

1999

CHARTER REFORM TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE

Councilmember Appointments:

Chris Holden
589 Jackson St.
Pasadena, CA 91104

Steve Haderlein
100 N. Garfield Ave. #237
Pasadena, CA 91109

City Council Citizen Appointments:

Esteban Lizardo
1641 N. Mar Vista Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91104

Nancy Parachini
1088 N. Holliston Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91104

Alfred Wilfong
648 W. Howard St.
Pasadena, CA 91103

Catherine Wood
1942 E. Mountain St.
Pasadena, CA 91104

Supervisor Michael Antonovich Appointments:

Ken Lovell
3772 Alzada Rd.
Altadena, CA 91001

Barbara Madden
3469 Rubio Crest Dr.
Altadena, CA 91001

PUSD Appointments:

Lisa Fowler
65 E. Mira Monte Ave.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Marge Wyatt
1119 Armada Dr.
Pasadena, CA 91103

City of Sierra Madre Appointment:

Bart Doyle
155 N. Baldwin
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

RESOLUTION NO. 7786

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ESTABLISHING THE
COMPOSITION AND CHARGE OF THE CHARTER REFORM TASK FORCE
ON SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE**

WHEREAS, the success of our public schools affects many stakeholders in the community including students, parents, property owners, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, there are community concerns regarding the performance of the public schools and community desires to promote academic achievement as well as the accessibility, responsiveness and accountability of Board Members; and

WHEREAS, in July of 1998, the Pasadena City Council determined to form a charter reform task force to study and make recommendations regarding the method by which members of the Board of Education are elected to serve in office; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the new task force is timely at this time following the consolidated City and School District municipal elections held in March and April of this year; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to establish a task force to study the various methods of voting including the current method, Proportional Representation, and district representation (by sub-geographic areas), to determine the best method of electing the members of the Board of Education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City Pasadena as follows:

1. Creation of a Task Force: A Charter Reform Task Force to be designated the 1999-2000 Charter Reform Task Force for Pasadena Unified School District Governance is hereby created.

2. Composition of the Task Force: The Task Force shall consist of eleven members as follows:

(a) Two sitting members of the Pasadena City Council;

(b) Four members of the community served by the Pasadena Unified School District to be selected by the Pasadena City Council;

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(c) Two persons selected by the Board of Education of the Pasadena Unified School District, one or both of which may be sitting members of the Board of Education;

(d) Two persons selected by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich;

(e) One person selected by the City Council of the City of Sierra Madre.

3. Timeline for the Task Force: It is anticipated that the Task Force will be fully constituted and undertake its work in September, 1999. The Task Force is requested to present its final report to the City Council by February 22, 2000. The Task Force is also requested to provide an interim report of its work plan to City Council in mid-October, 1999, and a second interim report to City Council in mid-January, 2000, detailing what has been accomplished to date and what remains to be completed before the deadline.

4. Charge for the Task Force: The Task Force is charged with reviewing the governance of the Board of Education including but not limited to the number, method of election, terms and composition of the Board of Education and such other means of increasing the accessibility, responsiveness, and accountability of the Board of Education as the Task Force may determine, as well as examining and defining the relationship between the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools and the City of Pasadena.

5. Instructions/Guiding Principles:

(a) It is the objective of this Charter Reform effort to conduct an in-depth study of the governance of the Pasadena Unified School District, through a public, community-oriented process, to select the best method of governance for the School District, to address the problems perceived to exist with the public schools, and to expand programs that are working well. The Task Force is not required to recommend changes in the current method of election.

(b) The Task Force is requested to advise the City Council and the Board of Education, apart from any recommended change of the election process, regarding means of enhancing the accessibility, responsiveness and accountability of the members of the Board of Education. The following ideas were suggested by the Board of Education in its January 27, 1999 letter to the City Council as topics for consideration by the Task Force: having each Board seat represent a cluster of schools; having paid field representatives; having a Board administrative assistant separate from the Superintendent's staff; and developing a more proactive plan for community outreach.

(c) In making its recommendations, the Task Force is requested to offer suggestions that lead to greater empowerment for residents and parents such as, but not limited to, the concept of neighborhood schools, and that do not dilute such influence as residents and parents may now possess. It is acknowledged that some of the recommendations of the Task Force may address matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council such as proposed Charter amendments, while other recommendations may address matters within the jurisdiction of the Board of Education.


Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council this 2nd day of August, 1999, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Crowfoot, Holden, Little, Tyler,
Vice Mayor Streater, Mayor Bogaard

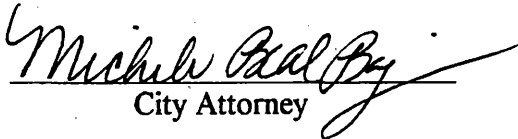
NOES: None

ABSENT: Councilmembers Haderlein, Madison

ABSTAIN: None


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney

BUDGET FOR THE CHARTER REFORM TASK FORCE

Materials/Supplies, Refreshments	\$ 3,400.00
Reference Materials	400.00
Postage/Mail Room Charges	3,000.00
Print Shop/Photocopy Machine	2,500.00
Community Forum Costs (Facility/custodian, Table Cloth/Skirt Rental, Refreshments, PA System w/radio staff) (\$800/mtg. x 4 forums)	3,200.00
Newspaper Display Ad for Community Forums	500.00
Translator Services for Flyers/Community Forums	1,000.00
Guest Speakers/Honoraria	<u>1,000.00</u>
 FUNDS CURRENTLY IN FY 1999-2000 BUDGET	 \$15,000.00
 Staffing:	
City Clerk (absorbed within Dept. Budget)	-0-
Assistant City Attorney (absorbed within Dept. Budget)	-0-
Consultant	<u>\$23,000.00</u>
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 Videotape/Broadcast of Task Force Meetings	 <u>\$15,000.00</u>
 TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET	 \$53,000.00