January 1, 2011

PROPOSAL TO THE
SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
RELATED TO
TRUSTEE AREA REDISTRICTING

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1. Executive Summary

This proposal for consulting services related to the re-drawing of trustee area boundaries is submitted by a joint venture composed of EdTec Inc., a California corporation with its headquarters in Emeryville, CA and the Thomas M. Griffin Law Offices, an attorney specializing in public education law with an office in Sacramento, CA. EdTec Inc provides computerized business services to approximately 75 public charter schools in California. Thomas M. Griffin has been the General Counsel to the State Department and State Board of Education, school districts and county offices of education since 1972. His practice has included assisting school districts, community college districts and county boards of education in re-drawing their trustee area boundaries following the 1990 and 2000 censuses.

The consultants propose a process which starts with the existing trustee area boundaries and makes changes to those boundaries only as necessary to comply with the “one person-one vote” requirements of federal and state law. These new boundaries will be analyzed for compliance with the non-discrimination provisions of the federal Voting Rights Act and the California Voting Rights Act and changes made to comply with those requirements.

The consultants will conduct two or more public hearings to determine input from county committee members, county board members and stakeholders and interested community groups. This public process will include private input sessions as appropriate with the goal of achieving a final recommendation, or alternative recommendations, that meet the requirements of federal and state law, meet the needs of the County Committee and Board and are acceptable to the community. If necessary, and as determined by the Committee or Board, multiple public hearings will be held for additional drafts of the negotiated boundaries.

We realize that about half of the County Committees have transferred their duties to the County Board of Education. In those counties, we will schedule public hearings directly by the Board. In the remaining counties, the duty to redraw County Board trustee area boundaries lies with the County Committee. In those counties, we will schedule the public hearings before the County Committee and involve the County Board to the extent that it wants to be involved in the process.

Throughout the process, we will confer with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters to make certain that the final adjustments made by the Board are in a format acceptable to that office.
Mission

EdTec is a social venture founded in 2001 to exclusively serve the needs of charter schools. Our mission is to support operational and academic quality in the charter school sector by:

- Delivering the highest value charter school support services and solutions to the schools we serve
- Bringing the benefits of our economies of scale to resource-constrained charter schools

Wanny Harsey, Superintendent/Principal
Bullis Charter School
Back-Office Services, Teacher Credential Review, Data Director

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http://www.edtec.biz/about/mission.php
Client List

In addition to providing services to more than 250 charter developers and schools in seven states, EdTec is a partner, sponsor, and services provider to statewide charter school support organizations and foundations.

Below is a partial list of schools and organizations that EdTec has worked with:

- Academy of Alameda (Alameda)
- Aspire Public Schools (CA - Statewide)
- Bright Star Schools (Los Angeles)
- Bullis Charter School (Los Altos)
- California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) (Statewide)
- Capitol Collegiate Academy (Sacramento)
- Century Community Charter Schools (Inglewood)
- Coalition of Essential Schools (National)
- Community Learning Center Schools (Alameda)
- Dehesa Charter School (San Diego, Riverside & Orange Counties)
- Downtown College Preparatory (San Jose)
- E. C. Reams Technology and Arts Academy (Oakland)
- Environmental Charter Schools (Lawndale)
- Envision Schools (San Francisco Bay Area)
- Escuela Popular (San Jose)
- Five Keys Charter Schools (San Francisco)
- Gilroy Prep School (Gilroy)
- Hyde Family Foundations (Memphis, TN)
- Inland Leaders Charter School (Yucaipa)
- Inner City Education Foundation Public Schools (Los Angeles)
- KIPP Schools (Nationwide)
- LA Conservation Corps (Los Angeles)
- Language Academy of Sacramento (Sacramento)
- LEARN Charter School Network (Chicago, IL)
- Lighthouse Community Charter Schools (Oakland)
- Making Waves Academy (Richmond)
- New Day Academy (Alturas)
- North County Trade Tech High School (Vista)
- Oakland Charter Academy & Oakland Charter High School (Oakland)
- Partnerships to Uplift Communities (Los Angeles)
- REALM Charter Schools (Berkeley)
- Richmond College Prep Charter School (Richmond)
- Riverdale Gateway to College (Riverside)
- Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School (Castaic)
Dear Members of the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Reorganization:

Hello. My name is Ellen Wheeler. I am a resident of Mountain View. I have had the privilege of observing your past two meetings where you considered various maps for the seven seats of the Santa Clara County Board of Education. Since I am unable to attend your meeting this Wednesday I am sending you my comments for your consideration.

