



SUMMARY

**SPECIAL JOINT EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL – WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Monday, December 14, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall – City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

| Council Members | Board Members |
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| Janet Abelson | Madeline Kronenberg |
| Ann Cheng | Antonio Medrano |
| Greg Lyman | Audrey Miles |
| William C. Jones, III | Charles T. Ramsey |
| Sandi Potter | Tony Thurmond |

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Cheng, Lyman, Jones, Potter and Mayor Abelson
West Contra Costa Unified School Board Members Medrano, Miles, Ramsey,
Thurmond and President Kronenberg

ABSENT: None

**7:00 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL – WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED
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Mayor Abelson convened the Special Joint City Council/West Contra Costa Unified School District Board meeting at 7:06 p.m.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Mayor Abelson.
- 2. STUDY SESSION RELATED TO THE TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF THE PORTOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ASSOCIATED STUDENT SAFETY ISSUES**
 - a. Historical context of the need for the Portola Middle School Relocation (WCCUSD)** – presented by Bill Savidge, WCCUSD Engineering Officer.

- b. Current status of the middle school relocation (WCCUSD)** – presentation by Bruce Harter, Ph.d, Superintendent, West Contra Costa Unified School District Board.
- c. Summary of City issues associated with the relocation (City)** – presentation by Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager.
- d. Update on campus safety issues and concerns (ECPD)** – presentation by Officer Brian Elder, Portola School Resource Officer; Officer Edwin Jacala and Officer Lauren Caputo, El Cerrito High School School Resource Officers; Commander Michael Regan; and Police Chief Scott Kirkland.
- e. Public Comment** 16 speakers.

Al Miller, El Cerrito; Robert Studdiford, El Cerrito; Adrian Studdiford, El Cerrito; Sharon Johnson, El Cerrito; Allen Meacham, Kensington; Lisa Bolton, El Cerrito; Camille Mulligan, El Cerrito; Nancy Cook, El Cerrito; Linda Takimoto, El Cerrito; Michele Jawad, El Cerrito; Lynn Chung, El Cerrito; Joanna Pace, El Cerrito; Jim Wright, El Cerrito; Charles Cowens, Kensington; Robert Brower, El Sobrante; Hallie Friedman, Martyn Adair
- f. Comments and Questions from the City Council/School Board**

Action: Discussion held.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Portola Temporary Relocation Options Timelines – *Submitted by Dr. Harter.*
 2. Portola Middle School: Background to Relocation Powerpoint Presentation – *Submitted by Dr. Harter.*
 3. ECHS – *Cristian Barnell*
 4. Portola Middle School Relocation – *Elizabeth Thorsnes*
 5. Portola School Relocation – *Martin Snider*
 6. Safety Issues at Portola Middle School – *Robin Harrison*
 7. December 9 School Board Comment – *Tom Panas*
 8. CEQA Comments – *Robert Brower*
- 3. ADJOURNED JOINT MEETING** at 10:27 p.m. in memory of 1) Fred Kucera, long time El Cerrito resident involved in soccer for 25 years, friend of El Cerrito youth, and model of service to our community; and 2) Roberto Piantinida who lived in El Cerrito from 1944 to 2003.

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| <i>AAM</i> Approved 1/6/10 |
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