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July 14, 2010

School board puts tax on ballot

Property levy worth \$50 million annually

By Maureen Magee
STAFF WRITER

A five-year property tax to generate money for San Diego schools will go before voters in November under a ballot measure approved by the board of education Tuesday, potentially reigniting a dispute between business and labor.

The school board voted 4-0 to put the "Emergency Teacher Retention and Classroom Education Measure" on the fall ballot to stave off what it calls debilitating budget cuts that would include massive layoffs, class size increases and deep program cuts.

More than two dozen parents, educators, business leaders and others testified during the two-hour public hearing. Most advocated for the parcel tax measure; some complained the tax would be too burdensome during these bleak times.

"We need this, but I'm a little concerned about its ability to pass," said Katie Anderson, a parent who sits on a school district advisory board.

The San Diego Unified School District's tax would generate more than \$50 million annually to pay for teachers, keep class sizes small in the earliest elemen-

TAXING ISSUES

The San Diego Unified School District's proposed parcel tax would generate \$50.08 million annually for five years, raising money for teachers and classroom programs. No money would go toward administrator salaries or central office costs.

The annual tax cost:

\$98 for single-family homeowners

\$60 per unit for apartment and condominium owners

\$450 for commercial/industrial properties

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**Proposal revives
business, labor rift**

tary grades and maintain academic programs and technology.

Unlike school construction bond measures, which pass with 55 percent of the vote, parcel taxes need a two-thirds majority to win.

The debate over the measure has gone beyond the challenges of raising taxes during a sour economy and overcoming the steep threshold needed to pass it come November. The tax proposal has revived a bitter rift between business and labor.

Business and construction industry representatives are still reeling from the school board's decision last year to adopt a "project labor agreement" that imposes union hiring practices on major construction work to come from the 2008-approved Proposition S bond measure.

"The agreement was rammed through and it eroded a lot of good will and created distrust and concern in the community about how fiscal decisions are made in the district," said Ruben Barrales, president and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. "The school board should focus on children and rebuilding its credibility with the broader community."

Analysts say passing the measure without a broad coalition including business and labor could be very difficult.

The district says it desperately needs the money after reducing \$127 million from next year's budget following \$300 million in cuts over the past

three years to cope with the state's relentless fiscal crisis.

The parcel tax would cost single-family homeowners \$98 a year. Apartment and condominium owners would pay \$60 per unit. Low-income senior citizens would be exempt from the tax.

Commercial and industrial properties would pay a flat yearly tax of \$450 under a scaled-back version of the original plan, which would have charged nonresidential parcels based on size and development. The change was proposed by board President Richard Barrera, in part in an effort to simplify the measure and assuage potential opponents — even though the change would reduce the district's annual revenue from \$58 million to just over \$50 million.

District schools would receive \$150 per student to pay for academic programs. The money could be used to hire teachers and pay for supplies, vocational education and technology.

After per-pupil funding is distributed, half of the remaining money, about \$17 million annually, would be spent to keep class sizes low in kindergarten through third grade. The rest of the money would be used to enhance programs to prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering and math, and to help students become proficient in English.

The San Diego chapter of the Associated General Contractors Association has criticized the board for proposing a parcel tax amid dissatisfaction with the project labor agreement. The San Diego County Taxpayers Association has also lashed out against the tax, citing the labor pact and budget cuts that it said were too easy on unions.

Both groups supported two previous school construction bond mea-

asures approved since 1998, but Barrera said their buy-in only indicated "they wanted a piece of the action."

"You don't destroy the whole school system because you don't want to pay your workers health care," he said.

The San Diego teachers union, parent groups and faith-based organizations, such as the San Diego Organizing Project, vowed to advocate for the parcel tax, which they say is a last-ditch effort to save schools.

Laura Schumacher, president of the San Diego Unified Council of PTAs, said parents worry that schools will fall victim to politics as the debate over a parcel tax continues to rage.

"We really don't think this parcel tax should be a referendum on the school board," Schumacher said. "If we want to wait for the perfect school board, that is a separate issue that could take forever. Schools are facing an emergency."

San Diego voters overwhelmingly approved the Proposition MM and S construction bonds, both times exceeding the two-thirds vote that parcel taxes need to win. Both bond measures had broad community support that transcended the politics of labor, business and the school board.

Barrera and others on the board said the parcel tax has a deeper level of support from parents, educators and community groups than the bonds received.

However, recent history indicates that most successful parcel tax efforts happen in smaller and more affluent districts. San Francisco Unified School District, which passed a parcel tax in 2008, is the only large urban school system to pass one in recent memory.

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DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Library charter gets special design funds

Trustee wants school to have 'wow factor'

By Maureen Magee
STAFF WRITER

It isn't collecting swatches and paint chips yet, but the San Diego school district is preparing for an innovative interior design of the charter school that will occupy two floors of the long-awaited downtown library.

After committing \$20 million to lease space in the library, the San Diego school board voted Tuesday to spend another \$10 million to design and outfit the urban campus.

A charter high school will occupy the sixth and seventh floors of the library, 71,800 square feet of learning space with killer

views of San Diego Bay, the San Diego-Coronado Bridge and Petco Park.

Construction is set to begin on the library this month. The San Diego Unified School District is already thinking about how to design this nontraditional campus to take full advantage of its venue. But any firm decisions probably will come after a charter contract is awarded, said Jim Watts, San Diego Unified's planning director.

"This is clearly going to be a unique school by any district standards," Watts said. "We certainly want it to be a really excellent design."

Most school design projects are routinely sent out by administrators to preapproved architecture firms the district has contracted with, similar to law firms that are put on retainer. But

because of the buzz surrounding this school, a special process may be established to attract top firms and creative designs.

School trustee Katherine Nakamura, who has been a vocal advocate of the library charter, is hopeful the school will have a "wow factor," a design that reflects its urban venue and innovative academic focus.

"There is a flood of possibilities," she said. "This will not look like every other school."

Charters are publicly funded and independently operated schools that often infuse a theme into the day-to-day academics.

The district will use \$10 million in redevelopment funds from the Centre City Development Corporation to design the school interior, including architect fees, furniture and equipment. Of that money, \$200,000 to \$500,000 will

be spent to make custom changes to the construction of the space, such as duct work to accommodate science labs, a staircase to connect the two floors, and an elevator stop and door from the underground parking garage.

San Diego Unified receives about \$5 million annually in redevelopment funds for capital improvement projects at schools in and around the city's downtown core.

In April, the school board approved a 40-year, \$20 million lease to take over the sixth and seventh floors of the library. The investment revived the languishing library project that was virtually dead and desperate for funding.

The library is set to open in July 2013, but it's unclear when the charter school would open its doors to students.

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Workshops continue for SD Unified's PSA projects

by CARLOS RICO, The Daily Transcript
Monday, July 19, 2010

After a year of trying to educate contractors about all of their million dollar projects, workshops continue to be held at the San Diego Unified School District.

Tuesday, the latest class to aid contractors on the district's Proposition S Project Stabilization Agreement will take place from 1-4 p.m. inside the auditorium of the Harold J. Ballard Parent Center.

The goal of the workshops is to inform and have contractors understand the ins-and-out when it comes to the collective bargaining agreement the district has put in place on all Proposition S construction projects valued at \$1 million or more.

"We want to make sure contractors around the county know what to expect and their responsibilities when bidding and working on projects involving the Project Stabilization Agreement," said George Harris, construction compliance manger for the district.

At Tuesday's free workshop, there will be a review of the project stabilization agreement; a discussion of the roles and responsibilities for the contractor, union and district; and a discussion of grievance procedures and jurisdictional disputes.

In addition, there will be time set aside to answer questions.

Most workshops cover the same topics, and are led by district staff and union managers.

Harris said those attending the workshops are general contractors who want to learn about the project stabilization agreement and its bidding opportunities; general contractors who have already been awarded projects; and subcontractors that have been recently hired by the general contractors, are asked to attend.

"At the beginning of these workshops we had a lot more attendees because it was new and you had people wanting to make a political statement by voicing their opinion of their dislike for the project stabilization agreement," he said.

Harris added the number of attendees fluctuates from month-to-month, but the workshops will continue as long as people attend.

Proposition S was a \$2.1 billion bond measure San Diego voters passed in November 2008, and calls for repairs and renovations on all district campuses.

After months of discussion from the district's board of education, the labor agreement was put in place in July 2009 and went into effect at the end of October 2009.

The Project Stabilization Agreement is contract between the district and the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council and the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters. It sets guidelines on

contractor's hiring and wage standards, among other things, in exchange for skilled workers who agree not to strike. These come from labor unions.

Under the \$2.1 billion Proposition S bond measure, 20 construction contracts -- totaling approximately \$57 million -- have been awarded, with six projects already completed.

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Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee adds new members

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SAN DIEGO—The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC), the legally-required committee appointed by the Board of Education to actively review the proper expenditure of Proposition S funds, recently welcomed two new members, appointed a chair and named a new secretary/vice-chair.

New to the ICOC are Kevin Alvin and Pat Hom, both of whom will serve two-year terms. Alvin was nominated by trustee Richard Barrera, while Hom was nominated by trustee John De Beck. The ICOC also appointed Gil Johnson as chair and Leonard Pinson as secretary/vice-chair.

