

April 11, 2017

Dear Governor Brown,

Enclosed is a copy of information alleging that the Hermosa Beach City School District defrauded taxpayers in order to pass an unnecessarily large school facility bond measure last June 2016. This information has also been sent to the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Public Integrity Division.

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.

Please take a moment to review the materials I have assembled. There is much more evidence that will support my allegations that I did not include.

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 when district-wide enrollment is now, post-election, predicted to plummet by 250 students in five years. The new enrollment prediction has not deterred HBCSD Board of Trustees from their superfluous plans.

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. Iconic, historic and beautiful circa 1934 school buildings are slated to be demolished very soon. 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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