

Re: Board of Ed Meeting

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Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 5:53 PM PDT (GMT-07:00)

To: Saavedra, Paula <paulasaavedra@ccusd.org>

Thank you

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On Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 3:12 PM Saavedra, Paula <paulasaavedra@ccusd.org> wrote:

Thank you for this information. I am new to the district so I appreciate this :)

On Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 2:42 PM Long, Ray <raylong@ccusd.org> wrote:

Last night (or early this morning as it was done after midnight) the Board of Education in a 2-2 vote rejected a contract for up to \$485,000 to study workforce housing and district real estate holdings. We applaud board members Steve Levin and Summer McBride for doing the right thing. Affordable housing is a major issue in Culver City and California. An issue as complex as this must be carefully thought through with adequate stakeholder input and buy-in. We also feel a four person board, **six weeks before an election** should not be making major decisions like this.

We agree CCUSD needs to look at other revenue streams to continue to increase salaries and benefits. We have continually argued the City of Culver City must do more for our district like the City of Santa Monica does for its schools (\$10 million a year) and for our current board to advocate for that. The City of Culver City has been mandated to find more affordable housing by the state, not CCUSD. Maybe the district's real estate holdings could be an important piece to helping with this issue, maybe the district and city can work together on this issue. However, last night's proposal did not in any way focus on those issues and was presented as a proposal for workforce housing. Lack of communication and miscommunication continue to plague our district. The issues, actions and comments by certain board members also continue to sink morale, especially with one board member saying that they "no longer needed to hear from teachers on this issue". We will post the video from the board meeting when available for you to hear comments made.

Thank you to all of you that emailed or spoke last night. CCUSD needs to focus on the many issues that currently plague our district such as aging facilities, competitive wages, lower class sizes and increased benefits. We heard from the Board last night "that this can be done at the same time as workforce housing" but we have yet to see a detailed plan or board meetings for 7+ hours that address the issues most important to our members. The district and board can do so much better!

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