Virginia Martinez beat out powerhouses like Torrey Pines, La Jolla and Orange Glen high schools that have dominated the competition in years past. In fact, Hilltop's win is the first time any school south of

county.

"This is a thrill," Martinez said. "The students have been studying hard all year. To say that we are all proud of them is really an understatement.

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Interstate 8 has earned the title. The closest the Sweetwater District came was in 1996 when Bonita Vista High took third.

Adding to the district's achievements, Castle Park came in 10th to round out the top 10 teams for the

Sweetwater Wins Through Partnerships

In Sweetwater, innovative partnerships are making limited resources go farther and work harder. The district is a cutting-edge example of going beyond traditional thinking to anticipate and address both student and community needs.



Superintendent
Ed Brand, Ed.D.

The library/media center at Eastlake High is a premier example of how all stakeholders benefit from successful partnerships. Through a joint-use agreement, the City of Chula Vista and the Sweetwater District share facility, staffing and inventory costs for an on-campus library open to the public.

Students gain by having immediate access to a more comprehensive collection of books, software and media materials than the average school can typically provide.

The arrangement allows the city to expand library services and literacy activities for residents in the high-growth areas of Chula Vista without having to undertake facility construction.

And Eastlake High benefits from greater community involvement and support.

This collaboration has caught statewide attention—earning a prestigious Golden

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Traditional Summer School Slated for June 26-August 10

Traditional summer school will be held at six sites this year from June 26 through Aug. 10. Chula Vista Middle, Southwest Junior and Granger Junior will have classes for grade levels 7, 8, and 9. Bonita Vista High, Castle Park High and Mar Vista High will offer classes for grades 10, 11, and 12.

During the summer session, students may take core classes in math and English. They can also complete required classes—like health and science at the middle school level and health and communications at the high school level. Completing these classes enables students to schedule elective courses or extra-curricular activities during the regular year.

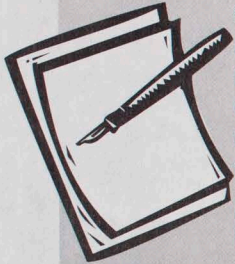
A high school marine science course will be available at Castle Park High. Students will be transported to the Chula Vista Nature Center and will receive four hours of elective credit toward high school graduation.

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message from the
Editors

Please Tell Us What You Think...



The goal of this newsletter is to keep you informed about what's happening in the district and the issues that affect your student. Your input will help determine the kinds of information included in next year's newsletters. Please take a moment to complete and return the three short survey questions below or contact the parent editors with your feedback.

Earl Jentz - 420-7635
Parent at Bonita Vista High

Nora Hanson - 656-3900
Parent at Bonita Vista High

Maggie Pereyra - 428-2806
Parent at Castle Park High

Gloria Jouan - 420-7490
Parent at Chula Vista High

Glenn Berger - 421-0465
Parent at Mar Vista High

Dennis Williams - 656-6098
Parent at Eastlake High

What are your thoughts about the current format?

What kinds of articles/information would you like to see?

Do you have any other suggestions for next year?

Please return written survey responses to:

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Sweetwater Grants and Communications
1130 Fifth Avenue
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(Can be forwarded through your school's office)

Summer Academy Pilot Programs

The Sweetwater District is beginning a Summer Academy pilot program this year to both help and evaluate students who are at risk of being held back. As detailed in our last issue, the district substantially toughened future promotion and graduation requirements last July.

Summer Academy pilot programs will be held for Chula Vista Middle 7th and 8th grade students and Southwest Junior 7th and 8th grade students. Southwest High will have a Summer Academy pilot program for their 9th graders.

Students will be selected for this support program if their last SAT9 math or reading scores are below the 23rd percentile. Students receiving registration information are expected to

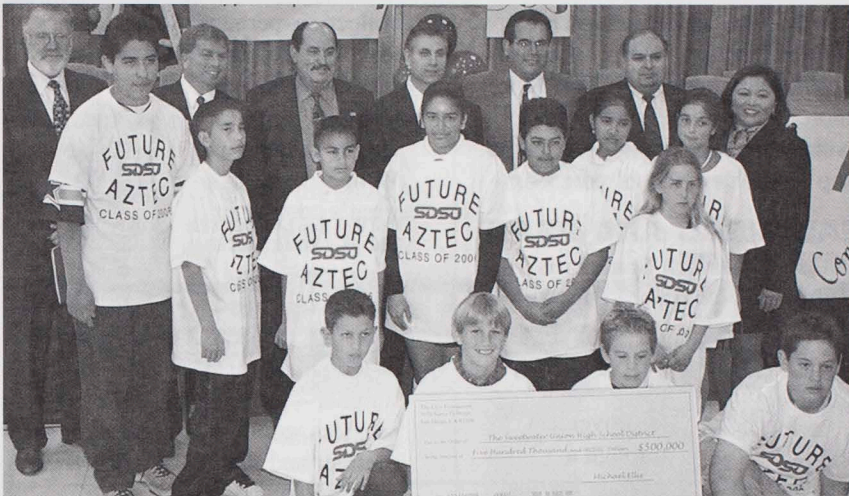
attend.

The Summer Academy pilot programs will concentrate on reading and math. Students will be tested in these areas at the beginning and end of the Summer Academy. Teachers for these programs are being specially trained and selected, and the class size will be limited to a maximum of 25 students. Each classroom will have an instructional aide or a classroom tutor. The Summer Academy pilot programs will run from June 26 through Aug. 10.

If Summer Academy pilot programs are successful, efforts will be made to expand these activities during the following school year.



Sweetwater District Class of 2006 Has Admissions Pact with SDSU



Students representing three elementary school districts participate in "Compact for Success" with key players from Sweetwater, SDSU and the Ellis Foundation.

Compact for Success:

The Guaranteed Admission/Guaranteed Tuition pilot program ensures admission to SDSU for students who reach specified benchmarks, starting in seventh grade. Parents and students will sign a contract that outlines their responsibilities.

For students who meet benchmarks but can't afford college, the program's tuition guarantee kicks in. A \$500,000 scholarship fund from the Ellis Foundation, headed by former Sweetwater District graduate Michael Ellis, will pay the way for

those meeting financial need criteria.

At the announcement ceremony, Ellis told student representatives they are a valuable asset that the community can not afford to lose.

"We could have the cure for cancer right here," he said, "but if all of you don't have the opportunity for a college education, we could miss out."

Calling the agreement the only one of its kind in the nation, Sweetwater Superintendent Ed Brand said the project goes a long way in raising students' expectations. "The Class of 2006 is going to set their sights for college, and we're going to support their achievement every step of the way."

As part of their commitment, Sweetwater and SDSU have pledged tutoring and other assistance to help the Class of 2006 meet their benchmarks.

Sweetwater's Board President Greg Sandoval said he expects the

Sporting Future SDSU Aztec T-shirts, a dozen incoming seventh graders—representing Sweetwater District's Class of 2006—witnessed an agreement that will guarantee every member of their class admission to San Diego State University. On behalf of more than 5,000 of their classmates, the students helped SDSU President Stephen Weber, Sweetwater Superintendent Ed Brand and Michael Ellis, head of the Ellis Foundation, announce the new partnership at a March 8 ceremony at Hilltop Middle School.

program to ensure a more diverse group of district students are university-bound. "College is the currency for success in the future. This program will provide the skills needed so all students can cash in on the opportunities a college education affords."

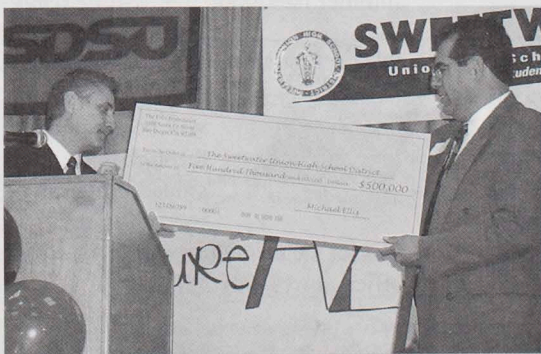
San Diego State University President Stephen Weber added that the pilot program will help students work through any obstacles to higher education. "We're holding out our hand to these students and saying if you



Sweetwater Superintendent Ed Brand (L) and SDSU President Stephen Weber sign the historic agreement.

work hard and meet the requirements, we promise to have a place for you at SDSU."

Parents and students can expect a complete packet of information on The Compact for Success: Guaranteed Admission/Guaranteed Tuition Program sometime during the summer.



Michael Ellis presents \$500,000 check to Sweetwater Board President Greg Sandoval.





Sweetwater Secondary Council PTA

It's a busy time for PTA in the Sweetwater Secondary Council. Our units are busy with their various activities. Hilltop High is getting a website set up for their PTA and working on organizing a safe After-Prom for their students.

Bonita Vista High set up another beautiful Artsfest activity day in March. Bonita Vista Middle is following up a successful Book Fair with plans for the Artsfest and annual Campus Clean-up in April.

We are working toward nominating our new boards for next year and planning for our year ahead. The PTA is a wonderful way to get involved in your child's school and get to know other parents and teachers as well. Think about saying yes when someone calls you to volunteer.

Don't know how to do a certain job? – Our Council is here to help train you for PTA positions.

Please call us– We are looking forward to the PTA State Convention, May 4-7 in Long Beach.

Interested in starting a PTA program at your school? –

Call Nora Hanson at 656-3900.

Find out more about PTA, by going to their website:

California State PTA
<www.capta.org>
and
National PTA
<www.pta.org>.

Parents Find Summer Learning Strategies for Students

Summer provides a well-deserved break from a year of hard school work, but students' education need not end in June. With a more relaxed timeline, summer vacation is also the perfect opportunity to get a jump on the new school year.

READ, READ AND READ SOME MORE: Summer is a great time to practice reading skills

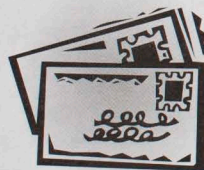


with books students want to read. Watch improvement through a reading log that chronicles the number, and

difficulty, of books read. Start a Parent/Child book club with your teens. Set aside a family reading time. Hold conversations about shared experiences. Tell stories about the family and its history. Set up centers in your home for: game playing (Scrabble, dominoes, etc.), doing puzzles, working on an ongoing family project. Visit the local public libraries, which always schedule special summer programs.

VACATION EDUCATION:

Build skills through map reading, charting the trip before departure, creating lists of items needed in advance of departure, observing scenery while driving in the car, writing and sending postcards and letters about the experience (to others and to themselves), assembling a scrapbook of the trip and watching for vocabulary words along the way.



HOME-GROWN LEARNING:

Plant a vegetable garden, install a bird feeder and identify the birds, start a

collection—perhaps shells, seeds, leaves or flowers. Read the Quest section of the San Diego

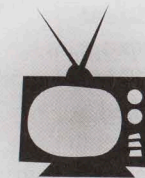
Union-Tribune on Wednesdays for what's coming in the sky that week and spend time with a star chart



watching the skies. As a family, hold a stock market competition for the summer—pick a stock, chart its progress, compare at the end of the summer and plan a fantasy activity with the fantasy profits.

TV AS A FAMILY

ACTIVITY: In a drama, identify the main character, decide on

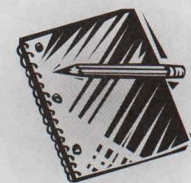


conflicts faced by the main character, and determine the purpose of the show. Watch the news on various

channels during the summer and rate them as a family. Assemble a list of vocabulary words to post on the refrigerator and learn together.

NEW SUMMER HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS:

A whole host of additional ideas will be part of a new summer handbook that will be ready for distribution to parents by the end of May. Copies will be available through your student's school or by calling the district's Curriculum and Instruction office at 619-691-5586.



Parents Welcome...

In addition to the various opportunities that parents and community members have at every school to become involved in the educational process, the Sweetwater District offers everyone—especially parents—the chance to participate in any of the District Advisory Committees (DACs).

- If you wish to participate, time commitment is two hours each month.
- Meetings are open to the public. Guests are welcome.
- If you wish to join any of the DACs and represent your school, please contact your school principal or the district department in charge of your chosen committee.
- Spanish interpretation is provided at most meetings.

calendar Notes

SCIENCE FAIR NEWS

Just over 100 students from 11 Sweetwater schools exhibited their projects at the District Science Fair held Feb. 23 at Hilltop High. Participation exceeded expectations, and 68 students were chosen to proceed on to the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair competition in Balboa Park April 12. The number of district entries in the San Diego competition has nearly doubled from last year.



Congratulations to all the students who participated and to the teachers and parents who supported them. Also, congratulations and thank you to the district's science fair organizer—Steve Rodecker.

The Greater San Diego Science Fair exhibits and awards were on display in Balboa Park April 13 – 15 for grades seven through 12.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SERIES

The Distinguished Lecturer Series is free and available to parents, staff, students and community members. The speakers are educational experts from around the country. The focus is on gifted and talented education, instruction in the mixed ability classroom and surviving and thriving during adolescence. For more information call 691-5840.

DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

PARENTS, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME

Meeting, Location	Date	Time
Board of Trustees District Office Board Room 691-5500	May 18 June 13	7 PM - end 7 PM - end
Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) District Advisory Committee District Office Room A/B 691-5586	May 22	6:30 - 8:30 PM
District Language Learners (DELAC) Advisory Committee District Office Room A/B 585-7804	May 31 June 28	9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
GATE/SBCP District Advisory Committee Categorical Office 466 Moss St., CV 691-5840	May 8 June 12	6:30 - 8:30 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Parent Advisory Committee District Office Room A/B 691-5555	May 23 June 20	6:30 - 8:30 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Special Abilities Cluster Parent Meeting District Office Board Room 691-5590	May 11	6:30 - 8:30 PM
Special Education District Advisory Committee District Office Board Room 691-5590	June 6	6 - 7 PM
Special Education Parent Information Night District Office Board Room 691-5590	June 6	7 - 9 PM
Distinguished Lecturer Series Gifted & Talented Education (GATE) Hilltop High Cafeteria 555 Claire Ave., CV 691-5840	May 9	7 PM - end

Note: The district office (also known as the administration center) is located at 1130 Fifth Avenue in Chula Vista. Meeting dates are subject to change. Please call in advance to confirm meeting time and location.



Micha Suarez, Making a Difference for Students

Sitting as a student representative on the Board of Trustees is the fulfillment of a dream Micha Suarez has had since she was in the seventh grade.



It was at that time that Micha appeared before the board to receive a science fair award. Inspired by seeing a student representative on the board, she vowed that

when her time came she would be sitting up there too.

Competition to be selected as the student representative is tough.

Candidates must fill out an application and then be interviewed by a panel of Associated Student Body presidents and the current student representative. The interview panel then selects the new representative—which Micha admits is a difficult choice.

“All the candidates are at the top of their class,” said Micha, who will graduate from Sweetwater High this summer.

As a student board member, Micha has been a role model for other students in the district.

“Sometimes other students see something wrong and don’t do anything

about it because they say, ‘I’m only one person,’” Micha said. “As a board member I can vote on issues. I’m an example that one person can make a difference and so can you.”

In addition to making a difference while sitting on the board, Micha encourages more students to compete to be the board’s student representative.

“You really get a first-hand look at how the district functions,” Micha said. “Most students think all they need to do is go to school then go home and do homework. They don’t realize there is so much more to school than that.”



Chula Vista Middle Moves Ahead

Chula Vista Middle and Sweetwater District staff have been working hard ever since the Feb. 7 fire that damaged 11 classrooms and the cafeteria. By the end of that first week, affected classes moved into new, fully furnished portable facilities. Chula Vista’s leaders, businesses and residents responded just as quickly.

Supplies, contributions and volunteered services immediately began pouring into the school. One of the latest examples is a brand new computer lab—with 25 high-tech workstations—donated by the Futures Foundation.

A lot of people have been asking what the long-term plans for the school are. A committee of architects, parents, students and school and district staff are working together to create a detailed conceptual plan for modernizing the entire Chula Vista Middle campus.

Building Education and Careers on the Waterfront

Mathematics takes on a whole new relevance when you’re calculating the amount of sheet metal, pipes and rigging needed to build a 950-foot ship. And that’s what students will discover when Sweetwater District, the Regional Occupational Program and National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO) launch a new program—the Waterfront Academy—slated to begin next fall.

This innovative program is expected to bring 60-75 incoming seniors to NASSCO’s bayfront shipbuilding facility for both academic classes and career preparation. Students will get hands-on training by the company’s industry experts and will study academics with their Sweetwater teachers.

Trades such as electrical, pipefitting, sheet metal, shipfitting, rigging and welding are part of the career academy.

“NASSCO is looking at students in this program not only as our future core of multi-skilled artisans,” said company President Richard Vortmann, “but also as the future cadre of supervisors, managers and engineers.”

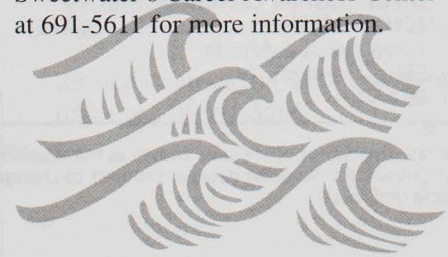
After graduation and a six-week paid

summer internship, graduates will be recruited by NASSCO and other San Diego waterfront employers. Those hired by NASSCO will be eligible for tuition reimbursement of up to \$2,500 as they pursue college coursework preparing for professional opportunities at NASSCO.

“The partnership is a great match,” said Superintendent Ed Brand. “Sweetwater students can get their foot in the door for lifelong careers, and NASSCO can tap into a pool of young people to replace the company’s retiring workforce.”

At a series of community meetings held recently throughout the district, parents received program information and application materials for their students.

Applications are due back to program officials on May 8. Contact Sweetwater’s Career Awareness Center at 691-5611 for more information.



Hilltop High Wins

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"We are so excited about bringing this honor to Hilltop High and to the Sweetwater District."

This year's competition drew teams from 38 public and private schools from throughout San Diego County. Students competed in 10 academic events. Seven were multiple-choice tests in music, art, language and literature, mathematics, economics, social science and Super Quiz. They also competed in three

communications tests: written essays, speeches and oral interviews.

"I know how difficult many of those test questions are," said Hilltop High Principal Jerry Rindone.

"Our students' win is a reflection of many hours of studying and of their steely

determination when faced with worthy competitors."

The work by students Aaron Arboleda, Christopher Franco, Daniel Moorhead, Christopher King, Walter Hanau, Amanda Martinez, Jerome

Forgy, Moises Lara and Justin Buchanan has made the entire district proud.

"Their efforts and those of their teachers and parents who support them are true examples of teamwork."

The honors continued for Hilltop when the team competed at the state Academic Decathlon March 17-19 in Los Angeles. The team made a respectable showing for their first statewide competition when they placed in the top half of the 57 teams participating.



"These Hilltop students are a wonderful reflection of the great things happening in the Sweetwater District," said Board President Greg Sandoval.

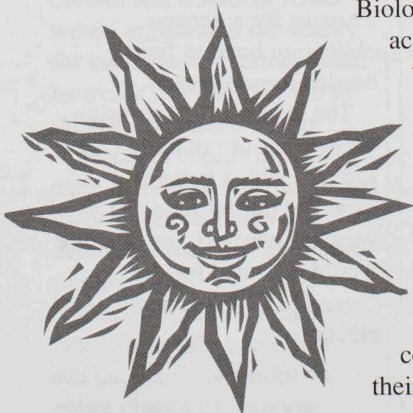
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Each high school site may also offer one class each of Biology, Course I Math and Course II Math in an accelerated format over a 35-day period from June 26 through Aug. 15. Students are eligible for these classes with a teacher's recommendation.

All summer classes are offered subject to enrollment and adequate staffing. Students should contact their regular counselor for details and recommendations.

A "Rainbow Graduation" for seniors completing their high school requirements during the summer will be held on Aug. 10. For the ceremony, all graduates wear a graduation gown in their respective school colors.



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Bell award for the district. Through its Golden Bell program, the California School Boards Association recognizes exemplary and forward-thinking educational practices.

Through another creative partnership, what was once the site of the vacant Imperial Beach firehouse is now home to a high-tech adult education campus. In 1997, council members unanimously approved a \$1-per-year property lease for 55 years to the district, and city representatives participated in project design and construction. This new school in Imperial Beach makes state-of-the-art academic and career preparation available to more South County residents than ever before.

Sweetwater's board of trustees has made community collaboration a high priority. The board has also supported enhanced student learning through connections with area businesses and postsecondary institutions. As an example, Southwestern College offers classes on-site at each of Sweetwater's high school campuses. Students can get a head start on completing college credits right at their home school.

In addition, over 300 corporate partners contribute a wealth of resources—including staff, equipment and services—that helps increase achievement for all Sweetwater youth.

The district's newest high school—scheduled to open on Otay Mesa in the year 2002—will take Sweetwater's collaboration with local business to new heights. The school will host a Mission Federal Credit Union training center. This full-fledged operating branch will give students "real-world" opportunities.

Sweetwater is committed to finding new ways to go above and beyond for our students. The district will continue to identify and strengthen partnerships that make good sense for both our students and the community.



New Otay Ranch School on the Drawing Board

For the first time in several decades, the Sweetwater District will be building two high schools

simultaneously—in Otay Mesa and Otay Ranch. Designed very similarly, the two schools each sit on 50 acres of land. Their designs incorporate amenities to meet rigorous state academic standards.

The new schools, for example, will provide additional science labs and classrooms so students can meet new increased science requirements.

While construction on the Otay Mesa school is expected to begin this summer, the plan review process continues for the new Otay Ranch high school, and construction will commence in early 2001.

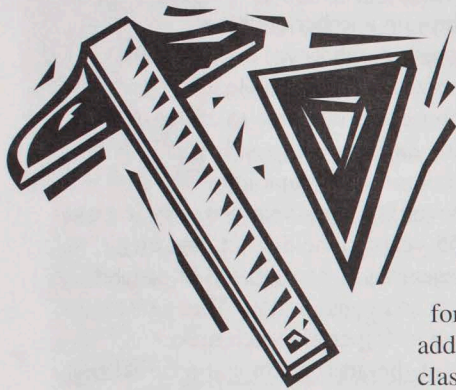
Both schools are expected to open in late 2002.

The district is exploring joint-use arrangements with the City of Chula Vista for the school's library and parks, Sweetwater planning officials said.

Both schools will have a wide range of athletic facilities and state-of-the-art classrooms, said Katy Wright, director of planning and

construction for Sweetwater. And unlike Otay Mesa where a performing arts center is planned, the Otay Ranch school will have a multi-purpose building. Both schools will have a gymnasium and a business education center.

The Otay Ranch high school will be located south of the future extension of Olympic Parkway and east of Paseo Ranchero, and the Otay Mesa school will be located south of I-905 and east of Old Otay Mesa Road.