Because I know that the League of Women Voters of California has been deeply involved in the issue of redistricting for some time, I went to their website to check my understanding of the redistricting charge in California. Please see below for their explanation of the state redistricting process, which is on their website (www.ca.lwv.org).

**How Does Redistricting Work In California?**

- The composition of the 14-person Citizens Redistricting Commission is required to be politically balanced-- 5 Democrats, 5 Republicans, 4 from neither of those parties.
- Commissioners are chosen for their impartiality and skills, and to reflect our state’s demographic and geographic diversity.
- The commission is required to follow a list of prioritized mapping criteria that ensures that our Constitution, federal and state laws (especially the Voting Rights Act) are followed.
- California’s community, city, and county boundaries are protected.
- Incumbents’ residences may not be considered. District boundaries may not favor political parties or politicians.
- Redistricting must be an open and public process. The commission holds hearings to receive public input.

I have been happy to see that your committee, even at the county school committee level, is showing impartiality and skills, per bullet two. And, your committee, working at the county school committee level, appears to me to be balanced and fair-thinking, which is, I think, the intent of bullet one. Furthermore, your committee work has been fulfilling the wording of the last bullet, and is holding your hearings in an open and public process, receiving public input.

As you consider which map to select, I ask you to remember bullet five: “Incumbents’ residences may not be considered. District boundaries may not favor political parties or politicians.” I have heard this paraphrased as “politicians don’t choose their voters; voters choose their politicians.” I think it is important, as we all adapt to new census data, that your committee select the best map that it can by utilizing these criteria.

Thank you for considering my comments, and especially for your diligent work.

Sincerely,

Ellen Wheeler
FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

February 5, 2012

Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization
c/o Suzanne Carrig and Superintendent Chuck Weis
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131-2304

Re: Redistricting

Dear County Committee Members:

The Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA) is a community-based organization that serves as an advocate for the Latino community and identifies, develops, and supports future leadership. This letter is submitted on behalf of the LLA to request your support for the creation of an East and Central San Jose, Santa Clara County Board of Education Trustee Area.

At the December 14, 2011, meeting, the County Committee heard considerable testimony and concerns raised by J. Nakamura and other representatives of the Asian Law Alliance that the various scenarios and maps under consideration by the County Committee did not adequately take into account the Latino and Asian communities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the County Board of Education. The LLA submits this letter to echo those concerns and to formally state its objections to the maps and proposed trustee areas currently under consideration.

Based on historical information provided by the SCCOE, it appears that only three persons of Latino heritage have been elected to the County Board of Education in the last 61 years (i.e., since 1950). Moreover, it is well documented that Latinos account for a large and identifiable portion of the County population; according to the 2010 census, persons of Latino or Hispanic origin account for 26.9% of the County population and it can be readily demonstrated that a large portion of that population resides within an identifiable geographic area within the County.
On those bases, LLA submits the attached proposed map for the creation of a district that LLA believes would address those concerns.

On February 1, 2012, the County Committee adopted seven (7) separate criteria to guide the Committee in the consideration of redistricting plans. Two of the criteria LLA considers to be of particular relevance to our concerns are:

- Each trustee area shall respect communities of interest to the degree possible given the total criteria
- The voting influence of racial and ethnic communities of interest shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible

In analyzing the various data prepared to date, and considering the lack of Latino representation on the County Board of Education over the last sixty-one years, LLA believes that the maps proposed to date fail to adequately address those criteria and fail to address the rights and interests of the County’s large Latino population.

The current boundaries of Trustee Area 7 in East San Jose separate Alum Rock and Mount Pleasant School districts from other natural communities of interest in Central San Jose. At present, the previously mentioned school districts are instead connected over the Diablo Range and form part of Trustee Area 7 along with Morgan Hill and Gilroy Unified School Districts.

The proposed map submitted herewith brings together communities of interest that share substantial cultural, economic and social ties. There is strong recent evidence of that fact. In the most recent state redistricting process, the Central and East San Jose communities came together to fight off attempts to split those communities into separate assembly and senate districts. In the state redistricting process, communities of interest in East and Central San Jose were heard, and their requests were honored by the state redistricting commission. LLA respectfully asks this body to do the same.

