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Cross Community Effort to Challenge Hoover High School Lighting Installation

Update:

- The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the athletic field upgrades at Hoover High School was approved by a vote of 4 to 1 at the SDUSD Board of Education meeting on Jan 11, 2011.
- This means that permanent field lights on 90 and 100 foot poles will be installed at the Hoover High sports field and there is now no limit placed on the number of night events that can be held there. Additionally there are now no restrictions on renting the field out for non school functions.
- This is counter to what was promised to the community (in writing) by school district representatives and also against what is authorized in the Prop S bond.

Taxpayers assembled and established **TAXPAYERS FOR ACCOUNTABLE SCHOOL BOND SPENDING**; a not-for-profit registered fictitious business entity in the State of California, County of San Diego, and intended to operate as a tax exempt nonprofit corporation.

The specific purpose of **Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending** is:

- Monitor and ensure that laws are faithfully and fully complied with during the planning, implementation and spending of school bond money in the City of San Diego and greater regional San Diego County community.

The issues:

- The purchase and installation of athletic field lights with Prop S money is not authorized based on the Prop S bond text that was voted on.
- The environmental impact study that was conducted was insufficient and a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) still needs to be completed as initially promised to the community at the December 10, 2008 Prop S project presentation meeting. The studies that were completed were insufficient based on the quantity and quality of community input that was discounted by the Board of Education.

Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending filed a law suit against the SDUSD on 2/10/2011. The lawsuit addresses the following:

To challenge and file a lawsuit in the San Diego Superior Court to set aside and rescind a decision of the San Diego Unified School Board (1) to use restricted bond fund money, and (2) not sufficiently address or mitigate potential environmental impacts under CEQA, regarding the adoption of a sports field lighting construction project.

The district has 30 days from the date filed to respond to our complaint.

If you would like to contribute to our community's effort you can make contribution checks payable to: **TAXPAYERS FOR ACCOUNTABLE SCHOOL BOND SPENDING**. Your contribution check can be mailed to the following address:

**Taxpayers for Accountable School Bond Spending
P.O. Box 601213
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If you have any questions or want to be added to our email list for this subject, please contact Ron or Dawn Anderson at the following e-mail address: TFASBS@gmail.com