The ICOC is comprised of 11 volunteers who monitor the Prop. S bond program and verify that taxpayer dollars are being used solely for bond projects outlined in the 2008 voter guide. Prop. S is the \$2.1 billion general obligation bond measure passed by more than 68 percent of San Diego voters on Nov. 4, 2008. The bond program provides resources for San Diego Unified to repair, renovate and revitalize more than 200 neighborhood schools.

Alvin, an Encanto resident who served in the Navy, has worked in the electrical construction industry for more than 20 years and is experienced with high-profile local building projects.

Hom is an outsource financial manager for small businesses and is co-founder of the not-for-profit parent teacher organizations, Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary and Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools, benefiting both Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High School.

Johnson is president of Procurement Concepts, Inc., a business management and purchasing services firm. As ICOC chair, he presides over meetings and guides the committee's actions. He also chairs the executive/governance subcommittee.

As secretary/vice-chair, Pinson will serve as chair in Johnson's absence. He also chairs the construction sub-committee and is a member of the executive/governance sub-committee. Pinson works as the job order contracting coordinator for the County of San Diego.

Each member of the ICOC represents a specific interest group (such as senior citizens) or business, serves as an "At Large" member or is a parent of a child in the district. Their diverse backgrounds and varying areas of expertise offer unique and independent perspectives on Prop. S activities.

ICOC meetings and subcommittee meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Thursday of the month, at 4 p.m., at the Eugene Brucker Education Center auditorium, 4100 Normal Street in San Diego.

For more information about the ICOC, call (858) 637-3609 or email icoc@sandi.net.



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Parcel tax concerns

San Diego Unified has some explaining to do

There is no doubt that public schools in California have major money problems. The collapse of state tax revenue has prompted Sacramento, the top source of school dollars, to cut education funding from \$39.8 billion in 2007-08 to \$34.5 billion in 2009-10.

As a result of these funding setbacks, the San Diego Unified school board has decided to place a temporary parcel tax proposal on the November ballot to raise about \$50 million annually. It asks single-family homeowners to pay an additional \$98 a year. Apartment and condominium owners would pay \$60 per unit. Industrial and commercial properties would pay \$450. Senior citizens of modest means would be exempt.

But before anyone should consider supporting a parcel tax, some basic concerns need to be addressed.

The first involves the assumptions driving San Diego Unified's budgeting. District officials say they have cut \$370.8 million in spending in fiscal years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11. What they rarely add is that almost all of these cuts have been in projected future spending increases. Over that same span, actual general fund spending has been cut \$90 million, or 7.5 percent, from \$1.2 billion to a projected \$1.11 billion this fiscal year.

The budget picture is complex, and district officials warn that it is misleading to just look at these numbers. We agree. State funding cuts combined with spending increases locked in by collective bargaining contracts create a real bind. But based on the information provided by San Diego Unified, it appears the district's default view is that spending always must go up by a significant amount every year, even with low inflation and enrollment down 10,000 to 132,000 over the past decade. Voters need to know going forward if this is going to remain the district's approach – and if so, why?

A second concern deals with the school board and its priorities. We admire San Diego Unified's many wonderful teachers and thank them for the salutary effect they've had on tens of thousands of students. But their union – the San Diego Education Associa-

tion – is particularly aggressive in pushing its agenda. That is what unions are supposed to do. However, the SDEA's clout has reached such extremes that it essentially installed a new board majority two years ago. Since then, board decisions have often seemed far more about advancing union interests than anything else.

In November 2008, San Diego Unified voters supported a \$2.1 billion construction and renovation bond. Two months later, without consulting the bond's oversight committee, board members Richard Barrera, John Lee Evans and Shelia Jackson began their successful push to generally require the use of union labor for bond projects, almost certainly resulting in taxpayers getting less bang for their buck. This plan had never been discussed in the run-up to the bond vote.

In September 2009, Superintendent Terry Grier quit after facing board and teachers union opposition to his reform measures, which track those proposed by President Barack Obama. These reforms, especially those focusing on teacher performance, hold great promise to improve schools at relatively little additional cost.

In March of this year, as part of a contract in which teachers agreed to take five furlough days the next two school years – the equivalent of a 2.74 percent pay cut – they were also given a phased-in 7 percent raise in 2012 and 2013. Very similar deals were approved for other unionized workers. Where will the money come from? According to the district's web site, the cost of salary and benefits as a percentage of the general fund will go from 88.3 percent in 2009-10 to 91.8 percent in 2012-13. This means many student programs are going to have to be slashed or eliminated.

San Diego Unified's primary policymaking goal appears to be insulating teachers, not students, from the pain caused by the state's budget nightmare. Voters need to know going forward if this is going to remain the board's approach – and if so, why?

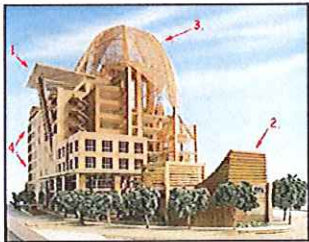
We look forward to meeting with both fans and foes of the parcel tax in coming months to talk about these important issues. Let the discussion begin.



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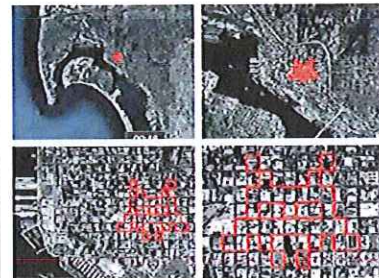


Let's do this again?



Spitzer's rights — San Diego's business celebrates imminent takeover of old central library, recent background checks like nap sites

Alien Invasion



Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego teams with Minitemen, Teabaggers to produce Space Invader Walk; art installation aims to raise awareness of threat posed by "those aliens who might be walking the streets of downtown right beside us."

Crowded House

The City, Eager to Attract New Library Funding Via Tenancy, Neglects Space for Books in Final Design

VACANT LOT AT THE CORNER OF PARK AND J STREET (AP). The good news: the San Diego City Council has voted to move forward with the construction of a new central library for San Diego. The bad news: they still need more than \$32 million to finish the job. Despite private donations, state grants, and \$20 million from the San Diego Unified School District in exchange for playing host to a new charter school on two of its floors, the \$185 million project remains a huge financial risk for the city.

However, the inclusion of the school provided inspiration for the council, which has issued a Library Financing Report outlining a plan to raise additional funds via additional tenants and attractions. Among the planned spaces/venues (see graphic above for locations):

1. "Dive into Learning" five-story bungee-jump platform.
2. "Ramp Up Your Reading" civic skate ramp (eventual installation of full half-pipe not pictured).
3. Top-level "Thunderdome" style cage-fighting arena. ("Frankly," councilman Kevin Faulconer admitted to SD on the QT, "we're not sure

how to connect this with anything having to do with reading, education, or the preservation of Western Civilization, but the revenue potential is undeniable.") According to the financing report, hosting bids have been submitted to WWE and other "similarly classy organizations." Plans for an explicit tie-in with the *Mad Max* movie franchise (which had looked promising in light of director George Miller's announcement of plans to film two additional installments of the post-apocalyptic saga) have been put on hold in light of former *Mad Max* star Mel Gibson's alleged announcement of plans to burn down his girlfriend's house.

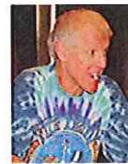
4. Friends of the Library Civic Retreats. Upon learning of council candidate Lorie Zapf's foreclosure scare earlier this year, the council determined that it would be prudent to establish permanent council-person residences in this, their great legacy to the City of San Diego. ("Good governance just doesn't happen when you don't know where you're going to be sleeping next week," explained Faulconer, even as he stressed that the move should not be taken as an explicit statement of support for either Zapf or

her economic practices.) Upon learning of the \$32 million budget shortfall for the library's construction, the council determined that it would also be prudent to include 11 hoary apartments in the new structure, the sale of which would help to finance its completion.

The downside of all these plans for inclusions is that the library, as designed, does not include any physical space for books. However, the report is quick to note that "with the rise of eReaders, iPads, and stuff like that, printed books are pretty much on the way out, anyway. A great library

is about civic pride, not dusty, dimly lit shelves piled with hoary tomes full of arcane trivia about obscure subjects. Wikipedia has taught us that much, at least."

Great Moments in Government, City Council Hearings on the Central Library Edition



NEA great Bill Walton to city council: "We can either start building this library or start building prisons tomorrow."

Councilman Carl DeMaio: "Prison, you say? We could look into that. A lot of money to put in there, big — no this type of money. Could be good for the city, get some state money down here. And like the business park, too. A project for after we get out of the financial mess we're in today. Thanks, Bill, like when you last quit."



WHO PLAYS WHO

BUILDING SAN DIEGO EDITION



Lukas Haas became a star with *Witness*, a film that lovingly portrays the simplicity and purity of Amish life.



Irving Gill became a star with the First Church of Christ Scientist, a building that lovingly portrays the simplicity and purity of poured concrete.



In *Apocalypse Now*, Robert Duvall had to remind a soldier that "Charlie don't surf!"



In designing the library, Rob Quigley had to remember that San Diegans don't read.



In *Nixon*, Edward Hermann played Nelson A. Rockefeller, the man who built the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY.



Papa Doug Manchester is the man who built the Manchester Grand Resorts.



