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Honorable City Council and Mayor Kevin Faulconer  
City of San Diego c/o: Ms. Elizabeth Maland, San Diego City Clerk  
202 C Street, Second Floor  
San Diego, California 92101

RE: Submission of Ballot Proposals for the November 8, 2016 Ballot – Equal Dignity & Representation for Education

Dear Honorable Council and Mayor,

I am submitting a ballot proposal for the November 8, 2016 ballot. The proposal, in summary, establishes equal dignity and representation for education, by providing for fairer and better elected representation on the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education. The ballot proposal would transition the currently at-large elected school board to a more representative school board with the same number of representatives as the San Diego City Council. The phased transition would occur in 2021 following the 2020 Census and use the existing routine and normal redistricting processes. San Diego families would be able to directly choose their neighborhood School Board members.

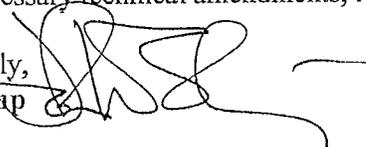
The proposal is: *The San Diego City Charter shall be amended to change the number of School Board members from five (5) to nine (9) following the 2020 Census and routine redistricting processes. There after elections shall be districts established by the school district and not by at-large election. The processes for conducting elections and the filing of vacancies shall be conducted in a manner like those processes used for the San Diego City Council.*

The San Diego City Charter created the San Diego Unified School Board as a special priority democratically elected board. Prior to its creation, the San Diego City council acted as the School Board. The City Charter has been amended six (6) times to change the terms and methods of election of the City's school board. The proportional representation of residents to elected representatives has not been adjusted to take into account the huge growth in San Diego's population. In 1930, San Diego's population was 147,995, so there was one school board member for every 30,000 residents. Today, San Diego has some **1.37 million people**, San Diego is the **eighth largest city** in the United States and the second largest in California. Now each school board member represents some 247,000 persons. Representation is no longer neighborhood and community based.

The neighborhood quality of schools influences where families buy home and corporations locate their headquarters. Our neighborhood schools serve as our community centers. The San Diego Unified School district is the second largest government agency in our City with a multibillion dollar budget and some 10,000 hard working quality employees. Our schools should have equal dignity and representation with the City.

I request the opportunity to be noticed and heard concerning this ballot proposal. Thank you for providing the public with this opportunity to participate in formation of its government, I will accept those reasonable and necessary technical amendments, recommended by the committee and Council.

Respectfully,  
John Stump



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