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Honorable Trustees and Superintendent Kowba:

With bond funds approved in Proposition S, the San Diego Unified School District has been developing plans for new and upgraded facilities at Crawford High School and Mann Middle School in the community of El Cerrito. Along with new and upgraded classrooms and offices, these plans include upgrades to athletic facilities, including stadium lights at the Crawford football field, relocated south of Trojan Avenue, east of Sharron Place.

On the election ballot, Proposition S was presented as follows:

**SAN DIEGO SCHOOL REPAIR AND SAFETY MEASURE.** To improve every neighborhood school by; repairing outdated student restrooms, deteriorated plumbing and roofs; upgrading career/vocational classrooms and labs; providing up-to-date classroom technology; improving school safety/security; replacing dilapidated portable classrooms; upgrading fire alarms; and removing hazardous substances; shall San Diego Unified School District issue \$2,100,000,000 in bonds at legal interest rates, requiring independent citizen oversight, annual audits, NO money for administrators, and bonds issued only if NO estimated tax increase?

At the March 15, 2012 community meeting, members of the El Cerrito Community Council voted to make the following recommendations for Proposition S bond spending at local schools:

**(Preceding approved by attending ECCC members: 18 Ayes, 4 Abs)**

**1. Limits on Proposition S Spending**

Limit the spending of Proposition S bond funds to only those educational facilities that were presented to the voters on the ballot.

**(Approved: 15 Ayes, 2 No's, 4 Abs)**

## **2. Equitable Distribution of Proposition S Funds**

Distribute Prop S bond funds equitably among all the projects listed in Proposition S so that Crawford High School, Mann Middle school and other schools in the Crawford cluster are not denied a fair share of funds.

**(Approved: 18 Ayes, 4 Abs)**

## **3. Working with Residents to Minimize Impacts on the Community**

Continue working with the community to minimize expected impacts from facilities upgrades including noise, security issues, traffic and parking congestion to the surrounding residential homes.

**(Approved: 11 Ayes, 4 Abs)**

## **4. Stadium Lights**

Remove stadium lights from plans for the Crawford High School football field because of expected impacts to the surrounding residential neighborhood homes from noise, light pollution, security issues, traffic and parking congestion.

**(Approved: 13 Ayes, 4 No's, 4 Abs)**

Sincerely,  
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