Ground broken for school auto shop

By [Christopher Cadelago](#), Staff Writer

Thursday, July 22, 2010 at midnight

CLAIREMONT — Construction crews at Clairemont High School have begun work on a \$2.6-million automotive technology facility, one of several projects awarded by the San Diego Unified School District since voters approved Proposition S in 2008.

The College, Career and Technical Education facility, scheduled for completion next spring, will include six auto bays and room for instruction to prepare students for work in the automotive industry.

The building would enable instructors to focus on engine performance, steering and suspension, electrical and mechanical components and brakes, officials said.

“We’re again at one of these critical junctures in the growth of technology, and automotive is one of these fields,” said Shawn Loescher, director of the district’s Office of College, Career and Technical Education. “But as we move into an era of ‘what’s next’ in the field of transportation, including electric and hybrid technologies, there were limiting factors in terms of an older facility.

“This is a place where students go to explore math and physics and see how it’s really applied in the real world. We don’t go into classrooms and do things just because. We do them with purpose.”

The new building also is expected to provide an industry-standard facility supporting certification by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation. All of the programs are run in partnership with professionals.

“They really give us some tremendous insights, and our curriculum is constantly evolving,” Loescher said.

The San Diego school board through May had spent nearly \$100 million and awarded 16 contracts since the approval of Proposition S, a \$2.1 billion bond measure to repair, renovate and revitalize 181 schools. The investment in infrastructure was significantly more than the amount of bond money disbursed in the first 18 months of 1998’s Proposition MM, said Jim Watts, planning director for the district.

“Part of the reason is this time we had projects designated, designed and ready to go in anticipation of the bond passing,” district spokeswoman Cynthia Reed-Porter said. “The reason was to get those designed to take advantage of matching funds from the state and a timeline associated with them.”

College, career and technical projects are funded through a mix of state and local bond programs. Two of those projects, the construction technology academy at the Kearny High School complex and the Buc Café at Mission Bay High, were recently completed.

Among the other facilities planned are automotive technology and auto body programs at Madison and Morse high schools, a multimedia arts program at the San Diego High complex and culinary arts program at Garfield High.

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STRUCTURES

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Construction Work on \$185M Central Library to Start Soon

Planning for Project Started More Than 30 Years Ago

By EMMET PIERCE

The nine-story, \$185 million Central Library expected to be under construction soon in East Village was designed to become an iconic civic structure that symbolizes San Diego's commitment to literacy.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the 497,652-square-foot project is scheduled for July 28 at 11th Avenue and K Street, near Petco Park. If all goes according to plan, the library will open in mid-2013. During a one-year period, the city received comments on the project from more than 1,000 people who attended public forums.

Many groups have worked to make the library structure a reality. Partners in the project include the city, the California State Library, the San Diego Unified School District, the San Diego Library Foundation, and Friends of the San Diego Public Library. A majority of San Diego City Council members voted in June to proceed with construction. They were assured that a fundraising campaign will raise an additional \$32.5 million that is needed to complete the project.

There is a commitment of \$80 million in city redevelopment funds. The San Diego Unified School District is providing an additional \$20 million, and another \$20 million will come from a state grant. The rest will come from private donors.

The new facility will be about twice the size of the existing downtown main library on E Street. That structure opened in 1954.

"There have been leaders who have been working on building a new library for more than 30 years," said Charlie Goldberg, spokesman for the San Diego Public Library Foundation. "It's been clear for a number of years that the current facility doesn't stack up to what San Diego needs in terms of education and literacy and supporting the 35 branch libraries in the system."

A Distinguishable Look

Plans call for the building to be topped by a distinctive dome. The latticework structure will distinguish the Central Library from nearby commercial buildings. The library's design includes a variety of outdoor spaces. Terraces and gardens are planned to reflect the city's natural beauty and warm climate.

Two floors of the library will be dedicated to a charter high school that will serve approximately 400 students. The school will operate independently and have its own ground-level entrance.

"There is a lot of synergy with a learning institution and a library," said Lee Dulgeroff, director of project management for the school district.

According to the library foundation, the building will greatly improve public access to library materials. It will feature a collection of more than 1.2 million volumes, 60 percent more than the current library. The children's collection of library materials will increase by nearly 70 percent. There also will be a 3,797-square-foot teen center. The facility

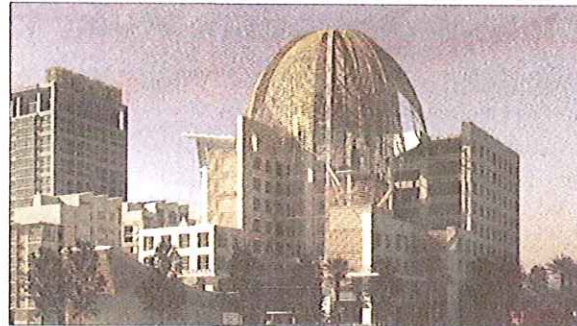
will include a homework center on the second floor with electronic resources, Internet access, homework assistance, and tutoring.

The team of Rob Wellington Quigley, FAIA and Tucker Sadler & Associates has implemented the building's design. Quigley said the project is a team effort that has evolved over many years.

Indoor and Outdoor Features

"There have been people working on this project in one form or another since

Central Library page A33



Rendering by Joe Cordiale

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Central Library project is set for July 28 near Petco Park. The library is expected to open in mid-2013.

Central Library:

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1973," said Quigley. "That is when the dream started. Our intent was to make it a truly San Diego building. There are lots of indoor/outdoor features. It has a resonance with Balboa Park and the architecture there. There are over 1,400 sheets of working drawings."

On the ground level, large folding glass doors at the entrance will open to a garden courtyard. Across the garden courtyard there will be a 350-seat auditorium that also features folding glass doors. When the weather is warm, the facade between the auditorium and courtyard will open to increase capacity. The facility was designed to be accessible to people with mobility problems. There will be wheelchair ramps, wide entrance doors, and low-height public service counters. Access to computers, copy machines and media equipment will be in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A three-story, "public penthouse" will feature a view of San Diego Bay. It will include a crystalline reading room. A series of terraces will look into the reading room and out to the city and the bay. A 400-seat multipurpose room will offer views to the west. An art gallery with a vaulted ceiling will face north.

The Central Library also will have 250 on-site parking spaces and another 250 spaces across the street. Derek Danziger,



Rendering by Joe Cordeiro

The Central Library being built in East Village will include a variety of outdoor spaces such as terraces and gardens, and two floors will be dedicated to a charter high school.

a spokesman for the Centre City Development Corp., noted that the redevelopment agency is contributing \$80 million to the project. He said having the new structure will be increasingly important as the neighborhood's population grows

in the years ahead. Downtown San Diego has about 30,000 residents today; and that figure is expected to grow to 90,000 by 2030.

"We're very excited about a project like the library coming into East Village,"

he said. "Having a first-class, state-of-the-art library will be important for a growing downtown community and all of San Diego as well."

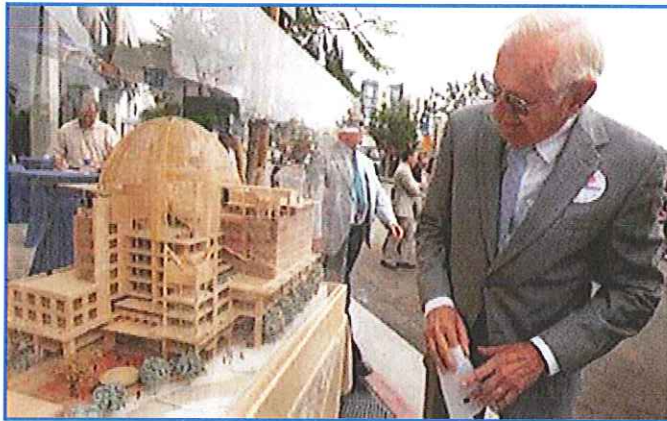
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City breaks ground on new library

By [Roger Showley](#), UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

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Howard Lipin

John McAllister, president of The Friends of the San Diego Public Library looks at a model of the library before the start of the groundbreaking ceremony in East Village.



DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO — A new downtown library, in the talking stages for more than 30 years, moved from wishful thinking to reality Wednesday, as officials broke ground on the \$185 million, nine-story domed landmark due to open in three years.

But even as former mayors, librarians and hundreds of well-wishers celebrated at the East Village site amid a shower of confetti, fundraisers mapped plans to raise the final \$32.5 million needed to complete the 491,000-square-foot project.

Mayor Jerry Sanders oversaw the event at the 11th Avenue and K Street construction site, a place he remembered as a police officer where he gassed up his squad car at the now-demolished police garage

“This new library will benefit generations of San Diegans to come,” he said.

Other officials who tackled the library without success remembered the constant delays as well as

breakthroughs in keeping the library on track.

"It was absurd," said Mike Madigan of the passage of time. He worked on the library as an aide to former Mayor Pete Wilson in 1977 and later headed the Board of Library Commissioners to settle on the site near Petco Park.

Wilson, who later on went to become a U.S. senator and governor, was present at the groundbreaking and commented, "It finally did (happen)." Former Mayors Susan Golding and Dick Murphy also were in attendance.

Irwin Jacobs, who with his wife, Joan, pledged \$20 million toward the project, noted the library's planning began eight years before he founded Qualcomm Inc.