Aging Sweetwater Schools Face Facilities Problems

Any homeowner dealing with the challenges of an aging home can empathize first-hand with the facilities plight of many schools.

Throughout California, districts like Sweetwater are facing challenges—caused by decades-old buildings and burgeoning growth and overcrowding—that affect learning opportunities for students.

In Sweetwater, most of the schools range in age from 25 to 60 years old. Two schools have buildings constructed during Franklin Roosevelt's presidency as part of the Works Project Administration (WPA) program.

The district's aging classrooms reflect years of use by the thousands of students

who have completed their education here in the South Bay. These outdated facilities complicate efforts to give today's students the complex

that has stretched the capacity needs at most Sweetwater schools. Since 1997, the district has had to add over 100

including parents, teachers, principals and professionals with expertise in school construction—have been involved in a careful assessment of the district's facility needs.

Based on their findings, the group anticipates a recommendation to Sweetwater's Board of Trustees for a general obligation bond to fund needed improvements.

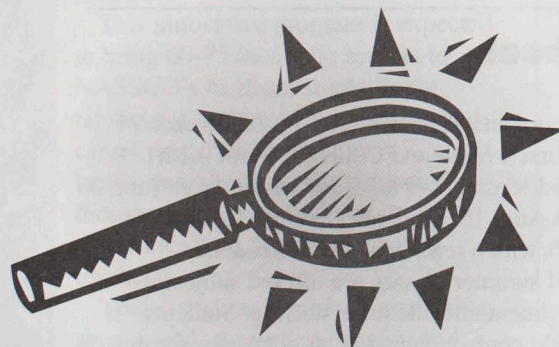
The Board's final decision on whether or not to go forward with a bond is expected during June of this year. If approved, the measure would be slated for the November 2000 general election.

technological preparation so critical to learning in the 21st century.

Magnifying that impact is growth in local population

portable classrooms to the 200 it already had in place.

That's why a facilities planning committee—





Coming Soon: Test Results at Teachers' Fingertips

Technology's newest tools will soon bring student test information to teachers' desktops.

The Information Technology department is busy pulling together Student Explorer, a student information system—created in-house—that will allow teachers to access student achievement data on SAT9 and other tests from their classroom computers.

It is envisioned that teachers armed with the test results for each student—broken down by class enrollment and tested subject areas—will be able to create specific lesson plans that will help students better understand subjects on which they are tested.

Under the Web-based system, teachers would log into the district's network, enter their password and the list of classes they teach would appear. A teacher then could click onto one of the classes and a student roster would appear. All the scores for each student tested would be available—right down to the SAT9 content cluster.

Teachers could see how each individual student scored in every subject area and determine their strengths and weaknesses.

The information system would also allow teachers to see the achievement of an entire class and pinpoint

specific subject areas that may need more attention.

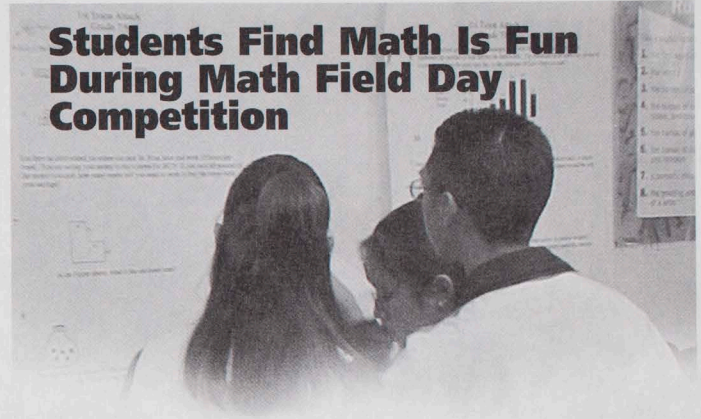
All the information available is not new. Administrators and counselors have been receiving student achievement data for years. What is new is the way the information will now be distributed, said Rusty Meike, technology training manager.

"We have all this great information that could enhance the teaching process," Meike said. "Let's get it out to teachers through their desktop and not in a giant report that they have to thumb through. This way it's accessible any time they need it."

The system will be set up to allow password-protected teacher access from home and other remote locations using the latest encryption technology to ensure privacy. Eventually the student information system will include attendance, grades and other sources of information currently found in the district's various databases.

While the framework for the system is currently in place, Information Technology is still working to make the system as user-friendly as possible. Focus groups are being held in March and April to hear how teachers want the system displayed for easiest interaction.

Students Find Math Is Fun During Math Field Day Competition



Students look at a wall of charts to learn what math problems they will be assigned as part of Sweetwater's Math Field Day.

More than 70 Sweetwater District middle school students competed in the "Mad Hatter Marathon" and "Math Bowl" during the district's first annual Math Field Day events held recently.

"Most students just go through school doing math, but we wanted to show them that math could be fun," said Dennis Williams, one of the Math Field Day organizers.

The competition, which was held Sat., March 25 at Chula Vista Middle, was also a warm-up for the countywide Math Field Day competition scheduled for May 6 at Scripps Ranch High School.

"The South Bay is not always well-represented at the county competition," said Gayle Maggi, another district organizer and the regional director for Math Renaissance. "We wanted to give the students a taste of what the county competition is like and give them time to practice."

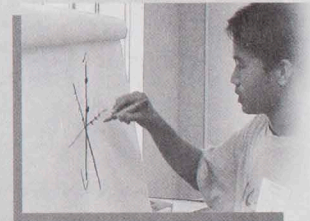
Student teams were awarded first, second and third place for competitions, and their scores were totaled to provide overall winners—including Bonita Vista Middle, Southwest Junior and Mar Vista Middle.

In evaluations after the event, students wrote of the day's excitement.

"It was great to see how other schools are doing," one student wrote. "Math can be fun in competition."

"I can't wait for the county Math Field Day," another wrote.

This year's success has organizers hopeful of expanding the district competition to include Sweetwater high schools next year.





Governor Expected at Sweetwater Summit

Mark your calendar! Sweetwater District's fifth annual Community Education Summit is slated for August 2000. The Honorable Gray Davis, Governor of California, has agreed to address the Summit as its keynote speaker. Governor Davis is one of California's most outspoken education advocates.

The event is scheduled at

Eastlake High School on either Aug. 11, 18 or 25. As in past years, transportation will be available as will translation services.

Last year's Summit was a huge success with more than 1,000 parents, students, community members and district staff in attendance. Gary

Hart, former California State Secretary of Education, was the keynote speaker and accountability was the theme for the event.



This year's summit will unveil the new Compact for Success: Guaranteed Admission/Guaranteed Tuition Program recently announced by Sweetwater, San Diego State University and The Ellis Foundation.

The Compact for Success pilot offers guaranteed college admission to Sweetwater's incoming seventh graders—Class of 2006. (See story on p. 3)

The Summit is a venue for parents, students and community members to provide guidance and

recommendations to the district for improving student achievement. The district's Expected Districtwide Learning Results (EDLRs) were a product of the first Summit in 1996.

This year's event will provide an opportunity for all parents—especially those with incoming seventh graders—to hear and understand just what the Compact for Success entails for their students and themselves.



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Hi Mark,

Well, we didn't get 26, so now it becomes critically important that we do a good job on the campaign. Here is an outline on how to approach each of the sites to get our "army" of volunteer students.

1. Draft letter that will be sent to principals to solicit a meeting to discuss the student volunteer idea -- Use the one I sent you
2. Send letter ASAP
3. Follow up within reasonable time frame (if principals have not responded within a reasonable time) and set up meeting with principal(s)
4. Meet with principal(s) and discuss the idea of how to go about getting student volunteers at their site. The goal of the meeting is for the principals to lead you to a teacher or campus staff member who will be your contact person. This person will assist you with developing strategies for how to encourage students to volunteer and with setting up meetings with the student volunteers to train for campaign.
5. Set up student volunteer meetings and trainings

I'll help you to set up a training program for the kids when you get them lined up. We'll need to talk before you go out to see the principals.

Mark

12-20-99
From EP Brand

he told me that he had spoke to Al Ducheny
and that he needed some volunteers to register new
immigrants at the below locations. He also said that
he had met with Al Ducheny and that he was a volunteer
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tell him he would ~~be~~ ^{oversee} the operation of the Latino & Filipino
communities in the South Bay.

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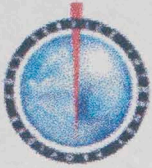
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2000 NATURALIZATION FINAL HEARINGS

Day	Date	Location	Address	Start Time	End Time
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THU	Jan 20, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Feb 10, 2000			8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Feb 24, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St. San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Mar 16, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So. San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
WED	Mar 22, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St. San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	April 6, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
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MON	May 22, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St. San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	June 8, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	June 29, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St. San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
WED	July 5, 2000	Cabrillo Natl Monument	1800 Cabrillo Memorial Dr. San Diego, CA 92106	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

2000 NATURALIZATION FINAL HEARINGS (Cont'd.)

THU	July 13, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
FRI	July 28, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Aug 10, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
WED	Aug 23, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Sept. 7, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
FRI	Sept 15, 2000	"	"	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
SAT	Sept 23, 2000	East County Performing Arts Center	210 E. Main St. El Cajon, CA 92020	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
THU	Sept 28, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
WED	Oct 18, 2000	"	"	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Oct 26, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So. San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Nov 16, 2000	"	"	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Nov 30, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Dec 7, 2000	Scottish Rite Center	1895 Camino del Rio So. San Diego, CA 92108	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
THU	Dec 14, 2000	Golden Hall	202 "C" St San Diego, CA 92101	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.



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Mon, 14 Feb 2000 13:05:59 EST

Re: E-mail Addresses

This is helpful. Thanks. I want to make a suggestion that we amend the of this committee when the proposition letter is assigned to include "YES Proposition 'X'". I also think we should limit the scope/focus of the committee name to reflect what this measure is about - schools/school buildings. "Quality Education" is not only too broad, but invites debate o a whole range of other issues. We want to under promise and over deliv Amending is a simple thing to do and should be done before we move int significant level of communication/production. This will not affect what t already been created for fundraising efforts.

Sincerely, Ariane

Subj: Tribune update
Date: 2/24/00 10:47:36 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Kardemasi
To: markbaca1@juno.com, COI Mark Baca
CC: coirichard@webcombo.net

Hi Mark. I tried to call you but you were not home and your mailbox was full and I could not leave a message. Then I paged you. Anyway, I thought I would email so at least you got my message. I spoke with Richard about how to handle the school bond issue with the reporter.

We don't want to hide the issue, but we also don't want to make it the focus of the article. The focus should be on the asset mapping and its purpose – which is to get to know National City and its residents better. I think its okay to say one of the things we are interested in learning is whether or not people are registered to vote. Voter registration is one measure of civic involvement. Also the NCYO are interested in the upcoming school bond election because it effects them very directly. The point is that the asset mapping has a broad scope and is not just narrowly focused on the school bond. The information you have found from the mapping can help National City in a number of ways. Feel free to call me and I will call you right back if I am on the other line. Leave a message as to your availability. Good luck.

- Karen

NCYO is especially interested in
identifying and engaging people who have
leadership capabilities but have NOT previously
participated in community affairs.



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Ralph,
 I wanted to update you on meeting the team had last week at the District office and who was in attendance. First, these were the team members that were in attendance:

1. Barry Dragon
2. Andy Campbell
3. Jorge Dominguez
4. Jan Godfrey
5. Nora Hanson
6. Ed Brand
- 7 Mark Baca
- 8 Rudy Kastelic
9. Ariane Lehew (consultant).

Second, the meeting was an overview of the Planning Phase, Preparation Phase, Voter Contact Phase, Persuasion Phase and the Final Countdown Phase. I can provide you the information that was disseminated at the meeting to bring you up to speed (via- fax?). In conclusion, it is important that we all have the same information as we move forward. I look forward to a continuous and productive working relationship and i'am fortunate to be on your team.

Sincerely,

Mark Baca

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SWEETWATER COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

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FAX: *Mark Baca*
299-9767

Mr. Chuck Hansen, Vice-President
Community Relations
Viejas Business Enterprises
402 West Broadway, Ste. 2600
San Diego, CA 92101

March 16, 2000

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Since June of 1922, the Sweetwater Union High School District has given the young people of our community the best education possible, successfully preparing them for high school, college and the world beyond. But as the new millennium approaches, the ability of our district to continue delivering the first-rate education we have come to expect is in danger.

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The school district board of trustees is considering a bond issue for the November 2000 general election in the approximate amount of \$228 million. We are currently polling the community and forming a campaign committee in preparation of the establishment of a "grass-roots community campaign." Even with a tremendous grass-roots support, passing this measure will not be easy. We need to reach enough voters to win with a 2/3 majority. To do this, we need your help.

Since the school district cannot use public money to pay for a political campaign such as this, we are relying on the generosity of companies like yours to make this campaign possible. We anticipate an abundance of volunteers to knock on doors and make phone calls, but we need funds to pay for informational brochures, signs and other campaign supplies. Your contribution will allow us to communicate effectively with the voters as to the importance of this bond issue to our schools, our children, and our community. This measure will significantly improve the quality of our kids' education today and for decades to come. Together, we can make this opportunity a reality.

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My name is Herman Baca, chairperson of the Committee on Chicano Rights (CCR). Members of the Board of Trustees, I am here tonight to urge you to say No, No, No, to Superintendent's Ed's Brand's, 187 million dollar bond "boondoggle" proposal. The bond, which he is asking you to approve, and if approved by the voters will burden homeowners of the SWUHSD with new taxes for the next 25 years.

I want to go on record, so that there is no mistakes about the reason(s) for our opposition. As the head of an organization which has fought and struggled for the last 30 years for quality education, as a former student of this district (class of 1961), and as the parent of 3 children who graduated, and with one child currently in the district, that:

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2. The bond measure if approved in 2000 would obligate Mello-Roos homeowners to pay the bond taxes, but according to a district spokesperson, bond taxes paid would then be deducted from their Mello-Roos taxes!

Note: Mello-Roos taxes as the district well knows cover not only schools, but also golf courses, streets, parks, sidewalks, etc. Taxes for improvements, which ultimately increase homeowner property values!

3. The district has held few public meetings (especially in the majority Mexican American community) on the new bond issue, and the information that the district has distributed has been dispersed selectively to a close circle of individuals who have a vested interest in creating a 187 million-dollar piggy bank.
4. An identical 132 million-dollar Bond Measure is being considered by Southwestern Jr. College, on the same ballot. The question is, how much taxes do the school district s except the overburen homeowner especially in the poorer areas to shoulder?

We ask you tonight to either vote down, or table this proposal.

Thank you;


Herman Baca
President

Sweetwater's board may put bond issue on November ballot

\$187 million measure is on the agenda for tonight

By Chris Moran
STAFF WRITER

CHULA VISTA — If the Sweetwater school board adopts the superintendent's recommendation tonight, voters will decide in November on a \$187 million bond measure for the upgrade of 20 middle and high schools in the South Bay.

Superintendent Ed Brand is recommending that the board adopt a resolution that would put the question on the general election ballot in the Sweetwater Union High School District. If approved by voters, the measure would raise annual property taxes by \$26 per \$100,000 assessed value for 25 years.

The board meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at the district headquarters, 1130 Fifth

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Ave., Chula Vista.

Sweetwater has released few details on how the money would be spent. No new schools would be built, but each of the 20 Sweetwater campuses would get improvements, including wiring for technology, and new buildings at Chula Vista, Mar Vista and Sweetwater high schools.

Brand said the district's wish list for the \$187 million is filled with important but unglamorous improvements such as repairs and upgrades to heating, cooling and power systems.

"To be put in a mood to learn, you can't be overheated . . . You can't be in a situation where every time you turn on the computer the power goes out," he said.

Board member Jim Cartmill said, "It's common sense, from my point of view, to say when you have a great working area that you're going to be able to work harder, smarter."

The superintendent had talked publicly about a \$229 million measure, but scaled back his recommendation in response to poll results that show far more support for the \$187 million measure.

A \$500 million measure failed in a March 1997 Sweetwater bond election.

The Sweetwater district includes Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, National City, Otay Mesa and other areas of the city of San Diego in the South Bay. About 34,000 seventh-through-12th-graders attend Sweetwater schools.

Southwestern College is considering a \$132 million bond measure that would go on the same ballot as the Sweetwater proposal. Southwestern's territory is virtually identical, except that it also includes Coronado.

School bond measures require two-thirds voter approval for passage. That could change after November if voters approve a statewide initiative that proposes reducing the threshold for passage to 55 percent.

Brand said the Sweetwater measure is more than a school improvement act; it will improve the quality of life throughout the area.

"I think it's going to be one of the biggest things affecting the South Bay in the last 25 years," Brand said.

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2. The bond measure if approved in 2000 would obligate Mello-Roos homeowners to pay the bond taxes, but according to a district spokesperson, bond taxes paid would then be deducted from their Mello-Roos taxes!

Note: Mello-Roos taxes as the district well knows cover not only schools, but also golf courses, streets, parks, sidewalks, etc. Taxes for improvements, which ultimately increase homeowner property values!

3. The district has held few public meetings (especially in the majority Mexican American community) on the new bond issue, and the information that the district has distributed has been dispersed selectively to a close circle of individuals who have a vested interest in creating a 187 million-dollar piggy bank.
4. An identical 132 million-dollar Bond Measure is being considered by Southwestern Jr. College, on the same ballot. The question is, how much taxes do the school district s except the overburen homeowner especially in the poorer areas to shoulder?

We ask you tonight to either vote down, or table this proposal.

Thank you;


Herman Baca

President

Sweetwater's board may put bond issue on November ballot

\$187 million measure is on the agenda for tonight

By Chris Moran
STAFF WRITER

CHULA VISTA — If the Sweetwater school board adopts the superintendent's recommendation tonight, voters will decide in November on a \$187 million bond measure for the upgrade of 20 middle and high schools in the South Bay.

Superintendent Ed Brand is recommending that the board adopt a resolution that would put the question on the general election ballot in the Sweetwater Union High School District. If approved by voters, the measure would raise annual property taxes by \$26 per \$100,000 assessed value for 25 years.

The board meeting is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. at the district headquarters, 1130 Fifth

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\$187 million bond issue is on agenda tonight

Ave., Chula Vista.

Sweetwater has released few details on how the money would be spent. No new schools would be built, but each of the 20 Sweetwater campuses would get improvements, including wiring for technology, and new buildings at Chula Vista, Mar Vista and Sweetwater high schools.

Brand said the district's wish list for the \$187 million is filled with important but unglamorous improvements such as repairs and upgrades to heating, cooling and power systems.

"To be put in a mood to learn, you can't be overheated . . . You can't be in a situation where every time you turn on the computer the power goes out," he said.

Board member Jim Cartmill said, "It's common sense, from my point of view, to say when you have a great working area that you're going to be able to work harder, smarter."

The superintendent had talked publicly about a \$229 million measure, but scaled back his recommendation in response to poll results that show far more support for the \$187 million measure.

A \$500 million measure failed in a March 1997 Sweetwater bond election.

The Sweetwater district includes Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, San Ysidro, National City, Otay Mesa and other areas of the city of San Diego in the South Bay. About 34,000 seventh-through-12th-graders attend Sweetwater schools.

Southwestern College is considering a \$132 million bond measure that would go on the same ballot as the Sweetwater proposal. Southwestern's territory is virtually identical, except that it also includes Coronado.

School bond measures require two-thirds voter approval for passage. That could change after November if voters approve a statewide initiative that proposes reducing the threshold for passage to 55 percent.

Brand said the Sweetwater measure is more than a school improvement act; it will improve the quality of life throughout the area.

"I think it's going to be one of the biggest things affecting the South Bay in the last 25 years," Brand said.

S.D. Union
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Committee on Chicano Rights

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July 20,2000

Mr. Chris Moran
SD Union

Mr. Moran:

Regarding your 7/17/00 article entitled "2 County Schools Are World Apart." Nice story, but extremely shallow. Symptomatically what you wrote is partially factual, but far from being correct. Like anything else, there is good and bad, certain parents, students, teachers, and administrators, I am sure, are trying to do their best under very trying conditions.

In my opinion, your article systematically failed to inform your readership about the causes of why discrepancy exist between schools, such as Granger Jr. High (Mexican & poor) and other schools (white & affluent), in the county. The causes of why discrepancies exist, which you failed to address, are as followed:

1. The historically racism that has existed in the SWUHSD.
2. The nepotism (good old boy network) which historically has politically controlled both the school board and the economic purse string of the SWUHSD.
3. The SWUHSD Board of Trustees historically being politically controlled (so-called minority board included) and serving as political lackeys for the superintendent's, and the "good old boy network."
4. The district's majorities, which are Mexican parents and taxpayers, have no say so, involvement or political representation with the either the SWUHSD Board of Trustees or the District.

You are obviously young and new, but you owe it to yourself and your readership (if you are going to continue writing 'factual' articles about "education in the SWUHSD) to inform yourself of the above and attempt to understand that "discrepancies" just don't happen, but are created by many factors.

Herman Baca
President



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Date: August 9, 2000

To: Edward Brand, Superintendent
Sweetwater Union High School District

From: Cathy Glaser
Cathy Glaser, Supervisor
Campaign Services

DIRECT ARGUMENT FOR SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Enclosed is a "Notice of Argument Deadline" for the above-referenced jurisdiction.

The Registrar of Voters will have this notice published:

Newspaper: Star News

Publication Date: Friday, August 11, 2000

Direct Argument Deadline; no later than 5:00 p.m. on: August 23, 2000

Rebuttal Deadline; no later than 5:00 p.m. on: September 1, 2000

As a reminder, direct arguments in favor of AND against the proposition must be **received** (not postmarked) in the Registrar of Voters Office by the above deadline. A direct argument is limited to 300 words. If your argument is selected and rebuttal arguments are necessary, you will be given instructions on how to submit a rebuttal. A rebuttal argument is limited to 250 words and will be due by the above date.

Please use the enclosed form for your argument signers. Each argument may have no more than five signatures. If more than five signatures are submitted, the first five will be printed in the Sample Ballot/Voter Information Pamphlet.

It is the policy of the Registrar of Voters office to accept an argument and/or rebuttal if at least one of the authors/signers (to be designated the "filer") meets the criteria of being a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which the measure appears. Any other signers are not required to meet that or any other criteria and are assumed to appear at the discretion and approval of the filer.

Note: Registrar of Voters policy does not allow candidates, campaign managers, campaign treasurers, argument or rebuttal signers of ballot measures or members of their immediate family to host a polling place or act as a poll worker in the jurisdiction in which the candidacy or ballot measure of the interested party is being voted upon.

