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Good Evening Members of the Board and Superintendent Aguilar:

On October 20th between 6:00 and 8:00 PM the community advisory committee will hold our general meeting for Caregivers of children who receive special education services. During this meeting nominations for several open positions will take place. This November the CAC will hold our election for these open positions which includes: Chair, Vice chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Parliamentarian. The CAC continues to work on a sample template which reflects how the special education program and budget is utilized for our student population. Board member Murawski has been supportive in this task and there is an open invitation to each member of the board and the superintendent to attend our meetings.

The Community Advisory Committee made a couple of statements and requests during the last board session in public comment. We have yet to receive a formal response from the district regarding our concerns. It is our hope Sacramento City Unified School District will continue to work collaboratively with our membership and ensure all communication is transparent.

We thank you for your time and hope to hear from you soon relating to our concerns.

Sincerely,

- Kenya Martinez Chair
- Rose McAuliffe Treasurer
- Al Hernandez Santana Parliamentarian
- Lisa Arnold Fernandez- Member at Large
- Dr. Dennis Mah Member at Large

## Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education Meeting October 1, 2020 Public Comments

Name: **DELAC Council DELAC Council** Comment: Good evening Superintendent Aguilar, Board President Ryan, and Board members. We would like to bring awareness to the bylaws inherited by DELAC Council. DELAC Council has repeatedly requested discussion of DELAC bylaws and a formal list of DELAC representatives, contact information, and preferred language. The districtprovided list of DELAC representatives is very short and many DELAC representatives on the list are SCUSD employees. SCUSD administrators must ensure their DELAC representative is an English Learner parent at their school site, elected by the English Learner parents at their school site. The inherited bylaws prevented us from hosting our DELAC meeting on September 9. Matt Turkie confirmed that the bylaws very clearly stated that our meeting required quorum, defined as a minimum of 2 DELAC Council members and 10 DELAC representatives. Though DELAC Council was present, we did not have sufficient participation by DELAC representatives. At this meeting, presentations would have included ConApp and LCA Plan. The lack of DELAC representation by school sites is not only embarrassing but also a missed opportunity to work in collaboration with critical stakeholders, our English Learner parents. We also fear that prior meetings failed to meet the threshold to establish quorum. To increase DELAC representation, we ask that every board member commit to supporting a site administrator in their area by coordinating and reviewing the oversight of English Learner enrollment, programs and services, and parent engagement. We must ensure that each site with more than 21 English Learner students enrolled, has a fully supported ELAC structure, including language-accessibility, and DELAC representative, as defined above. By supporting a different administrator in your area each year, you would be investing your time, relationships, and resources to prioritize building the capacity of administrators and parents in order to improve outcomes for English Learner students, including sense of belonging and reclassification. Additionally, ELAC and DELAC facilitation requires a designated administrator to ensure equal voice of all representatives, attention to Federal Progress Monitoring regulations, and thoughtful consideration of advice provided by English Learner parents. It can be very discouraging for parents to invest their time, energy, and emotional labor to advise SCUSD and not see any of their recommendations move from consideration to action. If you want to engage English Learner students and their families, listen, discuss, and act on it. Please stop defending status quo policies and practices that do not prioritize English Learner students. With the introduction of ELPAC and more rigorous criteria for reclassification, students and families need your support. The reclassification rate in SCUSD is below the state average. We can and must do better. DELAC Council thanks you for your time.

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## October 1, 2020 Public Comments

Name:	Alina Cervantes
Comment:	Thank you for contacting the CA State Superintendent of Instruction Tony Thurmond and alerting him to the civil rights issues happening in our district due to our lack of a distance learning agreement with SCTA. Our State Constitution mandates that children have equal access and that is not happening. Some children are not getting the services the need. Some are being cheated out of live daily instruction. This is not acceptable and no one should be standing for this. Please continue to call SCTA to the table to negotiate a distance learning plan and continue to let the state superintendent and governor know what is happening to children's educational rights in this district.

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