"You begin to get a feeling that public projects move a little more slowly than private projects," he joked, "but it, indeed, has moved ahead."

As everyone took turns shoveling ceremonial dirt at the construction site, San Diego Public Library Foundation officials outlined how they are going to raise the remaining funds in the required 18 months.

Judith Harris, immediate past chairwoman of the foundation, said she and others have contacted officials of the San Diego Padres, The San Diego Union-Tribune and other potential donors. She said former Padres owner John Moores, who persuaded the city to build near the ballpark, is virtually a lost cause because he has moved to Texas, but she hopes the new team owners will make a sizable gift.

Former Union-Tribune Publisher David Copley, who previously pledged \$2 million of his own money before selling the newspaper last year, was present at the event and said he will help persuade others to follow his lead. Union-Tribune spokesman Drew Schlosberg said he has aided the foundation on various efforts but did not know what donations the newspaper's new owners, Platinum Equity, might pledge in the future.

Foundation chief executive Jay Hill said beyond filling the funding gap, the campaign will likely encompass several other branches and an endowment to augment the tight city budget, which has led to curtailed library hours at the existing Central Library and 35 branches. So far, \$10 million has been pledged to underwrite additional costs of operating the new library for five years.

Former City Attorney Mike Aguirre, who said last month that the city charter bars the library from moving forward until all money is in hand, said Wednesday that, despite his reputation for frequently pursuing litigation, he will not sue the city over the issue and may even donate to the project himself.

City officials have avoided the charter provision by splitting the project into two phases: Phase 1, already funded, to cover the building core, and Phase 2 for interior improvements, to be covered by the additional donations, due by January 2012.

Public funding includes \$80 million in downtown redevelopment property taxes, \$20 million in state bond funds and \$20 million from San Diego Unified School District bond funds to cover a 20-year lease for a charter high school within the library.

School board President Richard Barrera said at the ground breaking that the two-floor school will enroll about 400 students, who will likely take classes not only in the library but at nearby City College and participate in internships with downtown businesses.

The school board earlier this month voted an additional \$10 million from redevelopment property taxes it receives to cover tenant improvements for the library school — a figure not included in the \$185 million library building budget.

The library will replace the present 145,000-square-foot, 56-year-old facility at Eighth Avenue and E Street, itself the result of a decades-long campaign to replace an even smaller library on the same site funded by industrialist Andrew Carnegie that opened in 1902.

Most of the collection resides in two basements because of lack of shelf space on the upper three floors — and those reference and circulation materials will be what fill out the new building once it opens. The new building, to be outfitted with dozens of computer terminals, is projected to fulfill city needs for at least 50 years, with the school floors available for expanded library space if needed.

Project architect Rob Wellington Quigley, who won the international design competition in 1996, said the design has been modified to fit four different sites but retains key features that came out of a series of public workshops — such as dedicated parking and an auditorium. He is in collaboration with another San Diego firm, Tucker Sadler Noble Castro Architects

But one nagging problem has been what to do about the pigeons that are expected to roost on the lattice-like dome that will rise above the top-floor reading room with a view to San Diego Bay. Quigley said the solution would be to string netting, invisible at a distance, to keep the birds away.

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School District Delays Paying Back Bonds

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San Diego Unified is seeking to borrow more money for school renovation and pay it off over a longer period of time.

Doing so could help accelerate school fixes and upgrades, which [have been delayed](#) because of dropping tax revenues from a bond that voters approved two years ago.

But taking longer to pay off the bonds will also mean that San Diego Unified pays more in interest. The question that the school district is wrestling with is whether the added costs of paying off bonds over a longer period of time -- just like taking longer to pay off your credit card -- will be offset by getting money to build and renovate schools sooner while construction prices are low.

"We believe construction will cost more in years to come," said Phil Stover, who oversees business operations in the school district. "If things get done quicker, that may outweigh the costs."

The school board has agreed this year to seek \$200 million in bonds that it has to pay off over 40 years, instead of getting \$100 million in bonds that it would repay over 25 years, as it had earlier planned.

While the longer bonds are already in the works this year, San Diego Unified has to decide whether it wants to keep doing that in the future, as it keeps borrowing money each year to pay for school renovations.

Outside experts and community members who sit on the oversight committee for the school renovation bond say they want to see an analysis of the costs and benefits of paying off the bonds more slowly. Some believe that the bond advisers could have and should have provided that analysis before the school board gave it the green light to seek the longer bonds this year.

"The district should look at this properly," said John Gordon, who leads the finance and planning subcommittee of the bond oversight group. "There could be some benefits to it, but it's just not outlined yet."

-- EMILY ALPERT

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SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT

July 29, 2010

Downtown library breaks ground at last

By CARLOS RICO
The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — It was a “who’s who” in San Diego politics Wednesday morning for the downtown library groundbreaking ceremony.

Former San Diego mayors Dick Murphy and Pete Wilson, current City Councilman Ben Hueso, state Sen. Christine Kehoe, and basketball Hall of Famer and San Diego County native Bill Walton, were on hand to witness the start of the \$185 million project.

“Today, we break ground on a new central library befitting our great city,” said Mayor Jerry Sanders to more than 100 county residents and library supporters. “One that symbolizes the value we place on learning and represents our aspiration for

future generations of San Diegans.”

The new downtown library — located on an empty city block between J and K streets, and 11th Avenue and Park Boulevard, where an old San Diego Police garage once stood — will be a nine-story, 295,000-square-foot facility, more than twice the size of the current central library. It will have 400 computer workstations, free Wi-Fi access, a cafe, and multiple community gathering spaces for events ranging from book readings to art displays and music performances.

Two floors totaling 76,000 square feet will be dedicated to a San Diego Unified School District charter school. Another 129,000 square feet will be used for underground parking.

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The new library, which is expected to open sometime in 2013, will replace the current library on E Street, which was built in the 1950s.

Funding for the project comes from \$80 million in redevelopment money, a \$20 million California library grant, \$20 million from the San Diego Unified School District and \$63 million in private donations, of which approximately \$30.8 million has already been raised.

One of the largest donations came from **Qualcomm Inc.** (Nasdaq: QCOM) founder

Irwin Jacobs and his wife Joan, who have given \$20 million.

“I think we need to understand as citizens of this great city that our biggest value is educating our children and making things available to the rest of the population who can benefit from (libraries),” Joan Jacobs said.

No city funds are being used and the city is relying on private donations to cover the remaining \$30 million needed.

“We’re confident that the money will come in,” said Rachel Laing, spokeswoman

for Sanders. “We have enough (donations) to cover it so that it’s a fully built out shell. What the remaining portion (of donations) is going to pay for is furniture, fixtures and finishing touches ...”

She added that several pledges have been made to help cover some of the remaining money needed, but those donors are waiting to see the actual building take shape.

“These pledges won’t cover the full amount yet, but when steel is coming out of the ground ... that’s when we

believe the big money will roll in, as is the case in most capital campaigns,” explained Laing, giving examples like the campaign to build the new Children’s Museum.

Turner Construction is in charge of building the library and hiring subcontractors.

The project is expected to create around 1,050 construction jobs.

Within the next few weeks, people can monitor construction progress via webcam using a link posted on the city’s website, sandiego.gov.

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DAILY BUSINESS REPORT

July 29, 2010

San Diego Metropolitan

Construction Starts on New Downtown Library

The city of San Diego broke ground Wednesday on a new state-of-the-art central library Downtown, an \$185 million project that proponents said will be built without any money from the city's operating budget. Mayor Jerry Sanders led the groundbreaking ceremony, remarking, "I couldn't be prouder of the countless people who have spent so much time and energy on making sure we arrived at this day." Joining him were Joan and Irwin Jacobs, who have pledged \$20 million toward the project, and dozens of other public figures and dignitaries. Said Irwin Jacobs, "We look forward to the library becoming a prime focus within the region for civic engagement, educational activities and pursuit of knowledge in its ever-expanding forms. We anticipate extended operating hours using the committed private resources to supplement city general funds."

Funding: Money for the project comes from several sources: \$80 million in redevelopment money; a \$20 million state library grant; \$20 million from the San Diego Unified School District, which will use two floors for a charter school; and \$63 million in private donations (of which more than \$30 million has already been raised).

The nine-story building — scheduled to open in 2013 — will be a new regional center for learning and literacy. It will have 400 computer workstations, free Wi-Fi access, a cafe and multiple community gathering spaces for a variety of events. Its 295,000 square feet will be more than twice the size of the current central library. An additional 76,000-plus square feet will be used for a charter school that will occupy the library's

sixth and seventh floors. Another 129,000 square feet will be used for underground parking. Construction will create 1,050 construction jobs.

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After More Than 30 Years, A Library Begins

Downtown Library



Local leaders mug for the media as they break ground on the new downtown library.

CARLOS A. MORENO

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Nearly everyone who has made modern San Diego what it is, and isn't, gathered Wednesday morning to celebrate a civic triumph more than 30 years in the making, one accomplished with tenacity and hope.


It took Mayor Jerry Sanders 12 minutes to introduce everyone on stage at the groundbreaking of the \$185 million downtown library. They were city leaders, state leaders, school leaders and business leaders, past and present, all of whom helped cobble together support and revel in their success.