Please be aware that the California Elections Code (Sections 9190, 9295, 9380 & 9509) provides for a 10-calendar day examination period during which "any voter of the jurisdiction . . . may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted. A peremptory writ of mandate or an injunction shall be issued only upon clear and convincing proof that the material in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with this chapter, and that issuance of the writ or injunction will not substantially interfere with the printing or distribution of official election materials . . ." All election materials are available from the Registrar of Voters Office.

Please call 858-694-3404 if you have any questions.

Enclosures: Argument Signer Form
Copy of Legal Notice

The undersigned authors of the Direct argument BB ballot proposition Letter
Direct OR Rebuttal to the In favor of OR Against

at the General Election election for the Sweetwater Union High School District to be held on November 7, 2000 hereby state
Election Title Jurisdiction Date

that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

NOTE

At least one of the authors/signers (designated the "filer") shall meet the criteria of being a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which the proposition appears. Any other signers are not required to meet that or any other criteria and are assumed to appear at the discretion and approval of the filer.

*** Organization Title (Optional)**

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* If provided, this title may be printed in the Sample Ballot/Voter Information Pamphlet.

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August 5, 1998

To: All Interested Parties

From: Mikel Haas
Registrar of Voters

ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL SIGNERS

This letter is to advise you of a modification in policy of the Registrar of Voters regarding the qualification of signers to ballot measure arguments and/or rebuttals filed with this office.

The California Elections Code requires the *filer* of an argument and/or rebuttal to be a registered voter within the jurisdiction in which the measure will appear. It had been the policy and practice of this office to require all signers to an argument and/or rebuttal to meet that same criteria.

We have recently learned of a clarification of the applicable law, one supported by the Secretary of State's legal department, that supports a distinction between the *filer* of an argument and/or rebuttal and the one or more (up to five) additional *signers* to the same argument or rebuttal.

Therefore, in conformance with that interpretation, it shall be the policy of the Registrar of Voters office to accept an argument and/or rebuttal if at least one of the authors/signers (to be designated the "filer") meets the criteria of being a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which the measure appears. Any other signers are not required to meet that or any other criteria and are assumed to appear at the discretion and approval of the filer.

Please note: This policy applies only to those arguments and/or rebuttals filed, by law, with the Registrar of Voters. For a ballot measure in an incorporated city, please contact the respective city Clerk for information on the argument/rebuttal signer qualifications.

**NOTICE OF ARGUMENT DEADLINE FOR
SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the Sweetwater Union High School District
on November 7, 2000

at which there will be submitted to the qualified electors of the district the following measure(s):

To relieve overcrowding, repair local schools and improve safety conditions for students in the Sweetwater Union High School District, serving the communities of Bonita, Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, National City, San Ysidro and portions of San Diego, shall the District repair and upgrade school facilities, adding classrooms; improving fire alarms; removing asbestos; upgrading electrical wiring; renovating water and sewer lines; improving heating and ventilation systems; renovating restrooms; and replacing worn roofs by issuing \$187 million of bonds, at interest rates within the legal limit?

If more than one measure is to be on the ballot, separate arguments should be written for each measure.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the California Elections Code, the legislative body of said district, or any member or members thereof authorized by such body, or any individual voter or bonafide association of citizens, or any combination of such voters and associations may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, for or against a measure. Said arguments shall be accompanied by the statement required by California Elections Code Sec. 9600. Please call 619-694-3404 for information regarding this statement.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and sample ballots and to permit the 10-day examination period for said election, the arguments must be received in the office of the Registrar of Voters, 5201-I Ruffin Road, San Diego, no later than 5:00 p.m., August 23, 2000. (Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including this date.)

Official election materials will be available for viewing at the Registrar of Voters Office in accordance with California Elections Code Sec. 9190, 9295, 9380, & 9509.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

The ballots will be counted at the Registrar of Voters Office, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite I, San Diego, CA 92123.

DATE: August 9, 2000

MIKEL HAAS
Registrar of Voters

By: Cathy Glass
Deputy

August 10, 2000

Ms. Cathy Glaser
Supervisor, Campaign Services
County of San Diego
Registrar of Voters Office
5201-I Ruffin Road
San Diego, CA 92123

Dear Cathy:

Here is the Tax Rate Statement which should appear on the ballot for the November 7, 2000 General Obligation Bond Election of the Sweetwater Union High School District:

**TAX RATE STATEMENT
(SECTION 9401 OF THE ELECTIONS CODE)**

To: The voters voting in the November 7, 2000 election on the question of the issuance of \$187,000,000 General Obligation Bonds of the Sweetwater Union High School District:

You are hereby notified in accordance with Section 9401 of the Elections Code of California of the following:

1. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund principal and interest payments during the first fiscal year after the first sale of bonds (Fiscal Year 2001-02), based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election and taking into account future growth, is the following:

\$.02692 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$26.92 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.
2. The best estimate from official sources of the tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund principal and interest payments during the first fiscal year after the last sale of bonds and an estimate of the year in which that rate will apply (Fiscal Year 2015-16), based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election and taking into account future growth, is the following:

Ms. Cathy Glaser
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\$.02692 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$26.92 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Year after last sale of bonds: 2015-16.

3. The best estimate from official sources of the highest tax rate which would be required to be levied to fund principal and interest payments on the bonds and the year in which such rate would apply, based on assessed valuations available at the time of the election and taking into account future growth, is the following:

\$.02692 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$26.92 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation.

Year of highest tax rate: Tax rate is projected to be the same every year.

Submittal of the foregoing statement has been approved by the Sweetwater Union High School District.

Please call me at (213) 253-5406 and acknowledge receipt of this letter and please allow me to proofread this Tax Rate Statement before it is printed.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Carty

TPC/lis

SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2849

RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION)
AND ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS)
OF THE ELECTION ORDER)

ON MOTION of Member Griego, seconded by Member Cartmill, the following resolution is adopted:

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater Union High School District (hereinafter referred to as "District") requires new and renovated school facilities to serve the students in the District; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees ("Board"), it is advisable to provide a portion of the needed funding by means of general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 46 approved by the voters of the State of California in June 1986 ("Proposition") amended Section 1(b) of Article XIII A of the California Constitution by adding a provision which exempts from the 1 percent of full cash value limitation those ad valorem taxes used to pay debt service of any bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after July 1, 1978 by two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting on the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board, it is advisable to order the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools ("County Superintendent") to call an election on the question of whether bonds shall be issued and sold for the purposes set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Sweetwater Union High School District does hereby resolve, determine, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Board, pursuant to Education Code Section 15100, hereby orders the County Superintendent to call an election and submit to the electors of the District the question of whether bonds of the District ("Bonds") shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money to finance the acquisition and construction of school facilities and paying costs incident thereto.

SECTION 2. That the date of the election shall be November 7, 2000.

SECTION 3. That the purpose of the election shall be for the voters in the District to vote on a proposition, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as "Exhibit A," containing the question of whether the District shall issue the bonds for the purposes stated therein. The Superintendent of the District is hereby authorized to make modifications to "Exhibit A" as required to comply with requirements of election officials without altering the substance or intent of "Exhibit A."

SECTION 4. That the authority for ordering the election is contained in Section 15100 of the Education Code and Proposition 46.

SECTION 5. That the authority for the specification of this election order is contained in Section 5322 of the Education Code.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall stand as the order to the County Superintendent to call an election within the boundaries of the District on November 7, 2000.

SECTION 7. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed immediately to send a certified copy of this resolution to the County Superintendent.

SECTION 8. That the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the San Diego County Registrar of Voters ("County Registrar") and a copy of the resolution to the Clerk of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors ("County Clerk").

SECTION 9. That the County Registrar and the San Diego County Board of Supervisors are hereby requested to consolidate the election ordered hereby with any and all other elections to be held on November 7, 2000 within the District.

SECTION 10. That the County Superintendent is hereby requested to deliver the order of election, a copy of this resolution, and a formal notice of the election to the County Registrar as provided for by applicable California law.

SECTION 11. That any and all members of this Board are hereby authorized to act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument.

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SENATOR STEVE PEACE

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California State Senate

SENATOR
STEVE PEACE

FORTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

DATE: 9-13 FROM: Lise

TO: David

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CHAPTER 1072
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AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 20, 1996

INTRODUCED BY Senator Peace
(Author: Assembly Member Bates)

FEBRUARY 14, 1996

An act to amend Sections 15300, 15301, 15303, 15320, 15322, 15323, 15324, 15326, 15327, 15334, 15342, 15349, 15350, 15351, 15352, 15353, 15356, 15357, 15358, 15359, 15359.1, 15359.2, 15380, 15381, 15384, 15390, 15391, 15400, 15401, 15403, 15404, 15405, 15410, 15411, 15412, 15421, and 15425 of, and to add Section 15334.5 to, the Education Code, relating to school bonds.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1544, Peace. School facilities improvement districts: bonds.

(1) Existing law authorizes school districts to form school facilities improvement districts consisting of a portion of the territory within a school district and authorizes the school facilities improvement district to issue general obligation bonds for school facilities construction purposes.

This bill would authorize community college districts to form school facilities improvement districts and then authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for school facilities construction purposes by these community college school facilities improvement districts.

(2) Under existing law, only school districts that have a community facilities district formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1992 that has as one of its purposes the construction of school facilities within a portion of the territory of the school district may form school facilities improvement districts. The boundaries of school facilities improvement districts include all of the portion of the territory within the boundaries of the school district that is not located within the boundaries of the community facilities district.

This bill, notwithstanding those provisions, would authorize a school district or community college district to form a school facilities improvement district without meeting those requirements upon specified findings of the governing board of the school district or community college district and would authorize the governing board to define the boundaries of the school facilities improvement district, except that those boundaries may not include all or a portion of the territory of the community facilities district.

(3) Existing law limits the amount of bonds that a school facilities improvement district that is located within the boundaries of a unified school district may issue to 2.5% of the taxable property of the school facilities improvement district, as specified.

Existing law limits the amount of bonds that other school facilities improvement districts may issue to 1.25% of the taxable property of the school facilities improvement district. Existing law

similarly limits the amount of bonds that a school district may issue.

This bill would provide that no bonded indebtedness may be incurred by any school facilities improvement district in an amount that would cause the bonded indebtedness of the territory of the school district or community college district of which the school facilities improvement district is a part, or the bonded indebtedness of the territory of the school facilities improvement district to exceed 2.5% or 1.25% as appropriate.

(4) Existing law declares the intent of the Legislature that the rate of taxes levied annually for the support of the bonds issued by a school facilities improvement district not be greater than a specified annual special tax levied by a community facilities district formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982.

This bill would limit application of that intent to the rate of taxes levied annually for the support of the bonds issued by the school facilities improvement districts that are formed in school districts or community college districts that also have community facilities districts formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982 in the territory of the school district or community college district.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 15300 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15300. This chapter provides a method for the formation of school facilities improvement districts consisting of a portion of the territory within a school district or community college district and for the issuance of general obligation bonds by a school facilities improvement district.

SEC. 2. Section 15301 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15301. (a) Any school district or community college district that has a community facilities district formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as set forth in Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 53311) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, that has as one of its purposes the construction of school facilities within a portion of the territory of the school district or community college district, may proceed under this chapter.

(b) The boundaries of any school facilities improvement district formed pursuant to this chapter shall include all of the portion of the territory within the boundaries of the school district or community college district that is not located within the boundaries of the community facilities district as described in subdivision (a).

(c) A school district or community college district may proceed under this chapter without meeting the requirements of subdivisions (a) and (b) if the governing board of the school district or community college district determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the school district or community college district, respectively, to form a school facilities improvement district pursuant to this chapter to finance any or all of the improvements set forth in Section 15302. As a part of that determination, the governing board of the school district or community college district shall make a finding that the overall cost of financing the bonds issued pursuant to this chapter would be less than the overall cost of other school facilities financing options available to the school district or community college district, including, but not limited to, issuing bonds pursuant to the Mello-Roos Communities Facilities Act of 1982 (Ch. 2.5 (commencing with Sec. 53311), Pt. 1, Div. 2, Title 5, Gov. C.). The governing

board of the school district or community college district proceeding under this subdivision shall define the boundaries of the school facilities improvement district to include any portion of territory within the jurisdiction of the school district or community college district, except that the boundaries may not include all or a portion of the territory of the community facilities district described in subdivision (a).

SEC. 3. Section 15303 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15303. This chapter shall not be operative in any county or counties until the board of supervisors of either the county in which the county superintendent of schools having jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located or, if a school facilities improvement district lies in two or more counties, the board of supervisors for those counties, by resolution adopted by a majority vote of the board of supervisors, makes this chapter applicable in the county or counties.

SEC. 4. Section 15320 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15320. Whenever the governing board of a school district or community college district meeting the requirements set forth in Section 15301 determines that a school facilities improvement district is necessary, the governing board shall adopt a resolution of intention that states all of the following:

(a) The intention of the governing board to form the proposed school facilities improvement district.

(b) The purpose for which the proposed school facilities improvement district is to be formed, consistent with the requirements set forth in Section 15302.

(c) The estimated cost of the school facilities improvement project.

(d) That any taxes levied for the purpose of financing the general obligation bonds issued to finance the project shall be levied exclusively upon the lands in the proposed school facilities improvement district.

(e) That a map showing the exterior boundaries of the proposed school facilities improvement district is on file with the governing board of the school district or community college district and is available for inspection by the public. The boundaries of the school facilities improvement district shall meet the requirements set forth in subdivision (b) of Section 15301.

(f) The time and place for a hearing by the governing board on the formation of the proposed school facilities improvement district.

(h) That any interested persons, including all persons owning lands in the school district or community college district, or in the proposed school facilities improvement district, may appear and be heard.

SEC. 5. Section 15322 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15322. The governing board of the school district or community college district shall hold the hearing provided for by resolution of intention at the time and place fixed by that resolution. Any interested person, including, but not limited to, all persons owning land in the school district, or in the proposed school facilities improvement district or community college district, may appear and be heard concerning any matters set forth in the resolution of intention.

SEC. 6. Section 15323 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15323. At the hearing, the governing board of the school district or community college district may adopt a resolution proposing modifications, consistent with Section 15302, of the purpose stated in the resolution of intention. A resolution proposing modification shall describe the proposal modifications, state the change, if any, in the estimated cost of carrying out the purpose, and shall fix a time and place for hearing by the governing board.

SEC. 7. Section 15324 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15324. The governing board of the school district or community

college district shall publish the resolution proposing the modifications to the resolution of intention once in the same newspaper in which the resolution of intention was published at least 14 days prior to the date of hearing on the proposed modifications.

SEC. 6. Section 15326 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15326. At the conclusion of the hearing on the resolution of intention and of the hearing, if any, upon proposed modifications, the governing board may by resolution order the school facilities improvement district formed for the purpose and with the boundaries described in the resolution of intention, and, if relevant, the resolution proposing modifications. The resolution ordering the school facilities improvement district formed shall state the estimated cost of carrying out the purpose described in the resolution. The resolution shall also number and designate the school facilities improvement district substantially as "School Facilities Improvement District of the ____ School District" or "School Facilities Improvement District of the ____ Community College District."

SEC. 9. Section 15327 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15327. The governing board of the school district or community college district in which a school facilities improvement district has been formed shall have the same rights, powers, duties and responsibilities with respect to the formation and government of school facilities improvement district as the governing board has with respect to the school district or community college district.

SEC. 10. Section 15334.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

15334.5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no bonded indebtedness may be incurred pursuant to this chapter in an amount that would cause the bonded indebtedness of the territory of the school district or community college district of which the school facilities improvement district is a part, to exceed the limitation of indebtedness specified in Sections 15102 and 15106. No bonded indebtedness may be incurred pursuant to this chapter in an amount that would cause the bonded indebtedness of the territory of the school facilities improvement district to exceed the limitation of indebtedness specified in Sections 15330 and 15332.

SEC. 11. Section 15336 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15336. Within 30 days after the end of each fiscal year, the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located shall submit a report containing the information to an election held pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 15340), to the county superintendent of schools who has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district;

(a) The total amount of the bond issue, bonded indebtedness, or other indebtedness involved.

(b) The percentage of qualified electors who are residents of the school facilities improvement district who voted at the election.

(c) The results of the election, with the percentage of votes cast for and against the proposition involved.

SEC. 12. Section 15342 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15342. Any one or more of the purposes enumerated in Section 15302, except that of refunding any outstanding valid indebtedness of the school facilities improvement district evidenced by bonds, may, by order of the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, be united and voted upon in a single proposition.

SEC. 13. Section 15349 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15349. If it appears from the certificate of election results that two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters voting on the proposition of issuing bonds of the school facilities improvement district are in favor of issuing the bonds, the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school

facilities improvement district is located shall cause an entry of that fact to be made upon its minutes. The governing board of the school district or community college district shall then certify to the board of supervisors of the county whose superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district, all proceedings had in the premises. The county superintendent of schools shall send a copy of the certificate of election results to the board of supervisors of the county.

SEC. 14. Section 15350 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15350. Bonds of a school facilities improvement district shall be offered for sale by the board of supervisors of the county in which the county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located as soon as possible, when appropriate, following receipt of a resolution duly adopted by the governing board of that school district or community college district. The resolution shall prescribe the total amount of bonds to be sold. The resolution may also prescribe the maximum acceptable interest rate, not to exceed 8 percent, and the time or times when the whole or any part of the principal of the bonds shall be payable, which shall not be more than 25 years from the date of the bonds.

SEC. 15. Section 15351 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15351. When authorized by the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, bonds of the school facilities improvement district may be offered for sale as a group by the board of supervisors of the county in which the county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, at a time determined by the board of supervisors following receipt of a resolution duly adopted by the governing board of that school district or community college district. The resolution shall prescribe the total amount of bonds to be sold. The resolution may also prescribe the maximum acceptable interest rate, not to exceed 8 percent, and the time or times when the whole or any part of the principal of the bonds shall be payable, which shall not be more than 25 years from the date of the bonds. Bidders shall be required to bid a lump-sum bid on all bonds as a group. If bids satisfactory to the governing board of each school district or community college district in which a school facilities improvement district is located are received, the bonds offered for sale shall be awarded to the bidder whose bid will result in the lowest net interest cost for the group or for the bonds of any district included within the group. Bonds shall be issued and sold in the name of each school facilities improvement district in the same manner as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 16. Section 15352 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15352. The bonds shall be issued in the name of the school facilities improvement district and shall be designated "Bonds of the School Facilities Improvement District of the _____ School District" or "Bonds of the School Facilities Improvement District of the _____ Community College District" and each bond and all interest coupons shall state that the tax for the payment thereof shall be limited to annual taxes to be levied upon and collected from the lands within the school facilities improvement district.

SEC. 17. Section 15353 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15353. The bonds shall be issued in the denomination or denominations as the board of supervisors of the county in which the county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located may prescribe.

SEC. 18. Section 15356 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15356. (a) (1) The board of supervisors of the county in which the county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the school

facilities improvement district is located shall prescribe the form of the bonds by an order entered upon its minutes.

(2) The bonds shall be signed by the chairperson of the board of supervisors, or by any other member thereof as the board of supervisors shall, by resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of all its members, authorize and designate for that purpose, and also signed by the treasurer of the county, and shall be countersigned by the clerk of the board of supervisors or by a deputy of either of the officers. Unless the board of supervisors otherwise provides, all the signatures and countersignatures may be printed, lithographed, engraved, or otherwise mechanically reproduced except that one of the signatures or countersignatures to the bonds shall be manually affixed. Any signature may be affixed in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Facsimile Signatures of Public Officials Act, Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 5500) of Title 1 of the Government Code.

(3) All expenses incurred for the preparation, sale, and delivery of the school facilities improvement bonds, including but not limited to, fees of an independent financial consultant, the publication of the official notice of sale of the bonds, the preparation, printing, and distribution of the official statement, the obtaining of a rating, the purchase of insurance insuring the prompt payment of interest and principal, the preparation of the certified copy of the transcript for the successful bidder, the printing of the bonds, and legal fees of independent bond counsel retained by the school facilities improvement district issuing the bonds are legal charges against the funds of the school facilities improvement district issuing the bonds and may be paid from the proceeds of sale of the bonds.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the board of supervisors may, in its discretion, determine that all of the required signatures and countersignatures shall be by facsimiles, provided, however, that the bonds shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until manually signed by an authenticating agent duly appointed by the board or its authorized designee.

SEC. 19. Section 15357 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15357. The board of supervisors shall establish within the county treasury a school facilities improvement fund for each school facilities improvement district the purpose of depositing the proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to this chapter. The board of supervisors shall also establish within the county treasury a school facilities improvement bond interest and sinking fund for each school facilities improvement district.

SEC. 20. Section 15358 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15358. (a) The bonds shall be issued by the board of supervisors, payable out of the interest and sinking fund of the school facilities improvement district. The board of supervisors, in its discretion, and without further authorization from the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, may sell the bonds at a negotiated sale or by competitive bidding. The bonds may be sold at a discount not to exceed 5 percent and at an interest rate not exceeding the maximum permitted by Section 15354. If the sale is by competitive bid, the board of supervisors shall comply with the provisions of Sections 15359 and 15359.1. The bonds shall be sold by the board of supervisors no later than the date designated by the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located as the final date for the sale of the bonds.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of the bonds, exclusive of any premium received, shall be deposited in the county treasury to the credit of the school facilities improvement fund of the school facilities improvement district. The proceeds deposited shall be drawn out as necessary to finance the purposes approved by the voters pursuant to this chapter. The bond proceeds withdrawn shall not be

applied to any other purposes than those for which the bonds were issued. Any premium or accrued interest received from the sale of the bonds shall be deposited in the interest and sinking fund of the county treasury established for the school facilities improvement district.

SEC. 21. Section 15359 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15359. Before selling the bonds, or any part of them, the board of supervisors as appropriate, shall advertise for bids at least two weeks in some daily or weekly newspaper of general circulation published in the county whose county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located or if there is no newspaper published in the county, in a newspaper published in some other county in the state having a general circulation in the county.

SEC. 22. Section 15359.1 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15359.1. (a) If satisfactory bids are received, the bonds offered for sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder or bidders, and the county clerk shall prepare and certify to all of the proceedings on file in his or her office relative to the issuance and sale of the bonds, which transcript of proceedings shall be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders without charge. If no bids are received, or if the board determines that the bids received exceed either the maximum acceptable interest rate prescribed by the governing board or the maximum rate prescribed by Section 15353, or that they are not satisfactory as to price or responsibility of the bidders, the board may reject all bids received, if any, and without further authorization from the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, either readvertise or sell the bonds at private sale.

(b) For the purpose of determining whether or not a bid exceeds the maximum acceptable interest rate, the interest rate of that bid shall be deemed to be the interest rate resulting from the total net interest cost arrived at by computing the total amount of interest that the school facilities improvement district would be required to pay from the date of the bonds to the respective maturity dates thereof at the rate or rates specified in the bid and by deducting therefrom any premium bid.

