

**Los Angeles Unified School District  
Board of Education**



**MONICA GARCIA**  
President

September 26, 2011

The Honorable Mike Antonovich  
The Honorable Gloria Molina  
The Honorable Zev Yaroslavsky  
The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas  
The Honorable Don Knabe  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Honorable Members:

I write to you today asking that, as you consider the proposed boundary maps of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, you support supervisorial redistricting maps that would fairly and equitably represent the 667,273 Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) children and their families. I am President of the Board of Education of LAUSD, a District which encompasses all or parts of nearly 30 cities in Los Angeles County. I ask that you vote in favor of either Map T1 or S2, maps that would result in fairer representation of our LAUSD families.

The Board of Supervisors rightfully takes very seriously the decisions it makes because they impact millions of people. I also justly take seriously my work. Like you, I care about our kids, their education, their future and their well-being. We at LAUSD are working hard to increase graduation rates and proficiency levels. We teach our kids that they have responsibilities in this democracy, and we expect our democracy to include all of them.

Inherent in our responsibilities as elected officials is that we adhere to the rule law and, as the term *democracy* means, that we ensure "rule of the people." In a County that is nearly half (almost 50%) Latino, and in this county's largest school District that is nearly three quarters Latino (almost 75%) – or 489,623 Latino students, it seems evident that keeping the status quo or redrawing boundaries that do not account for this reality is tantamount to disenfranchisement. Redistricting is so crucial to our fundamental rights that it has been addressed in the landmark Voting Rights Act.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you adhere to the Voting Rights Act. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In the spirit of hope,

Mónica García  
Board President