Sanders began by thanking Pete Wilson, who got the library off the ground as San Diego's mayor in the 1970s and later became one of California's U.S. senators and its governor. Irwin Jacobs and his wife, Joan, were the last to speak. They're two of the city's most prominent citizens and their \$20 million donation to the library, only made public last month, made Wednesday morning possible.

In between, Sanders thanked the city's school system, which also saved the day with \$20 million to fund the building and put a charter high school on two floors. He thanked the state librarian, who allowed the city to extend deadline after deadline to keep the state's \$20 million contribution. And he thanked City Council members who believed a promise from boosters that the \$33 million still needed to finish the library would come when it's time.

But there are good reasons to believe the promise. The project has stayed alive through the tenures of six mayors, some of whose choices led to financial problems the city has yet to overcome. People who support it mean well, and believe in goals of increasing access to education and literacy. If the library succeeds, despite the odds it always has faced, then what can't this city do?

Yet if the library fails, because the money doesn't turn up, libraries become less important or some other reason, then Wednesday will stand as a moment where the city's most prominent citizens and politicians celebrated before they reached the finish line or didn't know what race

 they should be running.

And so 40 minutes after Sanders began speaking to a crowd that filled nearly two city blocks, the dignitaries gathered and dug their shovels in the ground. Jacobs turned to Sanders and joked, "The headline is going to be the mayor finally does some work."

"Yeah," Sanders joked back. "The mayor finally gets something done."

-- LIAM DILLON

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City Breaks Ground on New Central Library

Historic project moves forward with broad community support

On Wednesday, July 28, San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders joined a large crowd of library supporters, including State and City officials and three former City mayors, to break ground on the New Central Library—a project in the planning for more than 30 years.

“Today we break ground on a project that was more than three decades in the making – a project that has inspired a truly unprecedented number of people to participate in the civic process,” said Mayor Sanders. “We know it will continue to inspire our citizens for generations to come.”

More than 500 people attended the ceremony at 11th and K Street in East Village. The New Central Library is scheduled to open in the summer of 2013.

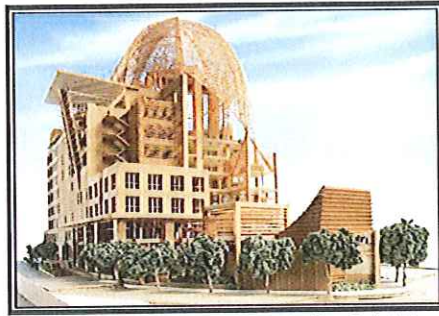
The nine-story Library will be the heart of San Diego’s 35-branch library system and will serve as a new regional center for learning and literacy, offering public access to the Central Library’s entire collection. Currently, two-thirds of the collection must be housed in basement areas off limits to the public. As a technology center, the New Central Library will help close the ‘digital divide’ with more than 400 workstations, available laptops, spaces for teaching the use of new technology and free Wi-Fi access. A unique and innovative 76,000 square-foot charter school will be housed independently on the Library’s sixth and seventh floors. The iconic Library will also offer multiple community gathering spaces where San Diegans will celebrate reading and culture, hear great

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music, appreciate art work and discuss critical civic issues.

Joining the Mayor at the groundbreaking ceremony were private donors who have collectively contributed more than \$40.8 million in private commitments for New Central Library construction, including \$10 million to cover additional operating costs when the facility opens. Private donor commitments for the New Central Library are paired with \$80 million in redevelopment money, \$20 million from a competitive State Library grant (one of the two largest awarded from Prop 14 funds) and \$20 million from the San Diego Unified School District to lease space for a charter school for a total of more than \$150 million. For more information on supporting the New Central Library, visit www.supportmylibrary.org. For information on the San Diego Public Library, visit www.sandiegolibrary.org.



Goodbye, balza wood! Hello, San Diego Central Library built by the world's best casino contractors

Library Royale

A FEW NEW NICKNAMES FOR THE NOT-YET-FULLY-PAID-FOR SAN DIEGO CENTRAL LIBRARY

BY DAVE MAASS AND KELLY DAVIS

The shovels gleamed like fine silverware at the July 28 ground-breaking ceremony for the new San Diego Central Library. It will cost \$185 million to build—of which \$32.5 million in private donations have yet to be raised.

It'll be a glorious facility, to say the least. Swirling domed panels crown a building that could've been dreamed up by MC Escher instead of Tucker Sadler, Noble Castro Architects. The facility mashes together glass ledges, external staircases and what looks like a giant half-pipe skate-boarding ramp but is actually an auditorium, for a combined 500,000 square feet, including the underground parking garage.

"This is a noble cause," Judith Harris, mega-philanthropist, told a crowd at the event. "What is not noble is glib negativity, catchphrases that may catch the media, full of destructive information. It's especially not noble when you realize those types of things are built on the backs of people who just need a helping hand. It's cowardice."

That line was an elbow to volco@sandiego.org, the online news outlet that dubbed the project a "schoolibrary" because the San Diego Unified School District is kicking in \$30 million and placing a charter school on two floors of the nine-story building.

As school purveyors of ignoble, glib negativity, we at *CityBeat* feel like we've been behind the curve on using catchphrases and nicknames in this debate—and we refuse to jump on the "schoolibrary" bandwagon.

Instead, based on the designs and contracting records, however, we'll throw a few more potential nicknames out there:

The Bellibrario or Caesar's Library: Many of the consultants and con-

formed similar work for Caesar's Palace. KHS&S, a contractor providing \$3.7 million in drywall work, toilet and bath accessories and insulation, worked on the "Forum Shops" at Caesar's Palace, as well as the interior of the Nixon Presidential Library.

Librariapolis 600: Sports venues are also common in the résumés of the library's contractors. The \$945,000 contract for "terracotta assemblies," a kind of decorative clay facade, was awarded to ProCLAD Inc., a company headquartered in Indiana, where it also did work on the Indianapolis 500 Festival Building. Coreslab Structures, the company that won a \$314,000 library contract for concrete, has worked on two Super Bowl-related arena projects, including Qualcomm Stadium here and Dolphins Stadium in Miami. ISEC, the company that won a \$700,000 contract for "solid polymer fabrications" for the library, also worked on the Minute Maid Ballpark, home of the Houston Astros.

Jedi-brary or Library 911: The acoustics and audio / visual systems at the library were designed by CM Salter, a firm whose dozens of projects include the FOX News studios in New York City and Lucasfilm Skywalker Ranch Technical Building, a production facility for George Lucas' film company in Nicasio, Calif. (Lucas, of course, dreamed up the *Star Wars* series and is also responsible for the THX surround-sound system.) The \$652,000 contract to build the acoustic ceilings went to Elljay Acoustics of Diamond Bar, Calif., which was a contractor for two LAPD 911 Operations buildings. Coreslab, too, worked on emergency call centers in both Arkansas and Oklahoma.

Or we could just call it "The Best Damned Library Money We Don't Yet Have Can Buy." **CB**

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B J Holub
Cardiff Sign-On San Diego - Letters to the Editor

On July 23, 2006, The San Diego Union-Tribune ran an article concerning outsourcing. Here is a quote from the article:

“Now the city of San Diego, which is plagued by talk of bankruptcy, is looking to save money by outsourcing jobs. Within weeks of taking office in December, Mayor Jerry Sanders formed a panel to figure out which city services could be put out to bid.”

Four years later our elected officials say that if we vote a sales tax increase, they will do the following:
1) Consider outsourcing; 2) Work to reduce employee benefits.

The council claims that without a sales tax increase more city services will have to be reduced and therefore our safety and security will be at risk.

How can the City Council even consider asking us to increase sales tax, when over the last four years members have done virtually nothing to solve the financial problems of our city?

Does the word extortion come to mind?


Jim Gandolfi
La Jolla

Are San Diego's taxpayers stupid? Absolutely. Why have we have allowed our elected public officials to bankrupt our city by wasting our scarce tax revenues to fund extravagant, unsustainable public employee pensions, allowing public employees to retire at 50 with almost 100 percent of their highest salary for life? Why have we have subsidized the billionaire Spanos family with hundreds of millions of dollars to keep his Chargers and his millionaire players here? Why have we allowed our elected public officials to fund extravagant and unnecessary projects like a new library and city hall, and possibly a new stadium, while basic services like police, fire, street, water and sewer maintenance are grossly neglected? Their solution to our huge deficit is to raise taxes and fees, including imposing a “temporary” sales tax. Why haven't our elected officials been recalled, as a result of their gross mismanagement of our tax revenues? Because we are stupid, and our elected officials know it.

D J Miller
San Diego

Feeling manipulated

Is anyone else feeling manipulated? The politicians purposefully bring us one issue at a time over the years to herd us like sheep toward their ends.

 Retrofit the stadium, Proposition MM, build Petco Park, a new library, charge for trash, a new City Hall, bigger convention center, a parcel tax, more sales tax. And on and on. They're all very careful to only feed us one issue at a time so they can skew the financials and make us believe we actually “make” money voting yes. Of course their numbers would be easily exposed if they brought all the issues at once.

Well, they really tripped over themselves this election cycle with their stumbling over which issue to

bring forth. First it was the sales tax, then City Hall, then the sales tax again. Too bad they left the school district out of their collusion, otherwise SDUSD could've decided about the parcel tax without looking like fools.