SEC. 23. Section 15359.2 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15359.2. (a) The issuing school facilities improvement district, by action of the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, may prepare, or have prepared, bond brochures to serve as a prospectus for bond buyers to assist in the satisfactory sale of the bonds, the expense of the brochures shall be payable out of the funds of the district. The brochures may be prepared only after the issuance of the bonds to be sold has been approved by the electors of the school facilities improvement district pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with Section 15340).

(b) The issuing school facilities improvement district by action of the governing board in which the school facilities improvement district is located may expend funds of the school facilities improvement district for the purposes of advertising the availability of the bonds for purchase in any publication or newspaper that in the opinion of that governing board will give notice to prospective bond buyers that the bonds are available for purchase by bond buyers.

SEC. 24. Section 15380 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15380. If any bonds authorized under this chapter have not been offered for sale for one year from the date of the election at which they were authorized or remain unsold for a period of six months after having been offered for sale in the manner prescribed by the

board of supervisors, the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located and for which the bonds were authorized, may petition the board of supervisors that has jurisdiction of the issuance and sale of the bonds to cause the unsold bonds to be canceled.

SEC. 25. Section 15381 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15381. Upon receiving the petition, signed by a majority of the members of the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, the board of supervisors shall fix a time for a hearing, which shall not be more than 30 days after receipt of the petition, and shall cause a notice stating the time and place of the hearing, and the object of the petition in general terms, to be published for 10 days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper published in the school facilities improvement district if there is one, and if there is no newspaper published in the school facilities improvement district, in a newspaper published at the county seat of the county.

SEC. 26. Section 15384 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15384. The governing board of a school district or community college district in which a school facilities improvement district is located may petition the board of supervisors to cancel the remaining authorization of that district to issue and sell bonds resulting from any particular school bond election after the sale of at least 90 percent of the bonds authorized at the election if the amount of the remaining authorization is not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and in the opinion of the governing board the sale of the remaining bonds would not be economically justified. Sections 15381 and 15382 shall be applicable and at or following the hearing therein provided for, the board of supervisors, if it determines that the public interest will be served thereby, may make and enter an order in the minutes of its proceedings that the remaining authorization be canceled. Upon the entry of the order, the vote by which the remaining authorization was created shall cease to be of any validity with respect to the remaining authorization.

SEC. 27. Section 15390 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15390. The governing board of a school district or community college district in which a school facilities improvement district is located may purchase in the open market bonds issued by the school facilities improvement district with available funds from the school facilities improvement fund.

SEC. 28. Section 15391 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15391. When any bonds issued by a school facilities improvement district have been purchased by the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, the bonds shall be deemed canceled and of no further validity. The governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located shall immediately, after purchasing the bonds, notify the board of supervisors of its action, describing the bonds purchased. At its first meeting thereafter, the board of supervisors shall note the purchase and cancellation of the bonds in the minutes of its proceedings.

SEC. 29. Section 15400 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15400. (a) The board of supervisors, by an order entered upon its minutes, shall fix the time when the whole or any part of the principal of the bonds shall be payable, which shall not be more than 25 years from the date of the bonds. If the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located has prescribed in its resolution the time or times when the whole or any part of the bonds shall be payable, the times and amounts shall be fixed by the order of the board of supervisors.

(b) Any bonds may be issued subject to call and redemption before

maturity at the option of the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district exists. The governing board may include in its resolution a requirement that all or any part of the bonds shall be issued subject to call and redemption before maturity and the price or prices at which said bonds shall be redeemed. The board of supervisors, in its order fixing the form of the bonds and the maturities thereof, shall provide that the bonds be redeemable at the option of the governing board and at the price or prices fixed in the resolution. Bonds issued subject to call and redemption prior to maturity shall contain a recital to that effect, and no bond shall be subject to call or redemption prior to maturity unless it contains the recital. The board of supervisors in its order shall fix the method of giving notice of redemption to holders of bonds to be redeemed.

SEC. 30. Section 15401 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15401. The board of supervisors, at the direction of the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, may divide the principal amount of bonds authorized at any election into two or more series and may fix different dates for the bonds of each series, in which event the maximum maturity date of the bonds shall be calculated from the date of each series respectively. When the issuance of bonds shall have been authorized pursuant to two or more propositions submitted at the same or different elections, all or any part of the bonds not theretofore issued may be combined and issued and sold as one or more series.

SEC. 31. Section 15403 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15403. The principal and interest on the bonds shall be paid by the county treasurer of the county in which the superintendent of schools has jurisdiction of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, at the place required by the terms of the bonds, upon presentation and surrender of warrants drawn by the county auditor in payment thereof, after he or she has canceled the bonds and coupons, or upon the receipt of the registered owner, if the bonds are registered, after a proper warrant has been drawn by the auditor, out of the fund provided for their payment.

SEC. 32. Section 15404 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15404. Upon the order of the auditor, any money remaining in the interest and sinking fund of any school facilities improvement district after the payment of all bonds and coupons payable from the fund, or any money in excess of an amount sufficient to pay all unpaid bonds and coupons payable from the fund, shall be transferred to the general fund of the governing board of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located.

SEC. 33. Section 15405 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15405. Any money paid into the county treasury of the county and credited to the interest and sinking fund of any school facilities improvement district remaining after the payment of all bonds and coupons payable from the fund, or which is in excess of an amount sufficient to pay all unpaid bonds and coupons payable from the fund, shall be transferred to the special reserve fund of the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located and may be used only for the purpose specified in Section 42840.

SEC. 34. Section 15410 of the Education Code is amended to read:

15410. The board of supervisors of the county in which the county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over a school district or community college district in which a school facilities improvement district is located shall annually at the time of making the levy of taxes for county purposes levy a tax for that year upon the property in the school facilities improvement district for the interest and redemption of all outstanding bonds of the district. The tax shall

not be less than sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds as it becomes due and to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal on or before maturity and may include an allowance for an annual reserve, established for the purpose of avoiding fluctuating tax levies. The tax shall be sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the interest on the bonds as it becomes due and also that part of the principal and interest as is to become due before the proceeds of a tax levied at the time for making the next general tax levy can be made available for the payment of the principal and interest.

SEC. 35. Section 15411 of the Education Code is amended to read: 15411. All taxes levied, when collected, shall be paid into the county treasury of the county whose superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located and on behalf of which the tax was levied. All collected tax revenues shall be used exclusively for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds of the school facilities improvement district, including any sinking fund.

SEC. 36. Section 15412 of the Education Code is amended to read: 15412. The board of supervisors of the county whose superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, shall annually at the time of making the levy of taxes for county purposes estimate the amount of money required to meet the payment of the principal and interest on bonds of the district authorized by the electors of the district and not sold, and that the governing board of the school district or community college district informs the board on their belief will be sold before the next tax levy, and the board of supervisors shall levy a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest so estimated.

SEC. 37. Section 15421 of the Education Code is amended to read: 15421. (a) The tax shall be entered upon the assessment roll and collected in the same manner as other on real property. (b) The tax when collected shall be paid into the county treasury of the county. The treasurer of any county, other than the one whose superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the school facilities improvement district is located, shall, upon order of the county auditor, pay the sum collected on account of the tax into the treasury of the county whose superintendent of schools has jurisdiction over the school district or community college district in which the community facilities district is located.

SEC. 38. Section 15425 of the Education Code is amended to read: 15425. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, it is the intent of the Legislature that the rate of taxes levied annually upon the property in a school facilities improvement district formed pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 15301 not be greater than the rate of the annual special tax levied upon parcels in the same school district or community college district that are part of a community facilities district formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, as set forth in Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 53311) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code. A determination by the governing board of a school district or community college district, made at the time bonds are sold pursuant to this chapter, that the rate of taxes to be levied annually upon the property in the school facilities improvement district, based upon tax rate estimates prepared pursuant to Section 9401 of the Elections Code, does not exceed the rate of the annual special tax levied upon parcels in the same school district or community college district that are part of a community facilities district formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982, shall be conclusive evidence of compliance with the intent of this section.



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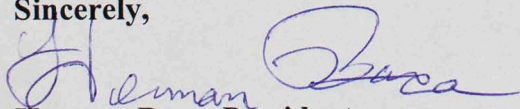
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| CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)* | PHO phone banks | TEL tv. or cable airtime and production costs |
| CVC civic donations | POL polling and survey research | TRC candidate travel, lodging and meals (explain) |
| FND fundraising events | POS postage, delivery and messenger services | TRS staff/spouse travel, lodging and meals (explain) |
| IND independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)* | PRO professional services (legal, accounting) | TSF transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor |
| LIT campaign literature and mailings | PRT print ads | VOT voter registration |
| MTG meetings and appearances | RAD radio airtime and production costs | WEB information technology costs (internet, e-mail) |

*Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures must also be summarized on Schedule D.

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California Golden Signs 799 Third Ave Chula Vista, CA 91910	CMP		103.44
Omar Carrillo 8892 Hammond San Diego, CA 92123	CNS		375.00
Jorge Dominguez 371 Wild Oats Lane Bonita, CA 91902	CNS		1,750.00
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Edward M. Brand, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Notice to Property Owners Within the Sweetwater Union High School District Community Facilities Districts (Mello-Roos)

Dear Property Owner,

As you may be aware, voters within the Sweetwater Union High School District are scheduled to vote in Proposition BB this November. Proposition BB is a bond measure that will provide funds to repair and renovate middle schools, junior highs and high schools in the Sweetwater Unified School District.

These renovations include:

- renovating 40 -60 year old classrooms
- upgrading outdated electrical and plumbing systems
- replacing ventilation and heating systems
- adding additional classrooms and science labs to relieve overcrowding
- repairing health and safety hazards
- replacing aging roofs as needed
- improving school libraries

Proposition BB will not increase taxes of residents in the Mello-Roos areas (CFDs).

Residents of the Community Facility Districts already pay special taxes for school facilities.

Because you are already paying special taxes for school facilities, if Proposition BB passes, your ~~CFD tax~~ tax will be reduced so there will no increase in your overall tax bill.

Passage of Proposition BB will also qualify our community to receive state matching funds that will reduce the cost of repairs to local taxpayers. Without passage of Proposition BB, these funds will go to other school districts.

On the reverse of this letter are some of the most frequently asked questions. If you have need more information please contact my office at 619 691-5555.

Sincerely,

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September 14, 2000

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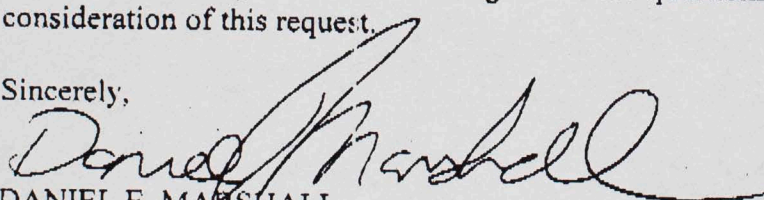
Dear Mr. Sansone,

Please be advised that I represent the Committee on Chicano Rights (CCR). On their behalf, I would appreciate copies of County Counsel's full legal opinions on the proposed bond issues in each of the above noted school districts. I would also appreciate a written explanation, or telephonic contact from your assigned Deputy County Counsel(s), explaining the legal rationale for the various voting formulas involving homeowners who are currently paying Mello-Roos payments as part of their mortgages.

It is obvious for example, in the case of Sweetwater Unified School District, that under the terms of the proposed bond measure, Mello-Roos homeowners will shoulder no ultimate additional burden by virtue of a built in rebate. Unfortunately, this rebate is not being offered to non-Mello-Roos homeowners. As a result, these homeowners will share a disproportionate share of the burden of the costs associated with this bond measure. I am aware that previous legislation exempted Mello-Roos homeowners from these bonds. Now they are being allowed to vote.

It appears that inclusion of Mello-Roos homeowners enables the Sweetwater School District to dilute the voter pool to enable these voters to make up part of the required 2/3 majority for a bond they will bear no financial burden. The immediate legal problem is the resultant diminution and dilution of the balance of the voters who will bear a disproportionate share of the bond payments without representative parity at the ballot box. I am sure that your County Counsel opinions will shed light on these questions. I look forward to your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


DANIEL E. MARSHALL
Attorney at Law
cc: Herman Baca



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September 19, 2000

Howard Jarvis Tax Committee
C/o Mr. Tim Bittle
921 11th Street
Suite 1201
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Bittle:

As per our conversation, enclosed for your information are articles and issues pertaining to Sweetwater Union High School District Proposition BB. Any information and or legal assistance that your committee can provide us on the above will be greatly appreciated:

ARTICLES:

1. 1997 Senator Steve Peace article.
2. 8/21/00 SD Union Santee school bond article.
3. Facility Needs sheet (Otay Mesa)

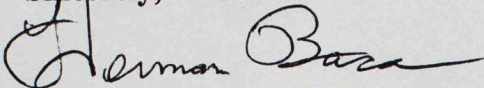
ISSUES:

- In 1997 the Sweetwater Union High School District (SWUHSD) proposed a 500 million-dollar school bond which at that time was defeated. Sweetwater District attempted to stack and manipulate the vote (in their favor) by unconstitutionally disenfranchising 10,000 Mello-Roos district voters (whom the district knew would've voted against the bond) from voting. In this year's November election Sweetwater Union High School District proposition BB has changed the above tactic, by initiating a new and legally questionable ruse, where:
- **MELLO-ROOS DISTRICTS VOTERS WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE, AND IF THE 187 MILLION BOND IS APPROVED, PAY THE BOND TAX.**
- **IN TURN, THE SWUHSD DISTRICT WILL REIMBURSE THE MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS WITH A "REBATE/ BRIBE" FOR THE BOND TAX PAID BY, DEDUCTING IT FROM THE MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNER'S TAXES! IN ESSENCES MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS WILL HAVE A SAY SO AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION, BUT NONE OF THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES! POORER AREA'S OF THE DISTRICT WILL OF COURSE HAVE TO PAY THE DIFFERENCES!**

- **TO ADD FURTHER INSULT TO INJURY TO THE TAXPAYERS IN THE POORER AREA'S OF THE DISTRICT, MELLO-ROOS TAXPAYERS ASIDE FROM RECEIVING THE TAX "REBATE/BRIBE" FOR VOTING YES, WILL ALSO RECEIVE \$12,269,990 FROM THE BOND PAID BY THE POORER TAXPAYERS. \$12,269,990 FOR "LAND PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION," FOR A FUTURE DESIGNATED (OTAY MESA) MELLO-ROOS DISTRICT!**

The question(s) and issues that we have raised for your consideration and legal assistance's are, under what legal statues or laws can districts like SWUHSD (proposition BB) manipulate an election outcome by granting rebates or bribes to attempt to procure the required 66 2/3% for passage? How can school districts disenfranchise voters as was the case in the 1997 SWUHSD election and the now upcoming November election (see above article) in Santee, California? Also how can poorer areas of a district, legally be forced to shoulder the entire financial burden of a bond when Mello-Roos (the proposed Otay Mesa) areas which are supposedly excluded (and will pay no taxes) receive financial benefit from those taxes? Any information or assistance on the above matters will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,


Herman Baca, President

Cc. Attorney Daniel Marshall

San Ysidro schools blaze funding trail

Other districts may use law allowing segmented voting

By Ed Mendel
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — The small San Ysidro Elementary School District, with only 4,000 students and six schools, has obtained legislation that may change the way other districts seek school construction funds in the future.

San Ysidro voters approved a state record \$250 million bond measure this month, even though the small district is limited to a \$12 million bond issue until growth on Otay Mesa boosts the property base.

Most school districts in California are having trouble getting the required two-thirds voter approval of bonds to replace rundown schools, let alone a blank check for massive future growth.

"In many places you couldn't get residents to vote for general obligation bonds for schools for more houses because they don't want more houses there in the first place," said Bill Kadi, a Newport Beach attorney who specializes in school construction negotiations.

It was the high failure rate of local school bond issues that prompted the San Ysidro district and Pardee Construction, which owns much of the land on Otay Mesa, to obtain legislation last year making it easier to get voter approval of a bond.

The new law, SB 1544 by state Sen. Steve Peace, D-El Cajon, allows school districts to exclude almost any geographical area within the district when seeking approval of a school bond.

In other words, if school officials think a school bond would be a tough sell in a particular area of the district, they can leave it out. And areas that do not vote on the measure do not have to pay the property tax needed to pay off the bonds.

San Ysidro school officials and Pardee intended to exclude most of San Ysidro from the proposed bond area, leaving a relative handful of voters in the Otay Mesa area.

But after Gov. Pete Wilson signed the Peace bill last year, San Ysidro officials decided to seek a districtwide vote on the bonds that did not leave out San Ysidro or any area in the district.

Early campaign work apparently showed that San Ysidro voters could be persuaded to vote for the bonds. San Ysidro officials also were concerned about forming what in effect would be two districts.

"You could create a bond measure that would only tax that area," said Julian Lopez, San Ysidro superintendent. "But that would really divide up the district and form two districts."

One of the other school districts studying the new law is Sweetwater Union High School District, where a \$500 million bond measure failed this month. It received 63 percent of the vote, just short of the required two-thirds.

"We think the Peace bill is open to interpreta-

sources," Hampton said. "We don't have them."

Likewise, the desert rescue team, first developed here by the Border Patrol to save illegal immigrants lost without water during potentially deadly summer heat, has been dismantled.

"We just don't have the agents to do it," Osborn said. "We've got maybe another month before it

illegal immigrants that the views of Calexico residents, which long had ranged from indifference to outright sympathy for the illegal border crossers, are changing, said Osborn.

"We're getting calls now every day, every night from residents who've got people in their back yards, women who want us to go through and check their houses,"

Federal government sources have indicated that help is coming. The INS today is expected to announce plans to beef up Border Patrol staffing in El Centro.

Some agents, however, feel the promised help amounts to little more than "shifting the chairs" and will make little difference. Many of the 45 agents expected to arrive in

are fresh out of the Border Patrol academy in Glyco, Ga.

Adding to the concerns is the dismantling of a 2-mile section of border fence west of Calexico for construction of an improved barrier. The area, in plain view of Mexicali residential neighborhoods, is wide open and the Border Patrol can spare few agents to guard it.

said.

They've been so successful that the city is planning to install five or six more donation meters in the next month.

In addition to cutting down on panhandling, the meters have yielded \$1,226 to Marysville's Twin Cities Rescue Mission, which houses, feeds and counsels up to 2,000 homeless people a month.

Downtown merchants also provide their patrons with tickets that can be given to panhandlers, entitling them to a meal at the mission.

In addition, last year the mission formed volunteer work crews of homeless people who cleaned Marysville parks and painted restrooms, often with police volunteers working alongside them.

San Ysidro

The bonding capacity is now at \$12 million

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tion," said Andy Campbell, Sweetwater assistant superintendent. "We are seeking an opinion from the Legislative Counsel."

Phillip Schott, a veteran Pardee lobbyist, said the only question about the bill in the Legislature was whether there might somehow be a conflict with Proposition 13, the property tax-cutting measure.

He said attorneys for pro-Proposition 13 groups said there is no problem if the bill does not alter the

requirement that bonds be approved by two-thirds of the voters.

"I think it's unquestionably legal," said Schott. "I can't imagine the Legislative Counsel telling Sweetwater there is a problem."

In 1993, voters rejected a proposed state constitutional amendment lowering the requirement for approving a local school bond from two-thirds of the vote to a majority.

The governor and others have new proposals to lower the threshold. But they will meet stiff opposition from conservative legislators, who say the two-thirds requirement is an important safeguard for property owners.

The \$250 million San Ysidro bond measure, topping the old record of \$215 million in Fresno in 1995, is raising eyebrows because

it far exceeds the current \$12 million bonding capacity of the small district.

"I think everybody was sort of scratching their head for the first few days," said Laura Walker of the California School Boards Association. "It felt a little funny, but really it's not. Obviously, we are all for local communities trying to help themselves."

Kadi, the Newport Beach specialist in school negotiations, said he is unaware of any other school district that has gone much over its bonding capacity, not to mention exceeding it by twentyfold.

"That's a pretty grand scale they are doing," said Kadi. "But I think it makes sense."

One of the questions raised by several of the school construction

"That's a pretty grand scale they are doing."

BILL KADI

discussing San Ysidro's \$250 million bond measure

experts is whether there is a sweetheart deal between San Ysidro and Pardee. At one point the developers wanted to move Otay Mesa into

the Chula Vista school district.

Generally, developers like to avoid high fees placed on new homes to pay for schools. The fees, paid upfront by the developers, are limited to \$1.84 per square foot.

But a court decision allows higher developer fees to be negotiated if developers need a city or county zoning change.

Developers also can pay for schools by issuing Mello-Roos bonds, a more expensive form of financing than government-issued school bonds. The Mello-Roos bonds are paid off by the homeowners.

Developers have complained for years that high fees and advance debt under Mello-Roos bonds are driving up the price of new homes in California and dampening the

market. But legislation to lower developer fees has failed.

In San Ysidro, Superintendent Lopez said that school construction on Otay Mesa will be financed with developer fees, local school bonds, state funds and perhaps some Mello-Roos bonds.

"We are working on a mitigation agreement between the district and Pardee," said Lopez. "But that is not final yet."

Meanwhile, said Lopez, San Ysidro plans to issue bonds to pay for the renovation of a 1,200-student middle school, expected to cost \$3 million to \$4 million.

"We are going out immediately," said Lopez. "We have a middle school that doesn't have a cafeteria. Kids are eating outside under a shade tree."

SUMMARY OF FACILITY NEEDS

School Site Improvements

High Schools

Bonita Vista	\$9,573,726
Castle Park	\$9,705,050
Chula Vista	\$12,770,901
Eastlake	\$65,440
Hilltop	\$11,515,830
Mar Vista	\$12,676,198
Montgomery	\$9,312,896
Palomar	\$1,275,440
Southwest	\$8,086,848
Sweetwater	\$16,600,871

Total High School Improvements:

\$91,583,200

Middle/Junior High Schools

Bonita Vista	\$8,204,158
Castle Park	\$7,314,924
Chula Vista	\$9,332,771
Granger	\$7,533,363
Hilltop	\$7,735,993
Mar Vista	\$7,733,565
National City	\$9,629,426
Southwest	\$9,798,322
Montgomery	\$8,290,007

Total Middle/Junior High Schools Improvements

\$75,572,529

New Construction

Otay Mesa High School - Land purchase and construction
Requires 50% local funding

\$12,269,990

Adult Education

New adult school at Montgomery High School

\$1,635,999

Temporary Housing

Temporary classrooms for use during modernization

\$5,938,282

TOTAL OF ALL IMPROVEMENTS

\$187,000,000

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School districts plan major bond issues

Cajon Valley seeks \$75 million and Santee \$28 million

By Hala Ali Aryan
STAFF WRITER

Two East County school districts will look to their communities in November for financial help to upgrade schools and build new ones.