LLA urge you to support the LLA proposed map which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-McKinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District. LLA believes the proposed map is consistent with all of the criteria adopted by the Committee to guide it in this important process and fairly addresses the interests of the County’s significant Latino community.

Sincerely and respectfully,

[Signature]

Eddie Garcia
President, Latino Leadership Alliance
The proposed district seeks to replace the current District 7 and bring together communities of interest in East and Central San Jose. The proposed district incorporates Alum Rock Union Elementary School Dist., Mount Pleasant School District and Franklin McKinley School District. At present, the proposed district holds 237,674 in total population.

Bringing several downtown San Jose areas of San Jose Unified School District which include Washington, Alma and Spartan Keyes Neighborhoods would allow us to both bring communities of interest together, as well as achieve the balanced 255,164 in total population that is required per the 2010 census.
East and Central San Jose, Santa Clara County Board Of Education, Proposed District

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Total: 237,574 | 100.00%

1 Data for this area is approximated. Show List | Hide List
- (Hyphen) Indicates that data for this geographic area is not available, cannot be displayed because the number of participants, or sample cases is too small.
Universe: Total Population
Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census
Data Year: 2010
Map with Hispanic Concentration Highlighted

East and Central San Jose, Santa Clara County Board Of Education, Proposed District

Ethnicity / Race: Hispanic or Latino
Total number people who identify themselves as Hispanic, Latino and/or Spanish origin. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

0 - 13.9
14 - 28.4
29 - 55.3
55 - 100


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Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131-2304

County Committee Members:

I write to request your support for the creation of an East and Central San Jose, Santa Clara County Board of Education Trustee Area.

The current boundaries of Trustee Area 7 in East San Jose, separate Alum Rock and Mount Pleasant School districts from other natural communities of interest in Central San Jose. At present, the previously mentioned school districts are instead connected over the Diablo Range and form part of Trustee Area 7 along with Morgan Hill and Gilroy Unified School Districts.

I urge you to support the Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA) proposed map which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-Mckinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District.

The proposed Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA) map brings together communities of interest that have residents who share substantial cultural, economic and social ties. Evidence of the previous statement is the fact that in the most recent state redistricting process, the Central and East San Jose communities came together to fight off attempts to split both the assembly and senate district. In the state redistricting process, communities of interest in East and Central San Jose were heard, and their requests were honored by the state redistricting commission; I respectfully ask this body to do the same.

Sincerely,

George Shirakawa, Supervisor
District Two
February 1, 2012

Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San José, CA 95131-2304

Dear County Committee Members:

I respectfully ask for your consideration of the Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA) proposed map which seeks to create a cohesive trustee area by bringing together the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District, Franklin-Mckinley School District, and a small section of San José Unified School District together.

The proposed Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA) map brings together communities of interest that consist of residents who share substantial cultural, economic and social ties. I encourage you to follow suit with other state and local redistricting commissions by taking into consideration the concerns expressed by residents from both the Central and East San José areas and preserve their interests. The common message reiterated by the community members to these Redistrict Commissions was an opportunity to select representation that can identify and reflect their interests. This is why I believe the proposed Latino Leadership Alliance map introduces an opportunity for the Commission to consider boundary lines with a focus to preserve an identified community of interest within both the Central and Eastern part of San José.

Again, I ask you to strongly consider the Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA) proposed map.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xavier Campos,
Councilmember, City of San José Council District 5
February 1, 2012

Santa Clara County Committee on
School District Organization
1290 Ridder Park Drive
San Jose, CA 95131

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to express my support for the Latino Leadership Alliance (LLA) proposal for a new East and Central San Jose Santa Clara County Board of Education district.

I urge you to support this proposed map which seeks to create a geographically cohesive trustee area by bringing together Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, Mount Pleasant Elementary School District and Franklin-Mckinley School District as well as a small section of San Jose Unified School District.

This new district would bring together communities of San Jose which share common social and economic interests. Most importantly, it would allow for effective and fair representation of this community of interest on the County Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration, and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (408) 277-1220.

Sincerely,

NORA CAMPOS
Assemblymember, 23rd District