Fred Zuckerman
Tierrasanta

Proposition 8

No doubt the Ken Smiths of San Diego County were mortified to see your headlines that Proposition 8 was rejected by a federal judge ("Federal judge rejects Proposition 8 vote," Aug. 5). Mr. Smith wrote in his letter to the editor on Aug. 1 that he was not pleased you had "gay" news on the front page of the Union-Tribune, whereas I applaud the U-T for being inclusive. Mr. Smith felt you were being "insensitive to us 'straights' and those of us who hold to Biblical worldviews."

Proposition 8 was overturned, in part, because Judge Walker heard the testimony of only two witnesses who said the proposition should be upheld on moral and religious grounds. Neither witness could offer any credible evidence that same-sex marriage harms heterosexual marriage or that barring gays from marrying promotes any legitimate state interest. The attorney who represented keeping Proposition 8 as is actually said having marriage between one man and one woman fosters stable unions and responsible procreation. That's an odd statement considering the 50 percent divorce rate in the U.S., and that he has no control over who procreates responsibly and who doesn't. On the other side, there was overwhelming evidence to support overturning Proposition 8. The most noteworthy of the arguments was that Proposition 8 violated the equal-protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and the due-process clause of the U.S. Constitution. There's not a hint of religion mixed in the equation.

Since Mr. Smith wants to bring the Bible into the dialogue, how does he explain that the Catholic countries of Spain and Argentina allow same-sex marriage?

It's been almost two years since same-sex marriages were legally performed. I am still waiting for Mr. Smith or anyone to tell me how their marriages or personal lives were affected by gay and lesbian couples being married.

Sherry Cohen-Richards
San Diego

Those who think that the court rejecting Proposition 8 was undemocratic may have forgotten that we are a republic that uses the courts to counterbalance the will of the people on legal issues.

Have we forgotten our Southern states used "states' rights" first for slavery and later for segregation? It took action by the courts to finally integrate our great nation.

Charlie McCoy
La Jolla

I guess Christopher Milligan (Letters, Aug. 6) must have failed high school history. He states that a majority of Southerners supported slavery, which is true. What he failed to state is that a vast majority of Northerners supported slavery.

Mike Schooling

School Board Seeks New Tax to Make Up for Lost Funds

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SAN DIEGO - The San Diego Unified School District Board of Education voted Tuesday night to place a parcel tax on the November ballot to replace funds no longer being provided by the state of California.

If approved by two-thirds of the voters within district boundaries, a \$98 annual assessment will be imposed on single-family homes, \$60 per unit of multi-family housing and \$450 on commercial and industrial properties.



There would be exceptions for low-income seniors.

District officials project the parcel tax would raise \$50 million annually, an amount far lower than a projected \$127 million shortfall projected for the 2011-12 budget.

The proposal to place the measure on the ballot passed 4-0 after board member Shelia Jackson left in the middle of the meeting without explanation.

The district has had to cut its budget for years, board member Katherine Nakamura said.

"Now the time has come where we have to ask for help," Nakamura said.

California has reduced per-student funding to the district by 14 percent in the past four years, and board members expect the cutbacks will continue in the future.

"The next couple of years are very, very dark," board member John Lee Evans said.

The parcel tax money will provide \$150 per student to be spent at the individual school level, funding to maintain K-3 class size at 24 to 1 or less, afford science and technology programs and improve classroom technology, according to Bernie Rhinerson, the district relations officer.

Most speakers supported placing the measure on the ballot, and passing it as a way to gain an avenue of local funding of education.

Opponents accused district officials of squandering the money it already had, pointing at a 7 percent future pay raise promised to teachers and a union-backed Project Labor Agreement placed on construction bond projects, after the Proposition S bond measure had already passed.

"This district has not been good stewards of the taxpayer money it has already been given," Edith Smith said. "We have a great public trust issue."

Eric Christen, who represents non-union construction firms, said the district doesn't deserve "another dime of taxpayer money" until a new board is elected.

Voters to Decide on Union Influence on County Construction Projects

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SAN DIEGO - The San Diego County Board of Supervisors decided Tuesday to put a ban on Project Labor Agreements before the voters on the November ballot.

By offering voters an amendment to the county charter, the board went a step further than a simple ordinance they approved in February.

The November measure, if passed, would amend the county charter to prohibit the county from requiring such deals with labor unions for construction projects. That means future boards would not be able to overturn the ban without a public vote.



Voters passed similar amendments recently in Oceanside and Chula Vista.

PLAs grant union requests on wages, health benefits and hiring of local workers in exchange for labor peace and timely completion of public projects.

The San Diego Unified School District Board of Education placed a PLA on projects under the \$1.2 billion Proposition S bond measure, after it was already passed by voters.

Opponents say the agreements cut non-union contractors out of public works and increase costs.

Supervisor Bill Horn said PLAs boost project price tags by 10-20 percent.

"The contract should go to whoever can build it better, faster and cheaper than the rest," Horn said.

The measure, which passed on a 4-1 vote, will cost the county \$100,000 to place on the ballot.

Supervisor Greg Cox dissented because he felt the February ordinance was strong enough.

The ban will have several exceptions in cases where PLAs are required by federal or state law, and in not preventing individual contractors from entering into such agreements on their own for county projects.

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that's about to change. ships will be required to report all crimes, carry rape kits and have a forensic assault specialist on board. a website will be available where passengers can get a list of crimes that have occurred on a ship before they book a cruise.

gas prices are dropping in san diego. before you peel out to get to a service station, we're told they're only down half a penny. at least it's something. the average is \$3.12. when is the best time to fill up your tank? here is consumer bob's price forecast. prices, he tells us, could go up one to two cents over the weekend. best to fill your tank today or tomorrow. same for diesels. if you happen to be around university and interstate 14, there is a price war where regular gas is selling well below 3 bucks at united oil and pierson alternative fuel. check it out. check out bob's next forecast, which is this monday.

college career and technical education, not the vocational education you may remember when you were in high school.

a different approach that focuses on studying in a real-world environment and proposition s is taking it to an entirely whole new level in san diego. rory devine took a look at some of the new 21st century learning labs being built. rory?

mark and susan, learning math while catering. computer skills while fixing cars. physics while taking a course in television or a new media term, as i learned today, iptv as in internet protocol. that's just the beginning of this 21st century learning.

things are set up in the technology of tomorrow.

reporter: no, this is not a studio for a big tv network.

the setup is an iptv station so it can be broadcast live out or on to the internet or even on cell phones.

reporter: it's the learning laboratory, if you will, for the multimedia broadcast journalism and information at san diego high. that's the first stop.

we're standing in the new business management and ownership room at the school of business at san diego high.

reporter: for business students, a conference room where business plans are presented. a board room where business professionals judge student work and give advice. computer lab to lay out business plans, not to mention the brand new student store where the actual business is conducted.

technical education is what's been going on and used to be called vocational education.

reporter: as shawn moser says, it's focusing on academics and real-world relevance. new automotive shop.

traditional mathematics to autobody to engineering to design, to the new technologies, hybrid technologies and biofuels and what's next on how to make those biofuels. this is not carburetors anymore.

it's not just cooking anymore either. in the culinary arts, students learn hospitality and tourism.

for the facilities we are putting in place through proposition s, we're talking about something that's greater than a classroom. i'm talking about learning laboratories where students can go and make hands-on connections.

reporter: proposition s is a \$2.1 billion bond measure passed by san diego voters in 2008 to repair, renovate and revitalize schools. matching funds from the state helped to pay for these new learning laboratories for career technical education, the goal of which is to send students to college with purpose and passion. i'm rory devine, nbc 739.

maybe today's game might not be on the padres' highlight reel.

definitely not. heading into pittsburg now, glad to get out of atlanta today. i cannot really recall many games this season where the padres were absolutely blown out. today the padres were absolutely blown out. rubber game in atlanta against the braves. padres already down 2-0. the second, clayton richard roughed up pretty good. jason heyward to make it 3-1. alex gonzalez, drive to center field. braves up 3-0 by the time the seats were warm. it would get worse. braves go on to win 8-0. padres could manage only four hits. this certainly doesn't help. martin prado with a great play to rob luis torenco. once again they have a half game lead over the padres. good news is that they hold on to their 4 1/2 game lead over the third-place rockies. po o paulino gives them the win. careful with the celebration. they'll try to gain ground on the padres tonight.