El Cajon and some La Mesa voters will decide on a \$75 million bond issue for Cajon Valley Union School District. Santee and some El Cajon voters will decide on a \$28 million bond issue for the Santee School District.

State law requires that all the money be used for school improvements and prohibits any being spent on salaries or operating expenses.

The measures need a two-thirds majority vote to pass. There is an initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot that would change the two-thirds requirement to a simple majority. If it is approved, however, it would not apply to these measures.

Santee School District

The 8,000-student Santee School District hopes to pass a \$28 million bond to improve its 10 schools.

The measure would mean an annual tax increase of \$64.06 for every \$100,000 in assessed property value for about 25 years. The state would add to the bond with \$17 million. The \$45 million total would pay to modernize the district's schools, which range from about 30 to 50 years old.

The district's top priorities include increasing and refurbishing restrooms, making schools accessible to people with disabilities, replacing flooring, repairing concrete walkways and installing lunch shelters.

Computer networking and wiring are also a top priority. The district hopes to eventually have at least one computer for every five students.

"Our parent community has said to us over and over again, 'We need these kids to be literate when it comes to technology,'" said Dianne El-Hajj, school board president. "But there's a load limit on our system. There are certain things we can't do electronically because of the infrastructure."

The money would pay to renovate five schools — Cajon Park, Carlton Hills, Carlton Oaks, Hill Creek and Rio Seco — built in the 1970s when open schools were popular. Each school's round building houses eight classrooms separated by

temporary walls. There are no windows and only four exits for the entire building, which makes for high noise levels.

The money would pay for permanent walls and more exits or to move the classrooms from the buildings, leaving space for libraries, music rooms and labs.

Santee tried unsuccessfully

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Dianne El-Hajj, school board president.

for a bond in 1993. Trustees are hoping this year's presidential election will bring out a large number of voters.

Property owners who already pay Mello-Roos taxes for new schools or who live in mobile homes would be exempt from paying for the bond and will not be eligible to vote.

Cajon Valley Union School District

The \$75 million bond issue would pay for three new schools and renovation of others to upgrade technology, libraries, playgrounds and fire and smoke alarms. Passage of the bond would qualify the district to receive about \$18 million in state matching funds.

It has been 32 years since Cajon Valley voters passed a bond. A March ballot measure fell short of passing by 244 votes out of 37,000 ballots cast.

District officials blame the bond's failure on the short time for campaigning. Although this election's marketing plan is in the works, educators and community members plan on talking to more people and conducting a larger publicity campaign.

"Districts have a higher success rate the second time around," said Wayne Oetken, assistant superintendent of business services.

A bond issue would mean that El Cajon property owners would pay \$30 more a year in taxes per \$100,000 of their assessed property value for about 30 years.

Five years ago, the district received \$23 million in state funding to upgrade classrooms

in 16 of its schools that are more than 30 years old, but the money wasn't enough to pay for all needed improvements.

Overcrowding is the top problem and projections show the district will need one middle school and two elementary schools in the next few years.

The 27 district schools were built for 16,000 students, but enrollment has swelled to 19,400 with an expected growth of 750 students in the next four years.

The district has about 330 portable classrooms to accommodate students, compared with 255 last year. Class-size reduction forces districts to find more classroom space.

"We are going to continue to grow," said Marsha Saben, board vice president. "If we don't plan now, then we are going to be faced with other ways to house these children."

Older campuses, most of which are more than 30 years old, need plumbing, heating and roof repairs.

Improvements would also include repairing and renovating classrooms, conforming to state-mandated class-size reductions, expanding libraries, providing greater access to computers and improving health and safety, such as replacing an old septic tank and tattered carpeting.





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September 23, 2000

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Superintendent Ed Brand:

What kind of “public servant” or “professional” administrator are you that you cannot answer a simple letter?

For the record:

- On September 23, 2000 I wrote to CHALLENGE YOU TO A PUBLIC DEBATE on your \$187,000,000 Prop BB. To date you have “unprofessionally” failed to respond. What are you afraid off, or what are you attempting to hide?
- On September 13, 2000 I wrote a letter to Ms. Judy May, SWUHSD legal counsel requesting “public information on the district’s legal position on several issues regarding Prop. BB. To this day your legal counsel has also failed to respond.


Your failure to respond, along with your legal counsel’s withholding of “public information” is plain “stonewalling.” Like the 1997 bond election, you are again attempting to run a “stealth” type campaign, by failing to hold press conferences, community meetings, and minimizing the amount of information and campaign literature to voters, especially to the majority Mexican-American community.

Voters in the Sweetwater Union High School District are entitled to all the facts on Prop. BB.

For the reason(s) above, I am calling on you to end your “stealth” campaign and once again to come out and debate the pro and con’s of your \$187,000,000 Prop BB.

Unless you are hiding from the voters/homeowners of the district, or are afraid to defend your position in public. I expect to hear from you as soon as possible on whether your answer is YES or NO to accept or reject my CHALLENGE TO A PUBLIC DEBATE on Prop. BB,

Waiting for your answer,


Herman Baca, President



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September 23, 2000

Superintendent Ed Brand:

This letter is to CHALLENGE YOU TO A PUBLIC DEBATE on Proposition BB. The Sweetwater Union High School District's (SWUHSD) \$187,000,000 dollar "boondoggle." Proposition BB, which is being floated by you and your "rubber stamp" Board of Trustees will be voted on November 7, 2000. I state several reasons why I am challenging to a public debate. You and members of the Board of Trustee's are "stonewalling" and withholding very important public information and facts from the voters pertaining to Prop. BB.

As in the 1997 bond election, when you and the board attempted to saddle homeowners with an outrageous ½ billion-school bond, you ran a "stealth" type campaign and all of you were less than honest, open or truthful with district voters.

Case in point, during the 1997 election you and the Board of Trustees:

- Failed to hold community meetings (especially in the Mexican/American majority community) to discuss or explain the ½ billion-dollar bond measure to homeowners, taxpayers and voters.
- Couldn't account or explain to the voters, over \$300,000,000 million dollars of bond expenditures.
- Attempted in a Machiavellian move to politically stack the vote, and effect the outcome of the election (to procure the necessary 2/3 approval required), by unconstitutionally disenfranchising over 10,000 Mello-Roos from Eastlake, Rancho Del Rey, and Long Canyon.
- Excluded voters from the affluent Mello-Roos districts from paying taxes on the bond. Placing the tax burden of paying the entire 1/2 billion dollars on the backs of the poorest homeowners/taxpayers of National City, San Ysidro, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach.

Today, as in the 1997 election, you and the Board of Trustees continue to play the same game, and once again are being less than honest, open or truthful with district voters. You have failed to disclose and provide the following facts to voters on PROP. BB:

What's wrong with prop. BB?

The SWUHSD is telling district voters that Prop. BB the \$187,000,000 measure bond (in 1997 they asked for \$500,000,00) is necessary to renovate and rebuild the district's schools. Many in the community question, how can anyone in their right mind be against good schools, especially when Mexican/Americans parents /students comprise the majority in the district?

The reason(s) are numerous but it boils down (as in 1997) to Superintendent Ed Brand and the Board of Trustees being less than honest, truthful or open with the district's voters.

For instances how many district voters know that Superintendent Ed Brand and the Board of Trustees:

- **ARE ALLOWING (UNLIKE 1997) VOTERS IN THE AFFLUENT MELLO-ROOS DISTRICTS (EASTLAKE, RANCHO DEL REY, AND LONG CANYON) TO VOTE ON PROP. BB, AND IF PROP. BB IS APPROVED PAY THE TAX, BUT THAT THE DISTRICT WILL REIMBURSE (BY ISSUING A "REBATE") BY DEDUCTING OFFTHE THERE MELLO-ROOS TAX?**

IN ESSENCE, MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS ARE BEING OFFERED A "BRIBE" BY THE DISTRICT TO VOTE YES TO PROCURE THE 66 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE NEEDED, BUT WILL ASSUME NO RESPONSIBLE OR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES FOR PAYMENT OF THE BOND!

- **HOMEOWNERS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE POOREST AREA'S OF THE DISTRICT (NATIONAL CITY, SAN YSIDRO, CHULA VISTA, AND IMPERIAL BEACH) WILL HAVE TO PAY THE ENTIRE PROP. BB \$187,000,000 BOND.**
- **ASIDE FROM ALLOWING AFFLUENT MELLO-ROOS TAXPAYERS TO VOTE, AND RECEIVE A TAX "REBATE", AND A "BRIBE" FOR VOTING YES TOTHOSE AREA'S WILL (IF PROP. BB PASSES) GRANT \$12,269,990 OF THE POOREST AREA PAID TAXES FOR "LAND PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION," FOR A NEW SCHOOL IN A FUTURE DESIGNATED MELLO-ROOS DISTRICT IN OTAY MESA!**

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September 26, 2000

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Superintendent Ed Brand:

This letter is to CHALLENGE YOU TO A PUBLIC DEBATE on Proposition BB. The \$187,000,000 dollar Sweetwater Union High School District's (SWUHSD) "boondoggle" bond proposal. Proposition BB, which is being floated by you and your "rubber stamp" Board of Trustees, will be voted on November 7, 2000. I state several reasons why I am challenging you to a public debate. You and members of the Board of Trustees are "stonewalling" and withholding very important public information and facts from the voters pertaining to Prop. BB.

As in the 1997 bond election, when you and the board attempted to saddle homeowners with an outrageous ½ billion-dollar school bond, you ran a "stealth" type campaign and all of you were less than honest, open or truthful with district voters.

Case in point, during the 1997 election you and the Board of Trustees:

- Failed to hold community meetings (especially in the Mexican/American majority community) to discuss or explain the ½ billion-dollar bond measure to homeowners, taxpayers and voters.
- Couldn't explain to the voters, or account for over \$300,000,000 million dollars of bond expenditures.
- Attempted in a Machiavellian move to politically stack the vote, and effect the outcome of the election (to procure the necessary 2/3 approval required), by unconstitutionally disenfranchising over 10,000 Mello-Roos voters from Eastlake, Rancho Del Rey, and Long Canyon.
- Excluded voters from the affluent Mello-Roos districts from paying taxes on the bond. Placing the tax burden of paying the entire 1/2 billion dollars on the backs of the poorest homeowners/taxpayers of National City, San Ysidro, Chula Vista and Imperial Beach.

Today, as in the 1997 election, you and the Board of Trustees continue to play the same game, and once again are being less than honest, open or truthful with district voters. You have failed to disclose and provide the following facts to voters on PROP. BB:



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September 26, 2000

Ms. Norma Cazares, President
South Bay Forum
45 El Rancho Vista
Chula Vista, CA 91910

Ms. Cazares:

Enclosed for your information, and the South Bay Forum, is a letter to Superintendent Ed Brand challenging him to a public debate on Proposition BB. Superintendent Ed Brand and the Sweetwater Union High School District (SWUHSD) Board of Trustees has floated a \$187,000,000 Proposition which voters will either approve or defeat in the November 7, 2000 election. The reasons for my challenge for a debate are outlined in the enclosed letter.

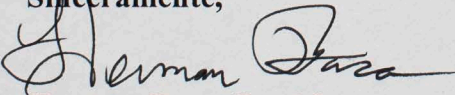
The Committee on Chicano Rights (CCR) has taken a position of opposing the \$187,000,000 Prop. BB measure (as we did the ½ billion bond in 1997) for the reasons outlined in the enclosed letter to Superintendent Brand, and for the district's failure to address the historical educational needs of the Chicano community.

It is the CCR's position that Prop. BB should be publicly debated because, as was the case in 1997, Superintendent Ed Brand and the Board of Trustees are again "stonewalling" and withholding important public information and facts from the voters on Prop. BB. It is also our position, that since the Chicano community composes the majority population of students and parents, and will be the most economically effected and impacted, that a debate is not only necessary but also imperative.

Proposition BB along with other Propositions, such Prop. 38 (vouchers), and Prop. 39 (doing away with the 2/3 majority) will effect and impact our communities (negative or positive) for years to come. Unfortunately these propositions and numerous other political issues in the upcoming election, which will effect our community are not being discussed from a community political perspective by political organizations.

Hopefully, the enclosed information will assist the South Bay Forum in its' political discussions, and endorsements, which could provide "political direction" in voting to our community in the upcoming November 7, 2000 elections. If you are in need or have further question, feel free to call me at the above phone number.

Sinceramente,


Herman Baca, President

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CONVERSATION IS THE FOLLOWING.
I WILL SEND YOU THE
FREE LATER. THANK YOU
HERMAN BACA



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OPPOSITION TO PROP. BB & TO ASK

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3. Did you hold public hearings? Take a public vote? Or did the city council in one of your back room deal authorize you to sign Prop BB? Or did you think that instead of being Mayor George, your now King George III and just ~~signed~~ signed the BB argument on your own?
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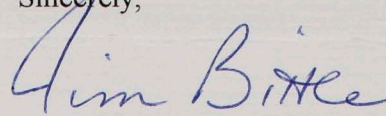
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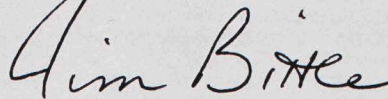
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October 3, 2000

Ms. Judy May
Legal Counsel
Sweetwater Union High School District

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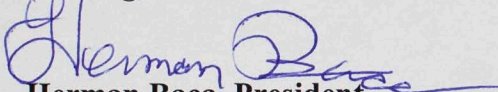
Ms. May:

Enclosed is our correspondence requesting "public information" on Sweetwater Union High School District's (SWUHSD) legal position on Proposition BB which we facsimile to you (see September 13, 2000) three weeks ago. To date neither you nor Sweetwater Union High School District have responded to our legitimate request to provided us with the requested "public information."

SWUHSD and you are "stonewalling" and are attempting to hide and withhold vital voting information from voters who oppose Prop BB. We see no justifiable reason(s) for you not to respond, or provide us with the requested "public information."

I am again requesting that before this matter escalates into a political and legal issue, that you (on behalf of the district) immediately respond and provide us with the district's legal position on the issues raised in our correspondence.

Waiting,


Herman Baca, President

Cc. Attorney Daniel Marshall



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“STONEWALLING ON PROPOSITION BB?”

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ACCORDING TO CCR CHAIRPERSON HERMAN BACA, “SUPERINTENDENT ED BRAND IS HIDING FROM THE DISTRICT'S VOTERS/HOMEOWNERS, OR IS AFRAID TO DEFEND HIS POSITION ON PROP. BB, IN A PUBLIC DEBATE.”

BACA ALSO ACCUSED, “SUPERINTENDENT BRAND AND THE SWUHSD'S LEGAL COUNSEL, OF WITHHOLDING “PUBLIC INFORMATION” AND FACTS FROM VOTERS WHO OPPOSE PROP. BB, BY DELIBERATELY “STONEWALLING”, AND RUNNING A “STEALTH” TYPE CAMPAIGN ON PROP. BB.”

ACCORDING TO BACA, “THE PROP. BB STEALTH CAMPAIGN STRATEGY BY SWUHSD, PARALLELS A STRATEGY DEVELOPED BY PAID POLITICAL CONSULTANTS IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.” ACCORDING TO THE PLAN (SD UNION OPINION COLUMN 10-4-00), “YOU IDENTIFY VOTERS EARLY, COMMUNICATING WITH THEM, AND NOT LETTING ANYONE ELSE KNOW THAT AN ELECTION IS GOING ON.” IN A RECENT SCHOOL ELECTION “PREVIOUS SACRAMENTO BOND ELECTION VOTERS WERE CONTACTED, BUT ONLY THOSE WHO EXPRESSED SUPPORT GOT FOLLOW-UP CALLS AND MATERIALS; THOSE WHO EVEN HESITATED IN THEIR SUPPORT WERE NEVER CONTACTED AGAIN.”

“SUPPORTERS HELD NO PRESS CONFERENCES TO INFORM THE PUBLIC, BECAUSE THAT WOULD AROUSE THE ATTENTION OF POTENTIAL OPPONENTS.” OR AS CONSULTANT RICHIE ROSS STATED “WE DON'T WANT ANY ATTENTION...BECAUSE I DON'T WANT THE CREEPS (VOTERS) TO COME OUT.”

IN CONCLUDING BACA CALLED FOR AN END TO SUPERINTENDENT BRAND'S “STEALTH” CAMPAIGN AND ISSUED ANOTHER CHALLENGE FOR A PUBLIC DEBATE ON PROP. BB, “SO THAT SUPERINTENDENT ED BRAND CAN EXPLAIN TO THE VOTERS, THE FACTS ON HIS \$187,000,000 PROPOSITION.”

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PROPOSITION BB
“AN ATTEMPT TO STEAL AN ELECTION”

By: Herman Baca, President

A response is in order to the SD Union's simplistic, biased and one sided editorial support of Sweetwater Union High School District's (SDUHSD) \$187,000,000, Proposition BB, which we oppose.

Our organization, which has a 30-year history of struggle for quality education and first-class schools, knows first hand that generations of Mexican-American students and parents (who are now the majority) in the Sweetwater Union High School District have historically been denied both.

Your editorial states that, " Proposition BB is needed to get South Bay Schools out of their Third World physical condition." As an example why Proposition BB should be supported by voters, you highlight 80 year-old Sweetwater High School (the oldest school in the district) as being the paramount manifestation of the district's schools dilapidated "third world" conditions.

So there is no mistake, let me state right off that we totally agree with the San Diego Union and the SWUHSD's conclusions that the district's schools are in dilapidated "third world" conditions, and should be repaired. In fact, one would have to be blind not to see that the majority of schools within the district are in dire need of renovation, repairs, or rebuilding. What we obviously do not agree on, are the causes for the dilapidated "third world" conditions and solutions.

It seems extremely hypocritical that the only time cries of concerns and indignation are heard regarding "third world" conditions from schools trustees, administrators, politicians and the media, is when there are large amounts (Prop. BB \$187,000,000) of money involved.

You state that Prop. BB is about the kids and the voters upholding their end of the social contract. Yet surprisingly, Superintendent Ed Brand is on record in a letter to Mello-Roos property owners (Eastlake, Rancho Del Rey, and Long Canyon) as stating, "modernized schools increase property values." So what is Prop. BB really about, kids or property values?

Superintendent Brand:

For the record, when are you going to stop “stonewalling on Proposition BB?”

Regarding your letter of 10-9-00 in which you request that I direct all correspondence to your consultant Larry Tramutola regarding Prop. BB. I don't know Mr. Tramutola and have no business with Mr. Tramutola and if Mr. Tramutola stated to you that he “has attempted to reach me on several occasions and that I have not responded,” he has picked up yours and the Board of Trustees bad habit of lying. He has never called me and since I did not write to him or have no business with him, there would be absolutely any reason for me to speak to him.

I wrote (on 9-13-00 and 10-3-00) to you, your legal counsel, Ms. Judy May requesting “public information” on SWUHSD legal position on several issues regarding Prop. BB and I except an answer. I wrote to you because you are suppose to be a “public servant,” and because your Superintendent's salary (\$160,000, plus) is paid with tax dollars. This issue has nothing to do with your paid consultant, but with you and your “stonewalling” our legitimate request to provide us with the “public information” that we have requested. Additionally we are now also demanding an immediate legal explanation of the following:

- **Mr. Jorge Dominguez a full time paid employee of the SWUHSD, who you list as the SWUHSD liaison for Prop. BB received \$7,000 (see atth. A) as a “political consultant” from the Prop. BB campaign.**

Section 7054 of the Education prohibits the use of school district funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate and provides that violation of that section is a misdemeanor or felony punishable by imprisonment or a fine.

If I do not hear from you on the above and specifically the Dominquez matter within the next 3 days, rest assure that we will take whatever legal steps are necessary with the appropriate legal agency.

Waiting,

Herman Baca, President

**NATIONAL CITY, CHULA VISTA, IMPERIAL
BEACH, SAN YSIDRO AND BONITA
TAXPAYERS/HOMEOWNERS/VOTERS**

**QUESTIONS ON
SWEETWATER DISTRICT PROPOSITION BB**

- 1. WHY SHOULD YOU, THE TAXPAYERS HAVE TO PAY THE ENTIRE \$187,000,000 OF PROP. BB BOND (IF APPROVED), WHILE THE MORE AFFLUENT AND NEWER MELLO-ROOS (EASTLAKE, RANCHO DEL REY, LONG CANYON) AREA'S WHO ARE PART OF THE SWEETWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND WHO GET TO VOTE, NOT PAY ONE RED CENT OF TAXES ON PROP. BB?**
- 2. WHY IF THE MELLO-ROOS AREA'S AREN'T GOING TO PAY ONE RED CENT OF THE \$187,000,000 TAXES ON PROP. BB, ARE THEY GOING TO GET \$12,269,990 DOLLARS FOR A NEW HIGH TECH SCHOOL IN OTAY MESA WITH THE TAXES THAT YOU PAID?**

DON'T BELIEVE US!

CALL THE FOLLOWING POLITICANS WHO SUPPORT PROP. BB, AND ASK THEM WHY?

- 1) SUPERINTENDENT (16% RAISE) ED BRAND (619) 691-5555**
- 2) MAYOR GEORGE (I LOVE THE MILE OF CARS) WATER'S AND HIS CITY COUNCIL (619) 336-4526**
- 3) MAYOR SHIRLEY (I WANT TO BE RE-ELECTED FOREVER) HORTON (619) 691-5044**
- 4) MAYOR SUSAN (BANKRUPT-SAN DIEGO, CHARGER/PADRE) GOLDING (619) 236-6330**

" IF THE SCHOOLS NEED FIXING, AND BENEFIT EVERYONE, WHY AREN'T ALL OF THE TAXPAYERS IN THE SWEETWATER DISTRICT PAYING FOR PROP. BB????

VOTE NO ON PROP. BB!

DONATED BY: THE COMMITTEE ON CHICANO RIGHTS, "NO ON BB" (619) 477-3800



Committee on Chicano Rights

710 East Third Street • National City, CA 91950 • (619) 477-3800 • Fax: (619) 477-3829

October 6, 2000

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
C/o Mr. Tim Bittle
921 11th Street
Suite 1201
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Bittle:

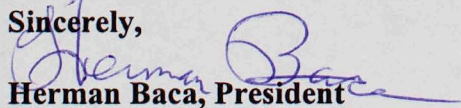
I have been unsuccessful in my attempts to contact you by phone, so let me thank you for the information that you forwarded. You state in your letter, that in regards to my response there is a discrepancy in the August 21, 2000 San Diego Union article, "Property owners who already pay Mello-Roos taxes for new schools...would be exempt from paying for the bond and will not be able to vote."

