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Mr. Cesar Diaz  
Governor's Appointee  
State Allocation Board  
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Dear Mr. Diaz,

I am writing to bring to your attention evidence of fraud perpetrated by the Hermosa Beach City School District during their facilities bond campaign last June 2016. This information has been delivered to the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Public Integrity Division and sent by USPS priority post to Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Tom Torlakson and General Counsel for the Department of Education, Ms. Amy Holloway.

I allege that HBCSD used district money to hire consultants and experts who outright lied in reports and in presentations to the community about the district's facility options. HBCSD wished to build a brand new school specifically for third and fourth grade students when the community had two perfectly safe and legally available, iconic schools that could be modernized at half the price of demolishing and building a new school. The Hermosa Beach City Council, City Manager and City Attorney abetted HBCSD in their efforts to mislead voters.

I am in support of school district's having excellent facilities for students, but this is an egregious example of a wealthy school district taking advantage of the public trust in order to build a brand new state-of-the-art campus for 510 students. District-wide enrollment is now, post-election, predicted to plummet by 250 students in five years in this small district of approximately 1,437 students (2016).

I am bringing our case to your attention as the Governor's Appointee to the State Board of Allocation because I understand that Governor Jerry Brown was concerned with just this type of activity with regard to the newly passed \$9 billion dollar Proposition 51.

Both the pro bono attorney assisting us, Ms. Morgan Ricketts of Ricketts and Yang, and I had previously written letters to Governor Brown in April 2017. I had also sent the enclosed letter and package of information addressed to Mr. Alan Yochelson of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, Public Integrity Division in April. Unfortunately, although I have proof that my

package was delivered to the LA District Attorney's Office mail room, it soon after disappeared from the District Attorney's office. I have therefore just last week hand delivered my information to Grace, the legal assistant for Alan Yochelson, to be sure that this information is considered by the office of Public Integrity.

I would be grateful if you could take special interest in this case and encourage the LA District Attorney's office to investigate my allegations as soon as possible. Hermosa Beach City School is currently going through the CEQA process and creating a draft EIR using the same "experts" and consultants at public expense who purposely misstated facts during the election.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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