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there was a big, blue pill i bit into it. it was in my mouth and i spit it out.

the worker, for his part, plead guilty to poisoning food. he was sentenced to five years in prison. burger king says after learning about what happened, they immediately fired that employee. the company says food safety is its top priority and that this was an isolated incident.

good news tonight if you're looking to cash in on some old appliances. california energy commission is expanding a rebate program to include hot water systems, heating and air conditioners. known as cash for appliances launched in april. it still has more than 19 million federal dollars available to california consumers. people can get anywhere from \$50 to \$100 in rebates if they buy new energy-efficient models. the energy commission is hoping the expanded list will encourage people to take advantage of the program.

we don't always cover ribbon-cutting ceremonies, but this one today was years in making, full of controversy as well as criticism.

the new central library in downtown san diego broke ground, this new central library will be nine stories tall, a dome-like structure that will have an auditorium, meeting spaces, outdoor cafe and charter school.

rory devine was at the groundbreaking ceremony today and joins us now with details.

in 2013, the school-brary, library with a charter school inside it. supporters say it's needed in the community, but it is not without controversy. at memorial skate park, talk about more than cool tricks and tight moves. the talk here is about the school-brary.

it's like all the books you need, you have computers and stuff.

the school within the new downtown library that broke ground today. located on the sixth and seventh floors of the nine-story building, it would be a charter school for 400 high school students.

we have over 5,000 high school-age kids in this area. san diego high, the only high school in this area, has a capacity of about 2,900. so, you've got about half the kids being bussed elsewhere.

easy to get there and it's pretty cool.

kids like o'neill kunz who takes the bus or this boy who would be a freshman when the charter school opened.

in the area, i like to read books at the library. i'll probably think about going to it.

we're developing future leaders -- future international leaders.

sheila jackson says international business is one possible theme being considered for the school, surrounded by business and internship possibilities.

business is probably tight.

tight with o'neill and joseph.

you could probably think about going to one of those businesses and try to get a job.

a school-brary, according to these students, a cool move.

not everyone thinks it's cool, however. san diego unified school district is using prop s funds to lease the building for 40 years, money school board member john debeck says could have been spent for a much-needed elementary school in the village. the building does not meet earthquake safety standards, he says, for schools, as would have been required had this not been a charter school. i'm rory devine, nbc 739.

tonight, a tiny village appears to get ready for what is being dubbed the wedding of the year. there are reports that chelsea clinton is getting married there this weekend. the clintons will not confirm it. rinebeck is buzzing about last-minute preparations, just north of new york city. the rumored wedding spot is at astrer court, where chelsi and fiance will reportedly say ""i do."" despite a star-

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jen, how does it look? it appears jennifer cannot hear us. and we're going to come back to her in a few moments. meanwhile, we're going to move on with our next story.

all right. well, closer to home, work start on a new \$185 million central library in the east village. we have more on why some are concerned about that.

reporter: with \$30 million still needed to complete it, city leaders broke ground on the new library. brian flores joins us with why it's an exciting day for most but nerve-wracking for some.

this is a moment 20 years in the making.

it's long overdue.

what today is all about, celebrating everybody coming together on a civic statement and important for the city of san diego.

instead of an idea on paper, this spot on 11th and k near the ballpark will be the new home of the downtown library.

if you look around at the great cities in america, they've all built new central libraries that are -- function as a focal point.

the focal point is more than 300,000 square feet, about nine stories with wi-fi and a new charter school for 400 kids.

we're looking at something like international business or something that is going to help action tell accelerate san diego.

while some say the price tag is worth it, others think it's a waste of money.

the downtown library is a showcase library. it's not a utilization library.

richard is chairman of the taxpayer group called the san diego tax fighters. he says besides the millions left to build it, the building will be obsolete.

does anybody go to the library to do research anymore. no. you do 97, 98% of the research is done in america today is done online.

here are the breakdown of how it will be paid for. about 80 million from redevelopment money. 20million is from a state library grant. and another 20 million is from san diego unified school district. and so far about 30 million pledged in private donations. leaving another 30 million left to be raised. city leaders hope private donors will step up.

i have every confidence we'll be successful in doing that.

while they believe taxpayers will center to step in eventually.

as soon as they announced we're going to build the library whether you contribute or not, contributors will say, i'm not going to contribute.

and the city says the project will also add about a thousand new construction jobs. the library is expected to be completed in july of 2013.

thank you, brian.

10 ways to improve the city's finances without hiking up the sales tax. that's the idea proposed by councilmembers. they're calling for fiscal reform.

we believe city leaders could have implemented many of these reforms, had they been focused on getting results. but now that they're up against the clock, and that clock is not just 11th hour it's 11:59 and 59 seconds, in a desperate attempt to do something, they're grab for the wallets of san diego taxpayers.

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that's what happened to some residents in rancho penasquitos... after a hit and run driver swiped several parked cars.it happened just before 2 a-m yesterday along the 99-hundred block of paseo montril... south of rancho penasquitos blvd. this is not the happiest day of my life... along with the damage to their cars, residents found notes on their windshields from the san diego police department explaining what happened.a man had apparently side swiped the vehicles with his car... and then -- according to witnesses-- jumped out and ran away.at least 8 cars were damaged. well, one of my tires is flat. and the whole side of my drivers side is all crashed in... and my side mirror is completely torn off... it's sitting on top of my hood right now.police were able to track down a suspect in the case and he was taken into custody.no word on whether he is facing any charges. the dirt has officially turned as the ground is broken for a new central library in downtown san diego. construction on the new library is now underway.the \$185 million dollar state of the art facility will be twice the size of the current building.plans include 400 computer work stations, free wi-fi, and a cafe.also included in the design... a new charter school that will take up the 6th and 7th floors. were very excited that there's a school is this library too and our philanthropy is dedicated to education and i hope we will see a lot of benefit from those school children and others as well using the library."money to fund the library will come from private donations, school and city redevelopment funds, and state grants.the new central library is scheduled to open in 20-13. hundreds of marijuana plants are seized on city-owned land near escondido.the discovery was made just a mile south of the westfield north county shopping mall... along highland valley road... on the southside of lake hodge. yesterday morning.. federal officers confiscated 350 marijuana plants worth as much as 1.4 million dollars!the plants were in a hidden grove along an overgrown trail... and in various stages of growth.the city of san diego owns the 40-acre property and leases it to big trees nursery... and the tree company leases part of the land to evergreen nursery. investigators say neither company is suspected in the pot operation. you may have heard of a wine taster or even a restaurant critic... but how about being paid to taste test pot!he won't show his face on camera... but he goes by the on-line name ""william breathes."" he's one of the first medical marijuana critics in the country. he works for the ""westword"" newspaper in denver.medical marijuana is legal in colorado and 13 other states including california.breathes has been smoking for fifteen years to ease chronic stomach pains... but now he says his medicine pays his mortgage. poppy: you know the critics would say you just want to get high. will:yeah, definitely. and i'm not gonna lie, there's a fun aspect to this medicine throwing up, pot really helps me the most - it's truly medical. there are more than 200 medical marijuana dispensaries in denver alone. still ahead-- how president obama says he plans to help small businesses. and a local man is under arrest... accused of using craig's list to steal i-pads. how many people investigators believe he scammed. plus-- amazon is launching a new and improved kindle e- reader.what has changed... and when it will be available. then-- another pop star is rumored to be up for simon cowell's job on american idol."find out who.

you've never seen a waffle iron? nooo. i could have saved this one. call 1-800-steamer crafted to be exceptionally smooth... decadently rich... delightful... chocolate... bliss. hershey's bliss chocolate. crafted for bliss. welcome back.here are some of the stories we're following right now. households acr s most large u-s cities received more foreclosure warnings in the first six months of this year than in the first half of 2009. that's according to new data from the foreclosure listing firm realty-trac. the latest figures show the threat of foreclosures is spreading beyond the top tier of metropolitan areas located in california, florida, nevada and arizona-- which have borne the brunt of the fallout from the housing crisis. about 1.7 million homeowners received a foreclosure-related warning between january and june. that translates to one in 78 u-s homes. president barack obama is urging congress to pass legislation that would provide financial incentives to small businesses.the president says we need to keep investing in our small businesses. he expects the new legislation to be passed before mid-august. president obama made the brief remarks yesterday at a sandwich shop in new jersey... to show his administration's support for the country's small businesses. amazon is launching a new smaller, lighter version of its kindle e-reader.the contrast on its screen is 50 percent better and it can turn pages 20 percent faster. it can store 35-hundred books. a version that includes 3-g and wi-fi access will cost \$189 dollars.one that has just wi-fi will cost \$139 dollars. amazon says that it will start shipping the latest kindle to customers on august 27th. a news alert this morning.a la mesa man is under arrest... accused of using craig's list to steal i-pads... and investigators believe there are many more victims.lynn stuart has more. ---((sot))-----nats of typing ---((vo))-----they'd hoped to sell their i-pad on craigslist, but they got much more than they bargained for. ----((sot))-----1:55 ""when people post things for sale on craigslist there is always a risk of being scammed and this

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ALERT NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ALERT



SDUSD invites you to bid on upcoming projects



3-Month Bidding Look-Ahead

SDUSD has the following projects coming out for bid in the near future.

Get on the database and we'll send notices directly to you! Also, register to receive automatic bid notices and download solicitations at *no cost* at www.demandstar.com.

1. Jefferson Elementary School: Joint Use & Building Improvements	\$1 - \$5 Million
2. Morse High School: Child Development Program Building	\$1 - \$5 Million
3. Rowan CDC – Provide Replacement of CR Ports & Relocations	\$1 - \$5 Million
4. Washington Elementary School – Facility Improvements Phase 2	\$200K - \$1 Million
5. Innovation Middle at MacDowell – Landscape Improvements	\$200K - \$1 Million
6. Cubberley Elementary School – Wood Beam Upgrade	\$200K - \$1 Million
7. Point Loma High School – Weight Room	Less than \$200K
8. Roosevelt High School – Joint Use Turf Field	Less than \$200K
9. McKinley Elementary School – Grading/Drainage/Paving Study	Less than \$200K
10. Montgomery Middle School – Slope Repair	Less than \$200K
11. Cubberley Elementary School – F&I New HVAC	Less than \$200K
12. Florence – F&I New HVAC	Less than \$200K
13. Loma Portal – F&I New HVAC	Less than \$200K
14. Longfellow – F&I New HVAC	Less than \$200K

SDUSD is committed to ensuring that Small and Underutilized Businesses have viable opportunities to participate in all of SDUSD's projects. Contact us to learn more.