Let me state that there is no discrepancy, the article is addressing the voting requirements in the Santee school district election, and not the Sweetwater Union High School District. Please reread the article and my letter, as we would like for your association to reconsider addressing the question(s) and issues below to determine if you can provide us with any legal assistance:

- Under what legal statues or laws can districts like SWUHSD (proposition BB) manipulate an election outcome by granting rebates or bribes to attempt to procure the required 66 2/3% for passage?
- How can school districts disenfranchise voters as was the case in the 1997 SWUHSD'S election and the upcoming November 2000 election (see above article) in Santee, California?
- Also how can poorer areas of a district (as in the SWUHSD upcoming election) be forced legally to shoulder the entire financial burden of a bond when Mello-Roos (the proposed Otay Mesa) areas which are supposedly excluded (and will pay no taxes) receive financial benefit from those taxes?

Once again, thank you in advance for any assistance that the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association can provide us.

Sincerely,


Herman Baca, President

CC. Attorney Daniel Marshall

South Bay Forum

45 El Rancho Vista
Chula Vista, CA. 91910
(619) 422-0432

October 9, 2000

Superintendent Ed Brand
Sweetwater Union High School District
1130 5th Avenue
Chula Vista, CA. 91911

Dear Superintendent Brand,

South Bay Forum (SBF) is in receipt of a letter dated September 26th from the **Committee on Chicano Rights (CCR)**, along with a copy of a letter faxed to you requesting a debate on Proposition BB.

As you are aware, **SBF** attempts to address issues that are relevant to the Chicano/Latino community (which more often than not, are relevant to the entire community.) A process that we are known for, and is unlike most political action committees, is that we welcome the opportunity to hear both sides of an issue no matter how strongly our membership may feel personally. Part of that process also includes opening up our forums to the general public.

Mr. Herman Baca, as a resident of the South Bay area and President of **CCR**, has raised some valid concerns which we believe merit further public discussion. Although **SBF** does not share in Mr. Baca's perception that there is a blatant effort by the district to keep the voters uninformed, we are cognizant of the lack of information and publicized community meetings. We do agree with Mr. Baca that "district homeowners, taxpayers, and voters . . . deserve nothing less."

For the above stated reasons, **SBF** is offering to host a public forum to hear both sides, pro and con, to Proposition BB. We can hold the event on the evening of Monday, October 23rd at the South Chula Vista Library or, if necessary, on Monday, October 30th at the Central Chula Vista Library. The format and duration of the debate can be determined with input from you as well as from Mr. Baca. A suggested facilitated format may include a designated time frame for position statements followed by questions and opportunity for rebuttal. A maximum of two persons per side is also recommended.

Please respond to this invitation as soon as possible so that we may tend to the arrangements. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at 422-0432.

Sincerely,

Norma A. Cazares
President

South Bay Forum

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Chula Vista, CA. 91910
(619) 422-0432

October 9, 2000

Mr. Herman Baca, President
Committee on Chicano Rights
710 E. 3rd Avenue
National City, CA. 91950

Dear Mr. Baca,

We are in receipt of your letter dated September 26th sharing your concerns regarding Proposition BB, the Sweetwater Union High School District bond initiative.

For the reasons outlined in a letter to Superintendent Ed Brand (please see enclosed copy,) **South Bay Forum** is offering to host a public forum as an opportunity to hear both sides of this issue. As indicated, such a forum can be held on the evening of Monday, October 23rd or if necessary, Monday, October 30th.

Please respond, along with your suggestions on formats specifics as soon as possible, so that arrangements can be made. If you have any questions, please contact me at 422-0432.

Sincerely,

Norma A. Cazares
President

Cc: Superintendent Ed. Brand



SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Edward M. Brand, Ed.D.
Superintendent

October 9, 2000

Mr. Herman Baca, President
Committee on Chicano Rights
710 East Third St.
National City, CA 919950

Dear Mr. Baca:

We are requesting that you direct all correspondence regarding Proposition BB to Larry Tramutola, our consultant for this campaign. The address is Tramutola Company, 191 Ridgeway Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611.

Mr. Tramutola informed me that he has attempted to reach you on several occasions and you have not responded. Please call him at (510) 658-7003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Brand".

Edward M. Brand, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Notice to Property Owners Within the Sweetwater Union High School District Community Facilities Districts (Mello-Roos)

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*THAT IS A
DESERVING
INCENTIVE*

Passage of Proposition BB will also qualify our community to receive state matching funds that will reduce the cost of repairs to local taxpayers. Without passage of Proposition BB, these funds will go to other school districts.

On the reverse of this letter are some of the most frequently asked questions. If you have need more information please contact my office at 619 691-5555.

Sincerely,

Ed Brand
Superintendent of Schools
Sweetwater Union High School District



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Sincerely,

Ed Brand
 Superintendent of Schools
 Sweetwater Union High School District

619-427-3300
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Frequently asked questions:

I am currently paying Mello-Roos school taxes. If Proposition BB passes will I be assessed additional taxes?

NO. Your existing CFD taxes will be reduced to offset the cost of Proposition BB

Will the schools in our community be repaired?

YES. All schools in the Sweetwater Union High School District will be repaired. Obviously, older schools and schools with significant health and safety needs will be repaired first. Adult schools and the new middle school recently opened in 1999 will not be affected.

How is this bond measure different than the one that lost a few years ago?

Following the narrow defeat of the earlier bond measure (it received 62% but needed 66.7%) the school district and community leaders re-evaluated all facility needs. Priorities were established and the new measure covers only the most critical need. Developer fees have been used to provide new schools and additional classrooms. Additionally, because of the age of many of the schools in our community our schools qualify for state modernization funds, all of which will help reduce the cost to local taxpayers.

Didn't we just pass a bond measure to benefit schools?

Two years ago voters approved Proposition JJ for the Chula Vista Elementary School District. None of the money from that measure can be used for middle schools, junior highs or high schools in the Sweetwater Union High School District.

What about Lottery money?

By law, Lottery funds can only be used for instruction. Lottery funds cannot be used for facility repairs or construction of additional classrooms.

I don't have children in the schools, how does Proposition BB benefit me?

The value of homes in our community is affected by the quality of schools. Research has shown that well maintained and modernized schools increase property values. The quality of schools is the most important factor prospective buyers consider when purchasing a new home.



Committee on Chicano Rights

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October 10, 2000

Ms. Norma A. Cazares
President
South Bay Forum

Re: Hosting Debate

Facsimile: (619) 427-2247

Ms. Cazares:

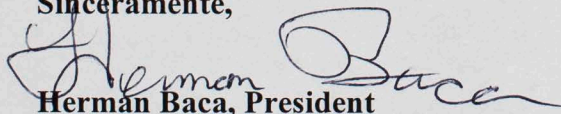
I am in receipt of your October 9, 2000 letter regarding South Bay Forum's (SBF) offer to host the public debate on Proposition BB, between Sweetwater Union High School District's (SWUHSD) Superintendent Ed Brand and myself. On behalf of the CCR, I want to thank you and the Forum for your offer, which I accept. Your suggested dates of either October 23rd or the 30th are fine with me. I would suggest and recommend (as per your request) on the input format and duration of the debate, the following:

- A moderator from SBF.
- 3-5 minute personal introduction and position at the beginning by SWUHSD Superintendent Ed Brand, and myself.
- Questions on Prop. BB should be developed and submitted by SBF, SWUHSD Superintendent Ed Brand, and myself.
- SBF moderator would present questions, and presenters would have 2-3 minute (per question) to respond.
- 3-5 minute closing statement from Superintendent Ed Brand and myself.
- Questions for SWUHSD Superintendent Ed Brand and myself from the public. SBF should set the time frame for the public.

Hopefully the above will assist you in formulating an appropriate political format for the proposed public debate. I am also certain that the debate will provide vital facts and information on the pros and cons of the \$187,000,000 Prop. BB, especially to the majority Chicano students/parents population and to the voters of the SWUHSD.

I will wait for your response for details on the proposed debate. Again GRACIAS to you, and the South Bay Forum for offering to host the public debate on Prop. BB.

Sinceramente,


Herman Baca, President

CC. News Media



Committee on Chicano Rights

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October 11, 2000

To: Starnews,

Editor Marshall

Re: Opinion article

Proposition "BB" a \$187,000,00 Boondoggle?

By: Herman Baca, President

Sweetwater Union High School District's (SWUHSD) campaign literature to district voters states that Prop. BB the (\$187,000,000 bond measure) passage is necessary (the district in 1997 asked for \$500,000,000) to renovate and rebuild the district's schools. Many in the community have questioned, how anyone in their right mind could be against good schools, especially when Mexican/American parents and students comprise the majority of the district?

The fact is that we agree, as seen by our efforts and struggles in the last 30 years to fight not only for good schools, but even more important for good education inside the schools.

Unfortunately (as in 1997) we along with many others in the community were forced to and now continue to oppose Prop. BB for reasons that boil down to Superintendent Ed Brand and his "rubber stamp" Board of Trustees being less than honest, truthful or open with the district's voters, and for manipulating the voting process. In stating our opposition to Proposition BB, we raise the issue of why Superintendent Ed Brand and the Board of Trustees have failed to explain and continue to withhold the following issues from the district voters:

(2)

- **Why after 2 years of planning, have no public hearings, community meetings or press conferences etc., (especially in the majority Mexican/American community) ever been held to explain Proposition BB to the district's homeowners/taxpayers and voters?**
- **Why voters from the Mello-Roos Districts (Eastlake, Rancho del Rey, and Long Canyon) who were not permitted by the District to vote (over 10,000 voters) in the \$500,000,000 1997 school bond election, but are now conveniently being allowed to vote on Prop. BB?**
- **Why Superintendent Ed Brand is tampering and attempting to stack the deck of the vote for Prop. BB, by offering the affluent Mello-Roos district homeowners a "bribe" (by not having to pay taxes) to vote yes in order to procure the necessary 2/3 majority vote required for passage?**
- **Why Mello-Roos homeowners are going to receive a "rebate" from the district, by having taxes that were paid on the bond taken off their Mello-Roos taxes? Or as Superintendent Ed Brand is quoted "Proposition BB will not increase taxes of resident in the Mello-Roos (CFD'S)." And "your existing CFD taxes will be reduced to offset the cost of Prop. BB."**
- **Why the poorest area homeowners of the district (National City, San Ysidro, Chula Vista, and Imperial Beach) are going to have to shoulder the burden by having to pay off the entire \$187,000,000 Prop. BB bond for the next 25 years.**

(3)

- Why Mello-Roos homeowners who will not pay one red cent on Prop. BB are going to receive \$12,269,990 of taxes in a future designated Mello-Roos District paid by the poorest homeowners in the district for “land purchase and construction,” of a new school in Otay Mesa?
- Why haven’t Mello-Roos homeowners (according to the Howard Jarvis Tax Association) been told the following, “Mello-Roos homeowners should be made aware that a scheme to maintain *two tax* payments on their property even if one is “rebated,” probably violates either their right to be exempt from the current tax or their right to have the Mello-Toos tax sunsetted.” “And in any event, it appears that passage of the new school bond would subject their property to *two lien.*”
- Why voters haven’t been told that on top of the SWUHSD’s \$189,000,00 bond that Southwestern Jr. College is also floating a \$89,000,000 bond, which will also be placed, on the district’s homeowner’s property tax?

It should be clear that our opposition to Prop. BB as stated above, is not against the need to renovate and rebuild the district’s schools infrastructure, which we understand, needs to be done sooner or later. Our opposition of Proposition BB is with the current corrupt campaign that has (in 1997) and is being carried out by Superintendent Ed Brand and the Board of Trustees. A campaign that has included “stonewalling.” Withholding facts and information from voters. Tampering and attempts to stack and manipulating the vote by “bribing” Mello-Roos voters with “rebates” to vote yes. And unequal taxation that will have the poorest homeowner’s of the district shoulder and pay for the entire \$187,000,000 Prop. BB bond obligation.

It is our position that the voter should have all of the facts to make up his or her mind to vote Yes or No on Proposition BB.

On November 7, 2000 we urge you to vote No on Prop. BB!

South Bay Forum

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(619) 422-0432

October 16, 2000

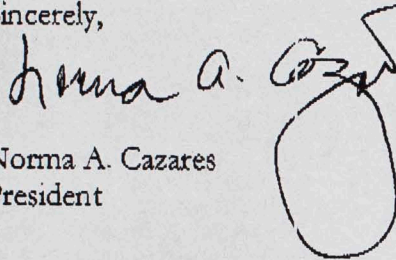
Dear Mr. Baca,

I received your fax accepting the offer for SBF to host a debate regarding Proposition BB, with your suggestions on the format. The debate will be held on Monday, October 23, 2000 at the South Chula Vista Library on Orange Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Superintendent Brand has verbally agreed to this as well.

At this time, we are attempting to set a date for a pre-meeting between the parties to formulate the format. I will notify you as soon as possible since I am working on having the meeting today or tomorrow.

If you have any questions, contact me at (619) 422-0432.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norma A. Cazares". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the end.

Norma A. Cazares
President

SOUTH BAY FORUM

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: OCTOBER 16, 2000 CONTACT: NORMA CAZARES
(619) 422-0432

SOUTH BAY FORUM MAKES ENDORSEMENTS

*INCLUDES POSITION ON PROP. E & F AND
UPCOMING DEBATE ON PROP. BB*

Chula Vista, CA... After holding two Candidate Forums at the Central Chula Vista Library for the public and its membership, **South Bay Forum** has announced their endorsements of South County area candidates and propositions.

From **SBF's** Candidate Forum on October 5th, the audience heard from the various School Board candidates who confirmed their attendance. The endorsements that evening went to Fernando Poveda for Seat 2 of the Chula Vista Elementary School District, with no endorsement on Seat 4; Cecilia Garcia-Kirk and Alma S. Graham for National School District; Luis Figueroa and Ernestine Jones for San Ysidro School District; Elvia Aguilar and Dee Mc Lean for South Bay Union School District; and Pearl Quiñones and Bob Griego for Sweetwater Union High School District.

The organization's President, Norma Cazares, also reported the results of the Candidate Forum held on October 10th. The endorsements went to David Agosto for Seat 3 and Mario Salazar for Seat 1 for the Southwestern College Board of Trustees; Jerry Rindone for Chula Vista City Council; Al Alvarado for National City Council; Todd Keegan for 77th State Assembly District; and to Jose Lopez for Division 4 of the Olay Water District.

Norma Cazares indicated that at earlier meetings, **South Bay Forum** invited Susan Davis and Brian Bilbray to present to the membership and public, endorsing Susan Davis for the 49th Congressional seat; and held a public forum joining *Citizens Against Brownfield* by taking a position against the expansion of the Brownfield Airport.

She further stated, "It is also vitally important that the voters of Chula Vista vote **NO** on Propositions E & F," regarding the issue of term limits. "Chula Vista already has term limits, however these propositions are meant to confuse the voters by either eliminating term limits all together [Prop.E], or extending the term from the current two terms to three [Prop. F]."

Another initiative **South Bay Forum** plans to address at a public debate is Proposition BB, the Sweetwater Union H.S. District Bond Initiative. Mrs. Cazares stated, "there has not been a publicized opportunity for the community to hear the issues regarding Proposition BB in order to make an informed decision." The debate will be held Monday, October 23, 6:30 p.m. at the South Chula Vista Library.

South Bay Forum is a non-partisan, political action committee (PAC) organization. It is committed to addressing the educational, socioeconomic, and political needs of the Chicano/Latino community in the San Diego South Bay area while building coalitions with other communities. Their goals include developing, promoting, supporting, and/or endorsing candidates or entities that will meet those needs regardless of race, ethnicity, or political affiliation.

RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 131

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
NATIONAL CITY SUPPORTING PROPOSITIONS AA AND BB
ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000 BALLOT

WHEREAS, Proposition AA will appear on the November 7, 2000 ballot in the Southwestern Community College District; and

WHEREAS, Proposition BB will appear on the November 7, 2000 ballot in the Sweetwater Union High School District; and

WHEREAS, Proposition AA, if approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the proposition, would authorize the Governing Board of the Southwestern Community College District to have issued and sold \$89,354,00 in general obligation bonds on its behalf. The proceeds of these bonds would be used to relieve overcrowding, improve high-technology training facilities, repair classrooms and build college buildings by repairing aging classrooms, replacing leaking roofs, aging ventilation and aging plumbing, renovating science laboratories and libraries, building new classrooms, science laboratories and libraries, acquiring and improving real property, renovating electrical systems for modern technology and internet access, and upgrading fire security, alarms and sprinklers; and

WHEREAS, Proposition BB, if approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the proposition, would authorize the Governing Board of the Sweetwater Union High School District to have issued and sold \$187,000,00 in general obligation bonds on its behalf. The proceeds of these bonds would be used to relieve overcrowding, repair school buildings and improve safety conditions for students in the Sweetwater Union High School District. Purposes would include repair and upgrade of school facilities, addition of classrooms, improvement of fire alarms, removal of asbestos, upgrade of electrical systems, renovation of water and sewer lines, improvement of heating and ventilation systems, renovation of restrooms, and replacement of worn roofs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of National City supports Proposition AA and BB on the November 7, 2000 ballot.

PASSED and ADOPTED the 17th day of October, 2000.

George H. Waterman

ATTEST

Michael R. Dalla, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM.

George H. Eiser, III
City Attorney

City of National City, California
COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT

MEETING DATE October 17, 2000

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

ITEM TITLE Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City Supporting Propositions AA and BB on the November 7, 2000 Ballot

PREPARED BY Tom G. McCabe *jr* **DEPARTMENT** City Manager
George H. Eisen, III. City Attorney

EXPLANATION

At the City Council meeting of October 10, 2000, it was requested that the Southwestern Community College District Proposition AA and the Sweetwater Union High School District Proposition BB be placed on the next agenda for consideration of support.

Attached is the appropriate resolution and copies of both propositions as they will appear on the ballot.

Environmental Review N/A

Financial Statement

N/A

Account No.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution

BOARD / COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS (Listed Below)

Resolution No. 2000-13.1

Resolution
Propositions AA and BB

South Bay Forum

TO: Herman Baca, Ed Brand, Rudy Ramirez

FR: Norma Cazares

RE: Suggestions for format of Proposition BB forum

Date: October 17, 2000

Following are suggestions for this event:

1. Welcome by Norma Cazares, and introduction of Facilitator
2. Process/rules explained by Facilitator, Rudy Ramirez (Time keeper will also be available)
3. Each position given 10 minutes for statement.
4. Questions (developed by input from both parties and SBF) are made. # of questions?? Deadline for submission of questions from both parties? Distribution of questions?
5. Person responding to question has 2 minutes, while other party can give 1 minute rebuttal.
6. Closing statement can be approx. 5 minutes.
7. Questions from audience could be gathered on 3 X 5 cards and depending upon time, would be addressed.

From: Nacazares@aol.com

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Subject: SBF-Debate on Prop BB

South Bay Forum Members and Friends!

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It will be held:

Monday, October 23, 2000

South Chula Vista Library

398 Orange Ave., Chula Vista

6:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Questions? Call Norma Cazares at (619) 422-0432. Also see attachment

From: John Chavez <johnchavez@email.com>
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Date: Wed, 18 Oct 2000 14:27:46 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: RE: SBF-Debate on Prop BB - "The Hula in Chula"

**You've heard about the "Thrilla in Manila" and "The Rumble In The Jungle"
- don't miss "THE HULA IN CHULA":**

**Watch one or more of the participants dance around the real issues.
Observe fancy footwork and slight of hand. Hear flowery words (maybe?).
See the tangled tropical jungle of special interests. Answer the burning
question: "Who get's the banana in this deal?".**

PLEASE COPY AND FORWARD:

**You too can attend a rare live performance by HerManito Baca and his new
gig: The B 'n B Show (Baca and Brand). Amazing as it may seem, Sr. Baca
is against something (Prop. BB in this case).**

**Observe "RASQUACHISMO" at it's finest. You can join in the chant and
cheer: "Horale, horale - dale chingazo, Senior Buey". Be there as the Raza
Rumblers out-punch the Gabacho Gobermiento.**

**As an added attraction the CCR Camaradas cheerleaders will be there in
their new Spandex uniforms. Jerry Apodaca and Marc Baca will be on hand
to autograph the new CCR WhY2K Calendars (yeah, so they're a little late
for Y2K, what else is new?) available for a donation to CCR (cash only).**

**WARNING: No cerveza, tequila or pulque allowed. However, the SBF will
have a food stand (El Puesto Politico) where Penafiel, Agua Tehuacan
(sorry no Evian or Perrier) and tacos de tripitas (sorry no caviar) are
available for a donation of 1,000 pesos (M.N.) or 50 cents to SBF members
(membership applications available).**

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- **MELLO - "RUSE" #1** – VOTERS IN THE MELLO-ROOS DISTRICTS WILL VOTE, AND WILL PAY THE BOND TAX IF PROP. BB IS APPROVED. SWUHSD WILL THEN REIMBURSE MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS WITH A "REBATE" AND DEDUCT TAXES PAID ON PROP. BB FROM THEIR MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNER'S TAXES!

** IN ESSENCE, MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS WILL VOTE IN THE BOND ELECTION, BUT WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OR LIABILITIES FOR PAYMENT OF THE BOND! HOMEOWNERS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE POOREST AREAS OF THE DISTRICT (NATIONAL CITY, SAN YSIDRO, CHULA VISTA, AND IMPERIAL BEACH) WILL HAVE TO PAY THE \$187,000,000 BOND.*

- **MELLO - "RUSE" #2** - SWUHSD, ASIDE FROM ALLOWING AFFLUENT MELLO-ROOS TAXPAYERS TO VOTE, GIVING THEM A "BRIBE" FOR VOTING YES, AND A TAX "REBATE" TO DEDUCT OFF THEIR TAXES, WILL GRANT (IF PROP. BB PASSES) A FUTURE DESIGNATED MELLO-ROOS DISTRICT (OTAY MESA), \$12,269,990 OF BOND MONIES, FOR A NEW SCHOOL!

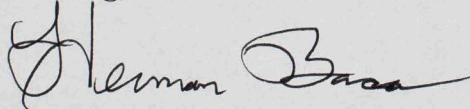
Because of your stated position that there is a dire need to improve the districts' schools infrastructure, and based on the above information, a public debate (especially in the majority Mexican/American community) is in order. The public debate should be held at a neutral COMMUNITY site. This will give all district voters the opportunity to hear all the FACTS and the PRO and CON'S of Prop. BB. District homeowners, taxpayers and voters whom you are asking to approve, and pay for the \$187,000,000 Prop. BB bond for the next 25 years deserve nothing less.

For all of the above stated reasons:

I CALL ON YOU, SUPERINTENDENT ED BRAND, TO ACCEPT MY CHALLENGE TO A PUBLIC DEBATE ON PROP BB!

