



Thursday, September 6, 2018

Media Advisory

Contact: Kevin Perez-Allen
Phone: (714) 499-4481
Email: kallen@calicalls.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LAUSD Board to Vote on Resolution Supporting Schools and Communities First Initiative to Close the Commercial Property Tax Loophole

Historic 2020 Ballot Initiative Would Restore an Additional \$1.3B Annually for LA County Schools

Who: Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education, California's largest school district and L.A. County's second largest employer, and **Schools and Communities First**, a powerful statewide coalition of over 280 endorsing community organizations, labor unions, business leaders, philanthropic foundations and elected officials. Local members of the coalition include California Calls, InnerCity Struggle, Community Coalition, SCOPE, ACCE-LA, CA Federation of Teachers, CHIRLA, Bend the Arc, LA Voice, UTLA, Advancement Project, Evolve and ACLU.

What: LAUSD Board Members Monica Garcia and Dr. Richard Vladovic are introducing a resolution to endorse the *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act* on the November 2020 ballot. The measure would restore over \$11 billion to schools and local communities throughout the state of California, \$1.3 billion to Los Angeles County schools alone.

When: Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Rally starts at 3:30 pm and public comments on the resolution begin at 4:30 pm.

Where: 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles 90017. The school board auditorium is on the first floor.

Why: Over the last 40 years, California has lost hundreds of billions of dollars in revenue thanks to the commercial property tax loophole created by Prop 13, leading to chronic underfunding of schools and services and disinvestment in local communities. For LAUSD in particular, funding gaps have resulted in a potential teacher strike. The *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act* will shape a new legacy of investment in the people of California by reclaiming over \$11 billion annually for schools and local communities, including \$1.4 billion for LA County schools alone.

For more information: <https://schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org/>

Paid for by Schools and Communities First Sponsored by a Coalition of Social Justice Organizations Representing Families and Students. Committee major funding from The San Francisco Foundation, Million Voter Project Action Fund sponsored by Social Justice Organizations, United Teachers Los Angeles. Funding details at <http://fppc.ca.gov>