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Para más información en español, haga favor de comunicarse con Alma al (858) 573-5852.



You're Invited!

...to San Diego Unified School District's New PSA Training Session

Learn How to Work Effectively and Successfully Under the Project Stabilization Agreement (PSA)

Classes are offered to contractors of all tiers on the third Tuesday of each month. Future sessions will be held:

Dates: **July 20th, August 17th, September 21**

Time: **1 - 4 PM**

Location: **Harold J. Ballard Parent Center
2375 Congress Street
San Diego, CA 92110**

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Training classes provide a detailed understanding of the PSA and the tools to assist in bidding and performing PSA projects. PSA Training Classes will cover:

- **Scope of Agreement**
- **Contractor, Union and SDUSD Roles and Responsibilities**
- **Grievance Procedures/Jurisdictional Disputes**
- **Candid Conversation with Unions (3 - 4 PM)**

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For more information, to reserve you seat, or to schedule a one-on-one orientation, please contact: George Harris at (858) 637-6269 or gharris@sandi.net.

Para más información en español, haga favor de comunicarse con Alma al (858) 573-5852.

In 2009, the San Diego Unified School District's Board of Education adopted a PSA to establish set of rules that apply to Proposition S projects of \$1 million or more.



San Diego Unified SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE JONAS SALK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

July 30, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), as lead agency, is circulating for public review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Jonas Salk Elementary School project.

Project Title: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Jonas Salk Elementary School Project (SCH No. 2010011021).

Project Applicant: San Diego Unified School District

Project Location: The proposed new school site is located within the Mira Mesa Community Planning Area of the City of San Diego, California. The site is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Parkdale Avenue and Flanders Drive, adjacent to Maddox Park. The proposed vernal pool mitigation site is located within a portion of three parcels (APNs: 311-031-15, 311-031-32, 311-030-13) at McAuliffe Park and adjacent to Challenger Middle School, also along Parkdale Avenue.

Project Description: SDUSD proposes the Jonas Salk Elementary School (including a park and joint-use facilities) within the Mira Mesa Community of the City of San Diego. The proposed project involves the following components:

- Construction and operation of a new school;
- Construction and operation of a park and joint-use facilities (to be constructed, owned and operated by the City of San Diego; and,
- Implementation of a Vernal Pool Restoration Plan (mitigation) on the McAuliffe Park site (vernal pool mitigation site).

The proposed new school would support the enrollment needs in the Mira Mesa Community and help the District achieve the enrollment standards set forth in its Long-Range Facilities Master Plan. As part of the project, SDUSD would convey 6.1 acres of the school site to the city (4.1 acres – park use; 2 acres – joint-use playing field) in exchange for allowing the District to implement vernal pool mitigation on approximately 12.7 acres of the project mitigation site at McAuliffe Park. The project includes compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) related to potential impacts to the federally-endangered San Diego Fairy Shrimp. To ensure that potential adverse effects to the species are authorized, the school district will obtain an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service (USFWS) under Section 10(a) of the FESA. The school district is preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) as part of the Section 10(a) permit application process.

Potential Environmental Effects: Biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, and transportation/circulation.

Availability: The Draft EIR can be reviewed at the following locations: Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem Street, San Diego, CA 92126, (619) 538-8165; City of San Diego Central Library, 820 E Street, San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 236-5800; and San Diego Unified School District (Physical Plant Operations Center Annex, Room 7), 4860 Ruffner Street, San Diego, CA 92111. Contact: John Stokes, SDUSD project manager, (858) 573-5741.

Comments: Written comments regarding the Draft EIR should be directed to Mr. Tim Gnibus, BRG Consulting, Inc., 304 Ivy Street, San Diego, CA 92101, and must be received **no later than September 13, 2010** (public review period July 30, 2010 through September 13, 2010). A Final EIR incorporating public input will be prepared for consideration by the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education at a future public meeting in fall 2010.

For more information, please contact John Stokes, SDUSD project manager, at (858) 573-5741 or jstokes@sandi.net. To learn the date and time of the SDUSD board meeting, please call the Board Office at (619) 725-5550, or visit the Board of Education web site at www.sandi.net/boe. The Board Office also has information on how individuals/groups provide information to the board and/or speak at the board meeting.

This notice was published in the SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE and LA PRENSA on July 30, 2010.



August 17, 2010

Dear Neighbors, Parents, Students and School Staff:

**Subject: Construction to Begin on Proposition S Project – Hoover High School
Green Construction Program Building**

On November 4, 2008, nearly 69 percent of the voters in San Diego passed the general obligation bond measure, Proposition S, so that San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) could repair, renovate and revitalize its schools.

SDUSD is beginning a Proposition S construction project at Hoover High School. The following information describes the project and outlines upcoming construction activities.

Hoover HS Green Construction Program Building: This project features a modern, commercial woodshop set in an industrial arts classroom for the new Green Construction Program, a College Career and Technical Education Program at Hoover High School. The 5,700-square-foot facility will serve as an educational lab, teaching students about renewable technologies in construction, including photovoltaic (solar) systems, renewable/recycled building products, and energy efficiency. A state-of-the-art ventilation system mitigates dust and noise, while simultaneously supplying superior air quality in a shop environment. Additional building features include:

- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified
- 960-square-foot classroom
- Safety fixtures and components for fire alarm, intrusion, lighting and power systems
- Shade structure
- Courtyard lined with pervious pavers
- Drought-tolerant landscape
- Dust collection system
- Storm drain and water filtration boxes
- Additional health and safety features to protect students and staff

What to expect: Our contractors will do their best to limit noise, dust, and disruptions associated with this project. The new building will be located along Highland Avenue where there are currently four portable classrooms. Demolition, earthwork and grading activities at the school will begin Aug. 23. These activities will generate some noise between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Temporary fencing with a wind screen has been placed around the construction area in order to provide security and some dust control, and new landscape and ornamental fencing will improve the aesthetics along Highland Avenue. Occasionally, there may be heavy traffic involving supply and concrete delivery trucks during the project. While traffic may increase, no road closures are expected.

Completion: The project is scheduled to be completed by fall 2011.

We apologize in advance for any inconvenience that this project may cause. However, when this project is finished, Hoover High School will have a state-of-the-art green building that will benefit the students and the community for years to come.

For more information on the project, please contact Julio Ramos, project manager, at (858) 637-3502 or by e-mail at jramos2@sandi.net.

Sincerely,

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NEWS RELEASE

Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee Announces New Members, Appoints Executive Officers

SAN DIEGO – July 16, 2010 — The Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC), the legally-required committee appointed by the Board of Education to actively review the proper expenditure of Proposition S funds, recently welcomed two new members, appointed a chair, and named a new secretary/vice-chair.

New to the ICOC are Kevin Alvin and Ms. Pat Hom, both of whom will serve two-year terms. Alvin was nominated by trustee Richard Barrera, while Hom was nominated by trustee John De Beck. The ICOC also appointed Gil Johnson as chair and Leonard Pinson as secretary/vice-chair.

The ICOC is comprised of 11 volunteers who monitor the Prop. S bond program and verify that taxpayer dollars are being used solely for bond projects outlined in the 2008 voter guide. [Prop. S](#) is the \$2.1 billion general obligation bond measure passed by more than 68 percent of San Diego voters on Nov. 4, 2008. The bond program provides resources for San Diego Unified to repair, renovate and revitalize more than 200 neighborhood schools.

Alvin, an Encanto resident who served in the Navy, has worked in the electrical construction industry for more than 20 years and is experienced with high-profile local building projects.

Hom is an outsource financial manager for small businesses and is co-founder of the not-for-profit parent teacher organizations, Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary and Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools, benefitting both Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High School.

Johnson is president of Procurement Concepts, Inc., a business management and purchasing services firm. As ICOC chair, he presides over meetings and guides the committee's actions. He also chairs the executive/governance subcommittee.

As secretary/vice-chair, Pinson will serve as chair in Johnson's absence. He also chairs the construction sub-committee and is a member of the executive/governance sub-committee. Pinson works as the job order contracting coordinator for the County of San Diego.

Each member of the ICOC represents a specific interest group (such as senior citizens) or business, serves as an "At Large" member or is a parent of a child in the district. Their diverse backgrounds and varying areas of expertise offer unique and independent perspectives on Prop. S activities.

ICOC meetings and subcommittee meetings are open to the public and are held on the third Thursday of the month, at 4 p.m., at the Eugene Brucker Education Center auditorium, located at 4100 Normal Street, San Diego (92103), unless otherwise noted.

For more information about the ICOC, please call (858) 637-3609 or email icoc@sandi.net. For Prop. S information, contact Cynthia Reed-Porter, communications supervisor, at creed-porter@sandi.net or (619) 725-5579 or Jennifer Cornelius, facilities communication liaison at jcornelius@sandi.net or (619) 725-7252.

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