I will wait for your response (ASAP) to the above, before the November 7, 2000 election, so the necessary arrangements for the proposed debate can be worked out.

Waiting,



Herman Baca, President

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**Alan:
Mark your calendar.**

**"RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE"
"THRILLA IN CHULA VISTA"**

Well maybe it ain't, Ali and Fraizer , but it's FREE!

Public Debate: Between

**Herman Baca, Committee on Chicano Rights
VS
Superintendent Ed Brand, Sweetwater Union School District**

**Issue: Proposition BB, the \$187,000,000 Boondoggle
Date: October 23, 2000
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Chula Vista Library**

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FAILING TO INFORM MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS (ACCORDING TO THE HOWARD JARVIS TAX ASSOCIATION) THAT “MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT A SCHEME TO MAINTAIN *TWO TAX* PAYMENTS ON THEIR PROPERTY EVEN IF ONE IS “REBATED,” PROBABLY VIOLATES EITHER THEIR RIGHT TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CURRENT TAX OR THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE THE MELLO-ROOS TAX SUNSETTED.” AND IN ANY EVENT, “IT APPEARS THAT PASSAGE OF THE NEW SCHOOL BOND WOULD SUBJECT THEIR PROPERTY TO *TWO LIEN.*”

- **NOT INFORMING VOTERS IN NATIONAL CITY, CHULA VISTA, IMPERIAL BEACH, SAN YSIDRO, AND BONITA THAT ON TOP OF THE SWUHSD’S \$189,000,00 BOND, SOUTHWESTERN JR. COLLEGE IS ALSO ASKING VOTER APPROVAL OF A \$89,000,000 BOND, WHICH WILL ALSO BE PLACED ON THE DISTRICT’S HOMEOWNER’S PROPERTY TAX.**

IT SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR TO ALL BY THE ABOVE, THAT OUR OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION BB IS NOT WITH GOOD SCHOOLS OR FIRST CLASS EDUCATION. OUR OPPOSITION IS WITH THE CORRUPT CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE SWUHSD. A CAMPAIGN THAT HAS INCLUDED, “STONEWALLING,” WITHHOLDING OF FACTS AND INFORMATION FROM VOTERS, AND THE TAMPERING WITH THE VOTING PROCESS BY STACKING AND MANIPULATING THE YES VOTE BY “REBATING” (OR BRIBING) MELLO-ROOS VOTERS TO PROCURE THE 2/3 VOTE NEEDED. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HAVING THE POOREST HOMEOWNER’S OF THE DISTRICT, SHOULD THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (THAT SHOULD BE BORNE BY ALL OF THE TAXPAYERS), TO PAY FOR THE ENTIRE \$187,000,000 PROP. BB BOND OBLIGATION.

ON NOVEMBER 7, 2000 WE URGE A NEW VOTE ON PROP. BB

From: <AZTECPRINT@juno.com>
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Date: Fri, 20 Oct 2000 17:44:26 -0700
Subject: Re: Questions

Question for debate:

- 1) Why are Mello-Roos Homeowners and taxpayers receiving a personal letter informing them that Proposition BB will not increase their taxes, and not cost then one red cent?**
- 2) On the other hand why haven't you mailed homeowners/taxpayers in National City, Chula Vista, SanYsidro, Imperial Beach informing them that they will shoulder and have to pay the entire \$187,000,000 Prop. BB bond?**
- 3) Under what existing law(s) were Mello-Roos homeowners/taxpayers excluded from voting and paying the bond tax in 1997?**
- 4) Under what existing law(s) are the same Mello-Roos homeowners/taxpayers not being allowed to vote?**
- 5) Why is the SWUHSD deducting the taxes paid on Prop. BB by giving Mello-Roos homeowners/ taxpayers a rebate?**
- 6) Why if Mello-Roos homeowners/taxpayers are not paying one red cent of taxes are they going to receive \$12,269,990 for purchase of land and construction of a new high school in Otay Mesa?**
- 7) Since the district cares so much and feels that Sweetwater High School, after being build 80 years ago, and not renovated for the last 51 years and being the school in most dire shape, shouldn't the \$12,269,990 be spend on this school?**
- 8) Can you show us where in prop. BB is the legal language for the Mello-Roos homeowners/taxpayers rebate guarantee?**
- 9) How many public meetings, community meetings, press conferences have the district held to inform the voters about prop. BB.**
- 10) What is the district going to do about the problem in the inside of the new buildings (if Prop BB is approved) about the education needs of the majority Mexican-American student population?**

Herman

MAJORITY VOTE NEEDED FOR PASSAGE?

WHY HAS SUPERINTENDENT ED BRAND WRITTEN A LETTER TO MELLO-ROOS PROPERTY HOMEOWNERS STATING, PROPOSITION BB WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES OF RESIDENT IN THE MELLO-ROOS (CFD'S)." AND "YOUR EXISTING CFD TAXES WILL BE

REDUCED TO OFFSET THE COST OF PROP. BB"; BUT HAS FAILED TO WRITE A SIMILAR LETTER TO HOMEOWNERS OF THE POORER AREA'S OF THE DISTRICT (NATIONAL CITY, SAN YSIDRO, CHULA VISTA, AND IMPERIAL BEACH) TO INFORM THEM OF THE FACT THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO SHOULDER THE COMPLETE BURDEN AND PAY THE ENTIRE \$187 MILLION PROP. BB?

WHY WILL MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS -- WHO WILL PAY NOT ONE RED CENT ON PROP. BB -- RECEIVE \$12,269,990 OF PROP. BB TAXES IN A FUTURE DESIGNATED MELLO-ROOS DISTRICT (PAID BY THE POOREST HOMEOWNERS OF THE DISTRICT) OF OTAY MESA FOR "LAND PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION," FOR A NEW TECH HIGH SCHOOL?

WHY IS THE PROPOSED MELLO-ROOS "REBATE" NOT IN THE LEGAL LANGUAGE OF PROPOSITION BB?

**WHY HAS THE DISTRICT FAILED TO INFORM MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS (ACCORDING TO THE HOWARD JARVIS TAX ASSOCIATION) THAT "MELLO-ROOS HOMEOWNERS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT A SCHEME TO MAINTAIN TWO TAX PAYMENTS ON THEIR PROPERTY EVEN IF ONE IS "REBATED," PROBABLY VIOLATES EITHER THEIR RIGHT TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE CURRENT TAX OR THEIR RIGHT TO HAVE THE MELLO-TOOS TAX SUNSETTED."
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WHY HAVEN'T VOTERS BEEN INFORMED THAT ON TOP OF THE SWUHSD'S \$189 MILLION BOND, SOUTHWESTERN JR. COLLEGE IS ALSO ASKING VOTER APPROVAL OF A \$89 MILLION BOND, WHICH WOULD BE PLACED ON THE DISTRICT'S HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY TAX?

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PROPOSITION BB IS FOR THE ABOVE STATED REASON'S. WE ARE NOT AGAINST THE NEED TO RENOVATE AND REBUILD SCHOOLS LIKE SWEETWATER AND OTHER DISTRICT SCHOOLS IN NEED. FOR 30 YEARS, OUR ORGANIZATION HAS STRUGGLED FOR GOOD SCHOOLS AND FOR QUALITY EDUCATION WHICH HAS LONG BEEN DENIED TO THE MAJORITY MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDENT -- WHICH CONTINUE TO BE DENIED EVEN TODAY.

THE FACT THAT SCHOOLS IN THE SWUHSD ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR AND THE CRIES OF CONCERN AND TRIBULATION ABOUT THE STATE OF THE SCHOOLS FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, POLITICANS AND THE MEDIA SEEMS TO BE HEARD ONLY

WHEN MONEY IS INVOLVED. BY YOUR OWN AND THE DISTRICTS ADMISSIONS, SWEETWATER HIGH SCHOOL (WHICH I GRADUATED FROM IN 1961) HAS NOT BEEN SHAMEFULLY RENOVATED SINCE 1951, (FORTY-NINE GRADUATING CLASSES) 49 YEARS AGO. IN OTHER WORDS, THE REASON FOR THE SCHOOL BEING RENOVATED IN 1951, WAS BECAUSE IT WAS THEN A MAJORITY ANGLO SCHOOL. AND THE REASON FOR IT NOT BEING RENOVATED FOR 49 YEARS, IS BECAUSE IT IS NOW A PREDOMINATLY MEXICAN-AMERICAN SCHOOL, LIKE NATIONAL CITY AND GRANGER JR. HIGHS THAT ARE JUST AS BAD IF NOT WORSEOFF! ONE HAS TO ASK WHERE WERE YOURS, AND ALL OF THE VOICES OF CONCERN AND URGENCY FOR THE LAST 49 YEARS? HOW MANY SCHOOL BONDS HAVE NOT PASSED. HOW MANY NEW SCHOOLS COULD HAVE BEEN BUILT IN THE LAST 49 YEARS? YET DURING THAT PERIOD SCHOOLS LIKE SWEETWATER HAVE RECEIVED LITTLE OR NOTHING. RECENTLY, SUPERINTENDENT BRAND RECEIVED A 16 PERCENT RAISE, THE TEACHERS 12 PERCENT. AND NOT ONE WORD WAS HEARD REJECTING THE RAISES, SO THAT THE 80-YEAR SWEETWATER SCHOOL COULD BE RENOVATED AND REBUILT FOR THE STUDENTS.

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SO IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT OUR OPPOSITION OF PROPOSITION BB IS NOT AGAINST GOOD SCHOOLS OR A FIRST-CLASS EDUCATION, BUT RATHER WITH THE CORRUPT CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED BY THE SWUHSD. A CAMPAIGN THAT INCLUDES, "STONEWALLING," BY WITHHOLDING FACTS AND INFORMATION FROM

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**TAMPERING, STACKING AND MANIPULATING THE VOTE PROCESS BY "BRIBING"
MELLO-ROOS VOTERS WITH "REBATES" (OR BRIBES) TO VOTE YES, TO PROCURE THE
2/3**

**VOTE NEEDED, AND THE UNEQUAL TAXATION THAT WILL HAVE THE POOREST
HOMEOWNERS**

**OF THE DISTRICT SHOULDERING AND PAYING FOR THE ENTIRE \$187 MILLION PROP.
BB**

BOND OBLIGATION.

THIS NOVEMBER 7, 2000 WE URGE A NO VOTE ON PROP. BB

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- Why Mello-Roos homeowners who will not pay one red cent on Prop. BB are going to receive \$12,269,990 of taxes in a future designated Mello-Roos District paid by the poorest homeowners in the district for “land purchase and construction,” of a new school in Otay Mesa?
- Why haven't Mello-Roos homeowners (according to the Howard Jarvis Tax Association) been told the following, “Mello-Roos homeowners should be made aware that a scheme to maintain *two tax* payments on their property even if one is “rebated,” probably violates either their right to be exempt from the current tax or their right to have the Mello-Toos tax sunsetted.” “And in any event, it appears that passage of the new school bond would subject their property to *two lien.*”
- Why voters haven't been told that on top of the SWUHSD's \$189,000,00 bond that Southwestern Jr. College is also floating a \$89,000,000 bond, which will also be placed, on the district's homeowner's property tax?

It should be clear that our opposition to Prop. BB as stated above, is not against the need to renovate and rebuild the district's schools infrastructure, which we understand, needs to be done sooner or later. ^{ESPECIALLY IN THE MOST NEEDED} Our opposition of Proposition BB is with the current corrupt campaign that has (in 1997) and is being carried out by Superintendent Ed Brand and the Board of Trustees. A campaign that has included ^{SEE SECTION A} “stonewalling.” ^{MELLO ROOS} Withholding facts and information from voters. ^{REBATE} Tampering and attempts to stack and manipulating the vote by “bribing” Mello-Roos voters with “rebates” to vote yes. And unequal taxation that will have the poorest homeowner's ^{TAX} of the district shoulder and pay for the entire \$187,000,000 Prop. BB bond obligation.

It is our position that the voter should have all of the facts to make up his or her mind to vote Yes or No on Proposition BB.

On November 7, 2000 we urge you to vote No on Prop. BB!

South Bay Forum

Proposition BB Public Debate Monday, October 23, 2000

Program

6:30 – 6:40

- I. Welcome and introductions of Brand, Baca, and Moderator Ramirez (Norma Cazares)
- II. Explanation of format & rules (Rudy Ramirez)

6:40 – 7:00

- III. Begin debate (Rudy) 10 minutes each position for opening statement

7:00 – 7:20

- IV. 3 questions each from Moderator with opportunity for rebuttal

7:20 – 7:30

- V. Closing statement from each party

7:30 – 7:45

- VI. Questions from Audience (from 3x5 cards)

7:45

- VII. Closing (Norma)

Format & Rules

1. Baca & Brand will each have 10 minutes for an opening statement (based on an earlier coin toss, Baca will go first). Timekeeper will monitor.
2. A total of 6 questions, 3 questions each, will be asked of Baca & Brand (questions previously submitted by the parties.) Two (2) minutes for the responding party and 1 minute for rebuttal will be given for each question.
3. Closing statements will be five (5) minutes each (Baca will go.)
4. As time allows, questions from the audience will be addressed. The questions will be gathered on 3x5 cards. We ask the person to indicate whether they are: (1) in support of or opposed to Proposition BB and, (2) the party they are directing the questions to (Baca or Brand.) The questions will be evenly asked and directed to each party by the Moderator.

Questions submitted

From Mr. Baca:

1. Mello-Roos homeowners received a personal letter informing them that Prop BB will not increase their taxes. On the other hand, why hasn't a letter been mailed to homeowners/taxpayers in National City, Chula Vista, San Ysidro, and Imperial Beach, informing them that they will shoulder the entire \$187 million Prop BB bond?
2. In the District's 1997 bond tax attempt, under some unknown law, Mello-Roos homeowners were *excluded* from voting and paying the bond tax. Under what existing law, are the same Mello-Roos homeowners/taxpayers now being allowed to vote?
3. Under Prop BB, SUHSD will deduct the taxes paid on Prop BB by giving Mello-Roos homeowners/taxpayers a rebate. Since these homeowners will not be paying one red cent of taxes, why is that area receiving \$12,268,990 for purchase of land and construction of a new high school in Otay Mesa?
4. Since the district cares so much and feels that Sweetwater High School, after being built 80 years ago and not renovated for the last 51 years, and being the school in the most dire need, why shouldn't the over \$12 million be also spent on that school?

From Mr. Brand:

1. Which Sweetwater schools have you visited, and what was your impression of the facilities? *CONDITIONS OF THE 22 2215 2020 2021 IN*
2. Today's reality is that public bond measures are the only funding source for making the major repairs our schools need. Maybe our state legislators will come up with a better political alternative five or ten years down the road. In the meantime, what do you propose for helping our nearly 36,000 students now? *IF GO TO SE HOLD HOSTAGE IN 12 + AGREE WITH YOU. WRITE A 3000 MEG*
3. What do you say to Sweetwater parents who are demanding better school facilities for their children—especially those families in National City where the schools are among the oldest in the district? *THAT IS FAIR, GRU*
4. Some of our strongest support has come from Latino parents and community members—polls show that approximately 80% of Latino voters favor the bond. On what basis do you disagree with their support?
5. Which bond measures, if any *are* you supporting?

DO NOT BE PUNISHED FOR WANTING TO DO THE RIGHT THING

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NEW SCLY HAVE CHANGED

Sweetwater Union High School District

PROPOSITION BB – SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

The Sweetwater Union High School District Board of Trustees has placed a \$187 million Capital Bond Issue on the November ballot. The District seeks voter approval to provide the necessary funding to complete the District's Facilities Improvement Plan that was completed in July 2000.

The Sweetwater District is the largest high school district in the State of California. It serves all of the South Bay including National City, Chula Vista, Bonita, Imperial Beach and San Ysidro. The Sweetwater District's annual enrollment is approximately 75,000 students: 34,000 students grades 7-12 and some 41,000 in adult education.

Issues Related to the Proposition BB

Didn't the District recently pass a bond? NO!

- Chula Vista, South Bay, and San Ysidro elementary districts have received voter approval on capital bond issues within the past three years.
- Sweetwater Union High School District's request narrowly missed voter approval in 1997.

What is this bond going to cost individual property owners?

- Property owners will pay an annual increase of \$27 per \$100,000 of assessed value. The assessed value is different and usually less than the market value.
- If your home were assessed at \$200,000, your annual tax bill would be increased by \$54.
- That is an increase of \$4.50 per month or a \$1.13 per week.

What about Mello Roos?

- Mello Roos taxes will be offset by the cost of the bond tax increase. Therefore, there is **NO** net increase in taxes to homeowners who pay Mello Roos.

What about State Lottery Money?

- By law, State Lottery Funds must go directly to classroom instruction and teaching materials.
- The State Lottery supplements the general fund. However, this amounts to only 1 or 2 percent of the District's budget.

Why is the Bond Initiative needed?

- The average age of District schools (excluding Rancho Del Rey Middle built this past year) is 44 years.
- This past year, District maintenance crews responded to 10,000 work and repair requests. Patchwork repair of old roofs, electrical systems, plumbing, heating, windows, labs, and bathroom facilities contributes to the increasing number of work orders and general run-down condition of the schools.
- Increased enrollment has required schools to use every classroom all periods of the day. Schools built for 1,600 students are housing in excess of 2,000 students.
- Many classrooms are inadequate to provide classroom instruction with new technologies.

How did the schools get into such bad shape?

- The District spends approximately 3 percent of its annual budget on facility upkeep and repair. (This is an average amount for districts throughout the State.) However, this does not provide for major renovation and, as a consequence, all schools are in need of modernization.

Will the Bond help build new schools? YES!

- \$12.5 million will be used to purchase the land and construct Otay Mesa High School. The State will provide 50 percent matching funds for this construction.
- \$1.6 million will be used to construct a new Adult Education Facility at Montgomery High School.

Will the Bond support all District schools? YES!

- The District Facilities Improvement Plan has assigned the following dollar amounts (rounded up) to District schools:

HIGH SCHOOLS

Bonita Vista	\$ 9.5 million
Castle Park	\$ 9.7 million
Chula Vista	\$12.7 million —
EastLake	\$.7 million
Hilltop	\$11.5 million
Mar Vista	\$12.7 million —
Montgomery	\$ 9.3 million
Palomar	\$ 1.3 million
Southwest	\$ 8.1 million
Sweetwater	\$16.6 million —

Total High Schools \$91.6 million

MIDDLE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Bonita Vista	\$ 8.2 million
Castle Park	\$ 7.3 million
Chula Vista	\$ 9.3 million
Granger	\$ 7.5 million
Hilltop	\$ 7.7 million
Mar Vista	\$ 7.7 million
Montgomery	\$ 8.3 million
National City	\$ 9.6 million
Southwest	\$ 9.8 million

**Total Middle/Junior
High Schools \$75.6 million**

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Otay Mesa High School – Land and Construction **\$12.3 million**
Requires 50 percent local funding

ADULT EDUCATION

New Adult School at Montgomery High School **\$ 1.6 million**

TEMPORARY CLASSROOM HOUSING

Temporary classrooms for use during modernization **\$ 5.9 million**

TOTAL OF ALL IMPROVEMENTS \$187 MILLION

What is the Time Frame for the Improvement Plan?

- Work will begin following voter approval, sale of bonds, and generation of contracts, probably 2 to 3 months after the November election.

Will any of the Bond money go to District employee salaries, benefits, etc.? NO!

- By law, money raised from a Bond measure may not be spent on salaries or benefits.

What accountability measures will be in place to assure that the Bond monies are spent as proposed?

- The Sweetwater Board of Trustees will appoint an Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to monitor and audit expenditure of Bond funds.
- The Oversight Committee (9 members) will be selected with expertise in construction, procurement, finance, and auditing as follows:

San Diego County Taxpayers' Association - 1 member
Association of General Contractors - 1 member
Developer Representatives - 3 members
Parents and District Representatives At Large - 4 members

How can you help?

- Phone banking
- Precinct walking
- Sign posting
- Talk to neighbors and friends
- Call Proposition BB Campaign Headquarters to volunteer, (619) 472-7270

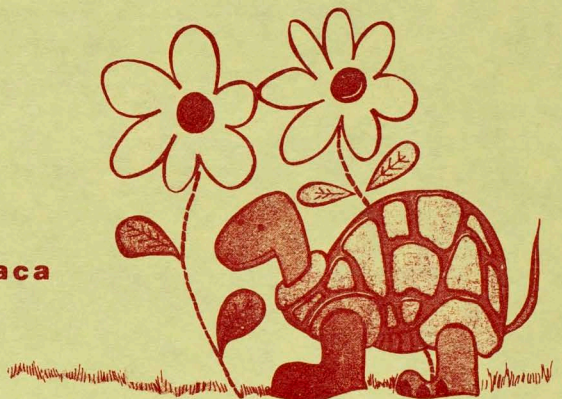
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FROM:
Nadine Baca



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FROM:
Nadine Baca



Nora Hanson
Sweetwater Committee for Quality Education

P.O. Box 6236
Chula Vista, CA 91909-62369

Dear Parents and Neighbors,

My name is Nora Hanson. I am a parent of a Bonita Vista High School student and I have been an active member of the council of PTA's for the schools in the Sweetwater Union High School District for the past 3 years. I am writing to you today about an issue of critical importance for our schools and our community.

As you are probably aware, many of our middle schools and high schools are severely overcrowded. In addition, many of our schools are old and need significant renovations.

As a parent, I knew something more had to be done. That's why I agreed to work with members of our community and school staff to assess our schools' needs and to develop a plan to fix our schools and relieve overcrowding.

For nearly two years, members of our facilities study team have spent hundreds of hours evaluating our school facilities. What we found was shocking. The majority of our schools are old, ranging from 30 to 80 years old. They suffer from deteriorating buildings and roofs, failing plumbing and sewer systems, outdated and inefficient heating and ventilation units, and inadequate, unsafe electrical systems. In addition, careful inspection of these facilities revealed extensive damage from termites and dry rot. Removal of hazardous materials, seismic retrofitting, and upgrades to fire alarms and emergency communication systems must be made to keep schools safe.

We have all witnessed firsthand the dramatic growth in the communities served by the Sweetwater Union High School District. Many of our schools are crowded with dozens of portable classrooms. In some cases, the number of portables equals or exceeds the permanent classrooms. Unfortunately, there are not enough restrooms, science labs, or library facilities to meet student needs.

Our work has been to develop a frugal, cost-conscious, and equitable plan to provide adequate, safe classrooms for students in our district. We will be making our final recommendations to the Board of Trustees soon. The facilities plan and our recommendations will also be available to the members of our community. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the facilities plan, please contact Andy Campbell at 619-691-5553. I hope you will take an active role in reviewing our work. I believe you will find a plan that deserves - and needs - your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nora Hanson

Nora Hanson



Edward M. Brand, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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On the reverse of this letter are some of the most frequently asked questions. If you have need more information please contact my office at 619 691-5555.

