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RESOLUTION NO. 99-620

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

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OCT 26 1999
OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE
OF 'THE LET'S FIX OUR SCHOOLS INITIATIVE'**

WHEREAS, more than two million California students attend class in temporary facilities, and the state must build six new classrooms every day if it is going to accommodate the quickly growing student population; and

WHEREAS, The Let's Fix Our Schools Initiative would amend the California Constitution and Education Code to allow passage of critically-needed local school bonds with a simple majority of 50 percent plus one, rather than the current two-thirds vote required, while holding local school districts strictly accountable for prudent and responsible spending; and

WHEREAS, at a time when California families want safer schools, more class size reduction, and better access to 21st century learning tools like computers and the Internet, we need to ensure that local school districts have the funds to create classroom environments that help students learn; and

WHEREAS, last year voters passed Proposition 1A, a \$9.2 billion statewide bond to provide state matching funds for local school facilities construction and improvements; and

WHEREAS, school districts can only receive Proposition 1A state bond funds if they can generate matching funds through local bonds; and

WHEREAS, local school bonds require a two-thirds vote to pass, forcing many districts to run numerous grueling and expensive campaigns; and

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WHEREAS, more than 94 percent of school bonds on local ballots since 1986 would have passed if they required a simple majority.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVED, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Sacramento City Council does support the passage of the 'Let's Fix Our Schools Initiative' on the March, 2000 statewide ballot because it is a necessary and fair initiative.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

(SEAL)

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What Does The *Let's Fix Our Schools* Initiative Do?

- ◆ The initiative amends the California Constitution by changing the vote requirement for local school bonds from a two-thirds majority to a simple majority (50%+1).
- ◆ Accountability is the centerpiece of the initiative. All local school bonds, under the provisions of our measure, must include a list of specific projects which would be completed with the funds. In addition, an annual audit will be required for every project until all funds have been expended.
- ◆ The initiative expressly prohibits the use of bond proceeds for administrative salaries or other administrative costs.
- ◆ Before submitting a bond request to the voters, the school board must conduct an analysis to determine the needs in the areas of class size reduction, technology, and school safety.
- ◆ The initiative also ensures that funds will be shared equally among all public school pupils, including those who attend public charter schools.
- ◆ The initiative does not create any new taxes or mandates and ensures a greater investment in California's children.



**A Coalition of Education, Business,
Labor, Consumer and Public Safety Groups**

Please complete the following contact information:

Name (print) _____ Title _____

Company or Organization Name / Employer _____

Mailing Address _____ Suite # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

How many times does your group/organization meet per year? _____

When does your group/organization meet next? _____ Number of members statewide: _____

Can we send a campaign representative to your next group meeting? YES ___ NO ___

Contact name for endorsements: _____ Contact phone number: _____

Does your group have a newsletter? YES ___ NO ___ When is it issued? _____

Can we link/put up info on your website? YES ___ NO ___ Contact name/phone _____

Please fax me updates

Please e-mail me updates

I can also help in the following ways:

Distribute materials

Send a letter to employees/members/others

Volunteer / speak at local events

Place a newsletter article

Sign a letter-to-the-editor

Other help _____

Official Endorsement

You can use our/my name in support of the Simple Majority for Local School Bonds Initiative slated for the March 2000 ballot. **Please check boxes below.**

Please list my name as an individual member of the Let's Fix Our Schools Coalition

Please list my organization as a member of the Let's Fix Our Schools Coalition

Please fax this form to **916-554-1052** or mail to:

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Jim Sweeney, Ed.D.
Superintendent

October 26, 1999

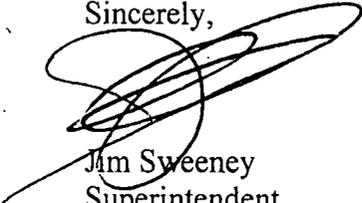
To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Sacramento City Unified School District, I would like to give my hearty endorsement of the concept for a proposed gymnasium and community center at Genevieve Didion School. We look forward to working with the city to provide better educational opportunities for community service and joint use.

The District has been working with the City of Sacramento for years to expand our joint use opportunities, and we are committed to providing even more opportunities for joint use of our facilities. As the Pocket Area has grown, the need for community facilities has also grown. Building a gymnasium at Genevieve Didion would provide a much needed facility in a busy community. It would open doors for use by senior citizens and others.

The Sacramento City Unified School District supports this concept for the proposed development of a gymnasium and community center at Genevieve Didion, and looks forward to working together with the City of Sacramento and the community on this worthwhile venture.

Sincerely,



Jim Sweeney
Superintendent

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*City of Sacramento
Citizens Advisory Committee
for Parks & Recreation*

October 11, 1999

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Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
City Hall
Sacramento, California

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

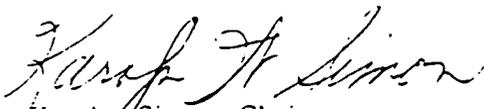
As Chairperson for the *Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation*, I am submitting the following comments to you regarding the proposed *Capital Improvement Program* for the City of Sacramento.

The *Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation* reviewed the proposed CIP at our meeting on October 7, 1999. As residents and supporters of Sacramento's exceptional park system, we were overall very pleased to see funding available to improve and expand City parks and recreation facilities. The following concerns were voiced by our membership and are forwarded to you in the form of a motion:

- ▶ Support for community center construction in areas where no facilities currently exist including South Natomas and the Pocket area; and
- ▶ Concern for the immediate expenditure of such a large portion of CIP budget for the Meadowview pool. Members noted that the proposed Olympic size pool could only be used for four to five months of the year. The Committee asks that the Council consider either using those funds for construction of community centers in non-served areas or consider a smaller, indoor pool facility which could be used year round.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City's proposed CIP. We are truly pleased to see an emphasis on park and recreation facilities in this document. If you have any questions of the Committee, please feel free to give me a call at 457-4044

Sincerely,



Karoly Simon, Chairperson
Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation