AGENDA

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
(COUNTY COMMITTEE)

Regular Meeting

Los Angeles County Office of Education
Board Room
January 18, 2006
1:00 p.m.

I, D, A*  Sent to Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER—Chairperson Mr. AJ Willmer

II. FLAG SALUTE—Mr. Willmer

III. NOMINATING COMMITTEE—NEW OFFICERS  I, D, A

The nominating committee, consisting of Ms. Joan Jakubowski (Chair), Ms. Suzan Solomon, and Mr. Owen Griffith, will submit its recommendation for chairperson and vice chairperson for 2006. The County Committee will vote on the nominating committee’s recommendation. The new officers will assume their duties immediately.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  I, D, A*

The minutes of the regular meeting of the County Committee, held on November 2, 2005, will be submitted for approval.

V. COMMUNICATIONS—Secretary Mr. Danny Villanueva  I, D*

Correspondence

• A December 1, 2005, Notice to Subject/Interested Agencies concerning the City of Santa Clarita Annexation No. 2005-36 (East Santa Clarita). (Attachment 1)

• Correspondence concerning the proposed transfer of certain territory from the Inglewood Unified School District (USD) to the Culver City USD. (Attachment 2)

Newspaper Articles

• A November 18, 2005, article from the Los Angeles Times—“Mayor Blasts L.A. School Board.” (Attachment 3)

• A November 21, 2005, article from the L.A. Daily News—“Takeover of
LAUSD encouraged Mayor appeals to parents.” (Attachment 4)

• A November 23, 2005, article from the Los Angeles Times—“Hills Alive With Sound of Secession.” (Attachment 5)

• A December 6, 2005, article from the Los Angeles Times—“School Takeover Plan: Too Big an Assignment?” (Attachment 6)

VI. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any persons present desiring to address the County Committee on any proper matter may do so at this time. (Form must be completed and submitted to the Secretary.)

VII. PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE INGLEWOOD USD TO THE CULVER CITY USD

Pursuant to Education Code (EC) §35705, public hearings were conducted on October 1, 2005, in the Inglewood and Culver City USDs. Pursuant to EC §35706, the County Committee will make a final determination on the petition within 120 days from the date of the public hearings (January 28, 2006). A request for waiver of this timeline is pending before the State Board of Education (SBE). The SBE will review the waiver request at its January 11-12, 2006, meeting.

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an overview of the proposal. Dr. Michael Winters, Consultant, Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc., will present the final report.

(“Report to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization Concerning the Proposed Transfer of Certain Territory from the Inglewood Unified School District to the Culver City Unified School District,” will be mailed under separate cover.)

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE CHIEF PETITIONERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH AFFECTED SCHOOL DISTRICT CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF TERRITORY FROM THE INGLEWOOD USD TO THE CULVER CITY USD

Ten minutes will be allotted for the chief petitioners and representatives of each affected school district to provide final comments regarding the proposal.

IX. COUNTY COMMITTEE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF
CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE INGLEWOOD USD TO THE CULVER CITY USD

The County Committee will consider the final feasibility report and presentations by the parties involved and may take action to approve or disapprove the petition in accordance with EC §35706.

X. CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT—ADOPTION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF CERTAIN TERRITORY FROM THE INGLEWOOD USD TO THE CULVER CITY USD

On September 22, 2005, a “Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact Pursuant to Public Resources Code §21080(c)” (Negative Declaration) was posted for a public review period of not less than 30 days with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, State of California Clearinghouse, and affected school districts, pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) §21091(b).

In accordance with the requirements of PRC §21092.5(b), the County Committee conducted public hearings on October 1, 2005, in the respective school districts on the potential environmental impact that the proposed transfer of certain territory may have on the area of transfer and the surrounding area.

Should the County Committee approve the transfer of territory, the County Committee is required to consider the proposed Negative Declaration together with any comments received during the public review process. The County Committee may approve the Negative Declaration if it finds, on the basis of the initial study and any comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the proposal will have a significant effect on the environment. The County Committee may also provide further direction to staff regarding the Negative Declaration.

Should the County Committee deny the transfer of territory, no action is required.

(Attachments: “Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration,” “Environmental Checklist Form,” and “Negative Declaration”)

XI. EVALUATION OF THE SECRETARY AND STAFF TO THE COUNTY COMMITTEE
The County Committee will adjourn to closed session pursuant to Government Code (GC) §54956.9(e) to discuss the PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION. The evaluation committee, consisting of Ms. Suzan Solomon (Chair), Ms. Joan Jakubowski, and Mr. AJ Willmer, will present an evaluation recommendation to the County Committee. The County Committee may take action to either modify the evaluation or to accept the evaluation as presented.

XII. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

At the end of the closed session, the County Committee will reconvene in open session and report on any action taken.

XIII. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION  

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an overview of proposed legislation related to school district organization. The County Committee may take action to support or oppose the legislation or provide comments to the authors.

XIV. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES USD REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS  

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting the Los Angeles USD.

(Attachment: “Summary of Los Angeles Unified School District Reorganization Proposals”)

XV. UPDATE ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY SD REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS EXCLUDING THOSE AFFECTING THE LOS ANGELES USD  

The Secretary will provide the County Committee with an update on school district reorganization proposals affecting Los Angeles County school districts other than the Los Angeles USD.

(Attachment: “Summary of Los Angeles County School District Reorganization Proposals [excluding those affecting the Los Angeles Unified School District]”)

XVI. ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, CONCERNS, OR ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA  

XVII. ADJOURNMENT