Sincerely,

Ed Brand
Superintendent of Schools
Sweetwater Union High School District

HOWARD JARVIS
TAXPAYERS
ASSOCIATION



HOWARD JARVIS, Founder (1903-1986)
ESTELLE JARVIS, Honorary Chairwoman
JON COUPAL, President
TREVOR GRIMM, General Counsel
TIMOTHY BITTLE, Director of Legal Affairs

September 28, 2000

Herman Baca
President
Committee on Chicano Rights
710 East Third Street
National City, CA 91950

Re: Sweetwater Union H.S. Dist. Bond Election

Dear Mr. Baca,

Thank you for your letter and the materials that accompanied it. I have reviewed the matter and these are my observations.

First, there is a discrepancy between your description of the situation and the way it was reported in the newspaper article you enclosed. According to the August 21, 2000, San Diego Union article, "Property owners who already pay Mello-Roos taxes for new schools ... would be exempt from paying for the bond *and will not be eligible to vote.*" According to your letter, however, the Mello Roos homeowners *will vote, and will pay for the bond*, but will receive an equivalent deduction from their Mello-Roos taxes to compensate them for the new school bond.

Assuming your description is correct, this approach may run afoul of the Mello Roos Law. Government Code § 53313.4 provides that Mello Roos homeowners are exempt from any levy for school construction that is imposed after, but within 10 years of, the issuance of their Mello Roos bonds.

Another issue involves Section 53330.5, which states that the Mello Roos tax "may be levied only so long as it is needed to pay the principal and interest on debt incurred in order to construct facilities under authority of this chapter." If the homeowners are entitled to rebates of their Mello Roos taxes because the new school bond tax has taken over the repayment obligations of the Mello Roos district, then the Mello Roos taxes can no longer be legally collected.

Finally, unless there has been full disclosure, the bond underwriters and investors may be harmed if parcels lying within the Mello Roos districts have been counted as lienable, taxable properties securing the repayment of both the Mello Roos bonds and the new school bonds, when in fact (because of the rebate) they will not be obligated to both.

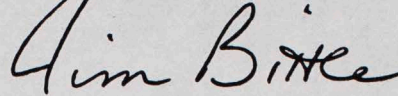
Mello Roos homeowners should be made aware that a scheme to maintain *two* tax payments on

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their property, even if one is "rebated," probably violates either their right to be exempt from the current tax or their right to have the Mello Roos tax sunsetted. And in any event, it appears that passage of the new school bonds would subject their property to *two liens*.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Bittle". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Timothy A. Bittle
Director of Legal Affairs

In his letter of October 27 LETTERS ABOUT PROP BB MISLEADING,
 Tris Hubbard who wrote the piece has subjected himself to an investigation by the California Attorney
 Generals office and this is why Mr. Hubbard misled and had failed to disclose that on 07/01/2000
 through 09/30/2000 he was PAID \$4000.00 and on 10/01/2000 through 10/21/2000 was PAID an
 additional \$1000.00 as a CAMPAIGN CONSULTANT BY THE "SWEETWATER COMMITTEE FOR
 QUALITY EDUCATION". For your information, this SUHSD Ballot COMMITTEE is running the
 campaign for passage of PROP BB. It has also been brought to our attention that District administrator
 Jorge Dominguez was also paid a sum of \$8,750.00 also during these dates. My point is when South
 Bay Voters go to polls next Tuesday voting yes on Prop. BB especially us in the Mello Roos
 Districts **BEWARE THAT A SCHEME TO MAINTAIN TWO TAX PAYMENTS ON OUR PROPERTY,**
EVEN IF ONE IS "REBATED" VIOLATES EITHER THE RIGHT TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE
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OUR PROPERTY TO TWO LIENS (HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION) We are
 baffled again that Dr. Brand and the Board of Trustees continue to "MISLEAD" the people they are
 serving. **WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS? PERHAPS Dr. Brand** maybe if you lived in the District instead of
 the Norm County you would realize nothing has changed but the weather.

P.O.P. COALITION
 Plot Off Parents



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November 2, 2000

Facsimile: (916) 974-8880

**State Attorney General's Office
Bill Lockyer
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550**

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Your immediate attention to the above will be greatly appreciated. For further information feel free to contact us at the above number.

Sincerely,

Herman Baca, President

Cc. News Media



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September 13, 2000

Ms. Judy May
Legal Counsel
Sweetwater Union High School District

Facsimile: (619) 427-2726

Ms. May:

As per our conversation, this correspondence is to procure from your office Sweetwater Union High School District's official legal position on the following matters:

1. In 1997 the Mello-Roos Districts were completely excluded from voting and from paying the bond tax. What is the official status of the Mello-Roos districts in the November, 2000 Prop. BB election?
2. \$12,269,990 is being earmarked for New Construction SWUHSD FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN for "land purchase and construction." Is this area going to be designated in the near future a Mello-Roos District?
3. In 1997 (as per item 1) Mello-Roos Districts were completely excluded from voting. In the upcoming November 2000 election Mello-Roos Districts are not excluded and will be allowed to vote. Under what existing law(s) were voters excluded in 1997, and are now being allowed to vote in the November 2000 election?
4. How are district employees (specifically Superintendent Ed Brand and District liaison for Proposition BB Mr. Jorge Dominquez) who are politically active proponent of passing the measure in compliance with section 7054 of the Education Code?

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Your immediate respond to the above will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely

Herman Baca, President

Cc. Attorney Daniel Marshall
News Media

ATTH. B



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California Golden Signs 799 Third Ave Chula Vista, CA 91910	OFC		215.50
CostCo Wholesale 460 Rancho Del Rey Chula Vista, CA	OFC		276.69
Jorge Dominguez 371 Wild Oats Lane Bonita, CA 91902	CNS		7,000.00
Ed's Maintenance 5207 Central Ave Bonita, CA 91902	OFC		172.30

SUBTOTAL \$ 7,664.49

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Omar Carrillo 8892 Hammond San Diego, CA 92123	CNS			375.00
Jorge Dominguez 371 Wild Oats Lane Bonita, CA 91902	CNS			1,750.00
Tris Hubbard 313 Windjammer Circle Chula Vista, CA 91910	CNS			1,000.00

SUBTOTAL \$ 3,228.44

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(Administration cont.)

A-5. Authorize acceptance of grant funding 12 programs.

Consent.

A-6. Accept bids and award contract #01-1926-JP CCC Communications, the lowest responsive bidder meeting the district's bid terms conditions, and specifications for structured cabling system.

Consent.

A-7. Ratify contract with Corporation to provide Martinez and Cutri artist renditions of school sites.

Consent.

A-8. Approve contract with Center for Academic Excellence to provide a Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) preparation program for district students.

Consent.

B. Adult/Alternative Education

B-1. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Sweetwater Union High School District and Community Education Enhancement.

Consent.

B-2. Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Sweetwater Union High School District and the South Bay Family YMCA to provide babysitting services.

Consent.

C. Fiscal Services

C-1. Approve/ratify professional conference and workshop expenses of district employees.

Consent.

C-2. Consultants Report.

Consent.

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\$50,000 to Prop BB
Now Look at this

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(Planning and Facilities cont.)

F-2. Approve Change Order to the contract with A.E.L. Construction, Inc. for the improvements necessary to install relocatable classrooms and five relocatable restrooms at Castle Park, Chula Vista, Montgomery Middle Schools, Granger Junior High School, Bonita Vista, Castle Park, Chula Vista Hilltop, Mar Vista, Montgomery and Palomar High Schools.

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F-4. Approve acceptance of the Notice of Completion of the contract with the Abandoned and Runaway Children's Center for the construction of three relocatable restrooms to be located at various district schools.

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F-6. Declare an emergency for the purposes of alterations and room divisions at Chula Vista High School in accordance with Public Contract Code, Section 20119.

F-7. Authorize staff to request proposals for construction management services for the first three school sites to be modernized under Proposition 55 from Rudolf and Sieston, LLC, International, Highland Partnership, Turner Construction and Vanir.

F-8. Receive report on the implementation of a district-wide telecommunication system.

PAY-OFF TIME

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Pg. 4 of 9 on Contribution
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5-22-2000
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Note:
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HAS PASSED. There are numerous

Activity/Decisions regarding Mello-Roe

I think we need to pursue this

I have been told criminal charges
or Grand Jury should be involved:

► **SWEETWATER**

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Diverse board has Latino majority

bers) have a firsthand awareness of a large segment of the community that helps them make the right decision.”

Non-Latinos can do the same thing, Covarrubias said. Being Latino doesn't make someone a better board member, he said. Being a good listener does.

Some say having Griego, Quinones and Sandoval on the board has no more than symbolic value. No one speaks of a Latino agenda. But in a district where 67 percent of students are Latino, bilingual education and the dropout rate among Latinos affect more students in

Sweetwater than in most.

Board members emphasize that their job is to represent all students, parents and teachers, not just those that share their ethnicity.

Sandoval acknowledged, though, that right or wrong, constituents may feel board members of the same ethnicity may be more accessible to them, more likely to give them a fair hearing when they have a complaint.

“It's important that you have individuals that are sensitive to the culture and are open to the diversity of the community, and generally people that are of that culture have that with them. That's the way they grew up,” said Norma Cazares, president of South Bay Forum, a political action committee that advocates for the educational and political interests of Latinos.

Board members' priorities for the next two years are not

ethnic issues. They will oversee the construction and repair of schools with voter-approved bond money and approve curriculum and strategies to raise test scores.

The board's makeup, like its actions, can benefit students, said Joseph Martinez, a district architect and chairman of Bahia Del Sur, a Latino political action committee.

“I think it can serve as an excellent role model for the students of the district,” Martinez said. For example, young Latinas may find inspiration in Quinones, who does dropout prevention work in San Ysidro, in a way they might not with a retired military man, Martinez said.

Ethnicity may not affect the common vision of the board, but it might influence how they pursue a goal. For example, when Griego wanted to encourage students to pursue music

education, he started the Mariachi Foundation, which grants thousands of dollars in scholarships annually.

Ricasa wants the teaching corps to reflect the student demographics. It was not Ricasa's idea to send recruiters to the Philippines to find math and science teachers in 1999, she said, but, “I think my being on the board helped.”

A diverse board means members tap into different networks to solicit community support for schools. Sandoval and Ricasa work in higher education. Cartmill is a businessman. Griego runs a water district. Quinones works with primary-school students.

“Sweetwater could be a model for the rest of the country as far as bringing people together, forming coalitions,” Cazares said. “Not that that hasn't already been done, but I think they could do more.”

**Sweetwater
High board
a showcase
of diversity**

Trustees to be tackling construction, test scores

By Chris Moran, STAFF WRITER

CHULA VISTA — For the next two years, the Sweetwater Union High School District will have one of the most diverse boards in its history, ensuring a range of ethnic, gender, age, geographic and professional perspectives as leaders oversee major school construction and programs to boost test scores.

The board has a Latino majority with Bob Griego, Pearl Quinones and Greg Sandoval. A fourth trustee, Arlie Ricasa, is Filipina, and Jim Cartmill is white. The board members range in age from 36 to 54.

The Latino majority is not new. Quinones replaces Lorenzo Provencio, a Latino. But when she takes her seat on the board Monday night, she adds gender balance, too. For the first time in several years the board has two women. She is also the first National City resident to serve on the board in eight years.

Four board members live in Bonita, but Ricasa grew up in Imperial Beach, Sandoval in National City. Quinones works in the San Ysidro School District.

“When we use the term diversity, very naturally people will tend to look at the ethnicity, the most visible (form), but you also have diversity in terms of age, in terms of gender, in terms of geographics, in terms of career experience,” Ricasa said.

Having a board that reflects the district population is important for several reasons, observers say.

“I think it's good for democracy,” said Jorge Covarrubias, co-chair of the South Bay Committee, a political action committee that advocates for Latinos. “Obviously they (Latino board mem-

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12/09/00

Chris Moran

SD Union

Re; 12/9/00 article

Mr. Moran;

Your 12/09/00 article can only be described as another “puff” piece for the Sweetwater Union High School District and the Board of Trustees. I believe that the above is borne out by the fact that you had to resort to quoting a hired employee of the district, and a contributor (\$50,000) to Prop. BB, who received a ? (million) contract from the Board of Trustees. Not only is your article a “puff” piece, but it is also shallow reporting and smacks of the worst type of yellow journalism. You and the SD Union can continue to write as many “puff” pieces on the SWUHSD, but the fact remains that the Board of Trustees is a “rubber stamp” for Superintendent Brand and the minority white educational, political and business establishment.

So the question is when are you and the SD Union going to stop playing public relations agency for the SWUHSD, and start doing serious reporting on other issues that include the following:

1. The historically racism that continues to exist in the SWUHSD.
2. The good old boys network which has historically and politically controlled both the school board and the economic purse string of the SWUHSD.
3. The SWUHSD Board of Trustees historically and politically being controlled (the so-called minority board included) and serving as political lackeys for the superintendent's and the “good old boy network”.
4. The district's majority (Mexican parents and taxpayers), have no voice, involvement or political representation with the either the SWUHSD Administration or Board of Trustees.
5. The payoff's from Prop. BB to the good old boy network!

Yours truly,

Herman Baca, President



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12/09/00

**Secretary of State
State of California
Elections Division
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**

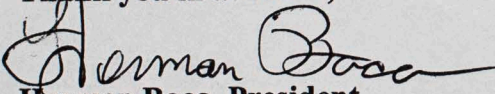
Elections Division:

Our organization has been informed by Attorney General Bill Lockyer's office that your office is the state agency to investigate election code violations. For the record, our organization is hereby formally requesting an investigation from your office for election code violations (see 11/9/00 letter and attachments), and are forwarding the following information:

- 1. November 9, 2000 letter from Attorney General Bill Lockyer.**
- 2. November 2, 2000 letter and 4 attachments.**
- 3. December 9, letter to Attorney General Bill Lockyer.**

If you are in need of further information feel free to contact us at the above address or phone number.

Thank you in advance,


Herman Baca, President

Cc. Gov. Greg Davis

BILL LOCKYER
Attorney General

State of California
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



PUBLIC INQUIRY UNIT
P.O. BOX 944255
SACRAMENTO, CA 94244-2550
(916) 322-3360
TOLL FREE: (800) 952-5225
TDY: (916) 324-5564
or (800) 952-5548

November 9, 2000

Mr. Herman Baca
Committee on Chicano Rights
710 East Third Street
National City, CA 91950

Dear Mr. Baca:

Thank you for your recent letter to Attorney General Bill Lockyer regarding your concerns pertaining to matters involving the 2000 elections.

The following state agency is in a much better position to render assistance to you in this matter. If you wish to pursue the matter further, we suggest you contact:

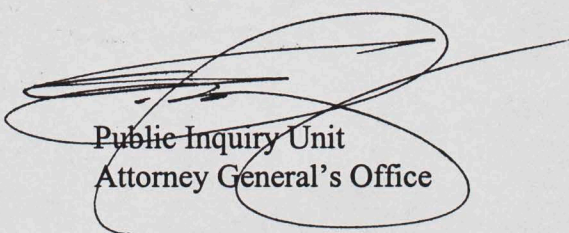
Secretary of State
Elections Division
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
(916) 653-6814
1 (800) 345-VOTE (voter fraud hotline)
<http://www.ss.ca.gov>

Some of the programs conducted by Secretary Jones' Executive Office include Legislative advocacy for state and federal election reforms that will help encourage 100 percent participation of eligible citizens and zero tolerance for fraud.

We hope that our effort to help you to identify the correct government office to address your concern will be beneficial to you.

Again, thank you for contacting the Office of Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

Sincerely,


Public Inquiry Unit
Attorney General's Office



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November 2, 2000

Facsimile: (916) 974-8880

State Attorney General's Office
Bill Lockyer
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Attorney General Lockyer:

An investigation by your office into election code violations by the Sweetwater Union High School District (SWUHSD) is hereby requested by our organization on the following legal issues:

1. "Stonewalling" and failure (see atth. A) by the SWUHSD to provide requested public information on the public issue of Proposition "BB."
2. Violation (see atth. B) by SWUHSD Superintendent Ed Brand of SB 82 "which make it a misdemeanor or felony punishable as specified to use school district or community college district funds, services, supplies, or equipment for the purpose of urging the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, etc."
3. Violations by a full time employee of the SWUHSD (Mr. Jorge Dominquez) who has received \$8,750.00 as a paid "political consultant" (see atth. C) of SB 82 (above) and Section 7054 of the Education Code which " prohibits the use of school district funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate and provides that violation of that section is a misdemeanor or felony punishable by imprisonment or a fine."

Your immediate attention to the above will be greatly appreciated. For further information feel free to contact us at the above number.

Sincerely,

Herman Baca, President

Cc. News Media

ATHA A



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September 13, 2000

Ms. Judy May
Legal Counsel
Sweetwater Union High School District

Facsimile: (619) 427-2726

Ms. May:

As per our conversation, this correspondence is to procure from your office Sweetwater Union High School District's official legal position on the following matters:

1. In 1997 the Mello-Roos Districts were completely excluded from voting and from paying the bond tax. What is the official status of the Mello-Roos districts in the November, 2000 Prop. BB election?
2. \$12,269,990 is being earmarked for New Construction SWUHSD FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN for "land purchase and construction." Is this area going to be designated in the near future a Mello-Roos District?
3. In 1997 (as per item 1) Mello-Roos Districts were completely excluded from voting. In the upcoming November 2000 election Mello-Roos Districts are not excluded and will be allowed to vote. Under what existing law(s) were voters excluded in 1997, and are now being allowed to vote in the November 2000 election?
4. How are district employees (specifically Superintendent Ed Brand and District liaison for Proposition BB Mr. Jorge Dominquez) who are politically active proponent of passing the measure in compliance with section 7054 of the Education Code?

Section 7054 of the Education Code prohibits the use of school district funds, services, supplies or equipment to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate and provides that violation of that section is a misdemeanor or felony punishable by imprisonment or a fine.

Your immediate respond to the above will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely

Herman Baca, President
Cc. Attorney Daniel Marshall
News Media

ATTN: B



SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of the Superintendent • 1130 Fifth Avenue • Chula Vista, California 919 11-2496
(619) 691-5555 • FAX (619) 498-1997 • e-mail: edward.brand@suhisd.k12.ca.us

Edward M. Brand, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Notice to Property Owners Within the Sweetwater Union High School District Community Facilities Districts (Mello-Roos)

Dear Property Owner,

As you may be aware, voters within the Sweetwater Union High School District are scheduled to vote in Proposition BB this November. Proposition BB is a bond measure that will provide funds to repair and renovate middle schools, junior highs and high schools in the Sweetwater Unified School District.

These renovations include:

- renovating 40-60 year old classrooms
- upgrading outdated electrical and plumbing systems
- replacing ventilation and heating systems
- adding additional classrooms and science labs to relieve overcrowding
- repairing health and safety hazards
- replacing aging roofs as needed
- improving school libraries

Proposition BB will not increase taxes of residents in the Mello-Roos areas (CFDs).

Residents of the Community Facility Districts already pay special taxes for school facilities.

Because you are already paying special taxes for school facilities, if Proposition BB passes, your CFD tax will be reduced so there will be no increase in your overall tax bill.

Passage of Proposition BB will also qualify our community to receive state matching funds that will reduce the cost of repairs to local taxpayers. Without passage of Proposition BB, these funds will go to other school districts.

On the reverse of this letter are some of the most frequently asked questions. If you have need more information please contact my office at 619 691-5555.

Sincerely,

Ed Brand
Superintendent of Schools
Sweetwater Union High School District

ATH. "C"

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CostCo Wholesale 460 Rancho Del Rey Chula Vista, CA	OFC			276.69
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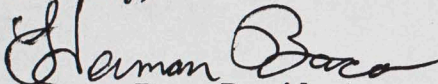
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**Bill Lockyer
Attorney General
Dept. of Justice
State of California**

Attorney General Lockyer:

For the record, regarding your respond (copy enclosed) of November 9, 2000. You have stated that our concerns should be forwarded to the Secretary of State because they are in a "better position to render assistance". Funny, but this is basically what the Fair Political Practice Committee stated to us when they referred us to your office. It appears that for some reason that the left hand doesn't know what the right hand of state government is doing. All that we have requested is for an investigation from the proper state agency on the materials send to you to determine if election laws were violated. If there is nothing further that your office can do, we will forward our packet to the Secretary of State, where hopefully this issue will finally be addressed.

Sincerely,


Herman Baca, President

Cc. Governor Greg Davis

**NATIONAL CITY, CHULA VISTA, IMPERIAL
BEACH, SAN YSIDRO AND BONITA
TAXPAYERS/HOMEOWNERS/VOTERS**

**QUESTIONS ON
SWEETWATER DISTRICT PROPOSITION BB**

- 1. WHY SHOULD YOU, THE TAXPAYERS HAVE TO PAY THE ENTIRE \$187,000,000 OF PROP. BB BOND (IF APPROVED), WHILE THE MORE AFFLUENT AND NEWER MELLO-ROOS (EASTLAKE, RANCHO DEL REY, LONG CANYON) AREA'S WHO ARE PART OF THE SWEETWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND WHO GET TO VOTE, NOT PAY ONE RED CENT OF TAXES ON PROP. BB?**
- 2. WHY IF THE MELLO-ROOS AREA'S AREN'T GOING TO PAY ONE RED CENT OF THE \$187,000,000 TAXES ON PROP. BB, ARE THEY GOING TO GET \$12,269,990 DOLLARS FOR A NEW HIGH TECH SCHOOL IN OTAY MESA WITH THE TAXES THAT YOU PAID?**

DON'T BELIEVE US!

CALL THE FOLLOWING POLITICANS WHO SUPPORT PROP. BB, AND ASK THEM WHY?

- 1) SUPERINTENDENT (16% RAISE) ED BRAND (619) 691-5555**
- 2) MAYOR GEORGE (I LOVE THE MILE OF CARS) WATER'S AND HIS CITY COUNCIL (619) 336-4526**
- 3) MAYOR SHIRLEY (I WANT TO BE RE-ELECTED FOREVER) HORTON (619) 691-5044**
- 4) MAYOR SUSAN (BANKRUPT-SAN DIEGO, CHARGER/PADRE) GOLDING (619) 236-6330**

“ IF THE SCHOOLS NEED FIXING, AND BENEFIT EVERYONE, WHY AREN'T ALL OF THE TAXPAYERS IN THE SWEETWATER DISTRICT PAYING FOR PROP. BB????

VOTE NO ON PROP. BB!

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