

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF EDUCATION SAN DIEGO UNIFIED )  
SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITMENT TO PRESERVE ) RESOLUTION  
AND REPURPOSE CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON THE )  
NORMAL STREET CAMPUS )

**WHEREAS**, San Diego Normal School was built at 4100 Normal Street in University Heights by the State of California in 1897 as a training facility for elementary school teachers, renamed the San Diego State Teachers College in 1921, moved to Montezuma Mesa in 1930, and renamed San Diego State University in 1974; and

**WHEREAS**, the Teachers Training Annex 1 was built in 1910 by the State of California adjacent to the San Diego Normal School as a training laboratory for student teachers who were observed as they provided instruction to school-age children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Teachers Training Annex 1 was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999 through the efforts of the University Heights Historical Society; and

**WHEREAS**, University Heights community has always had a deep and abiding connection to its early beginnings as a historic educational district; and

**WHEREAS**, a community financed historic survey conducted by an architectural historian in 2009 identified the following buildings on the Education Center site at 4100 Normal Street as historic or potentially historic: Teachers Training Annex 1, Alice Birney Kindergarten Building Annex 2, San Diego Normal School Drafting Classroom & Men’s Locker Room, Horace Mann Jr. High School Domestic Science Hall & Band Room, Horace Mann Jr. High School Girl’s Showers & Locker Room, Birney School/Horace Mann Jr. High School Teachers Cafeteria Building, Alice Birney Elementary School, and San Diego City Schools Eugene Brucker Education Center; and

**WHEREAS**, a University Heights Task Force was formed in 2001 to explore possibilities with the San Diego Unified School District for joint use of the Teachers Training Annex 1 and the Alice Birney Kindergarten Building Annex 2; and

**WHEREAS**, \$250,000 was set aside by the San Diego City Council in 2002 at the behest of local organizations for a Feasibility Study of the Teachers Training Annex 1; and

**WHEREAS**, community members worked with the San Diego Unified School District leadership in 2009 and 2011 to engage its support for retaining and preserving the historic Teachers Training Annex 1 and the Alice Birney Kindergarten Building Annex 2 as community resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Coalition of University Heights and the University Heights Community Association strongly support preservation and adaptive reuse of all historic buildings on the Education Center site, and preservation or expansion of the public green space in front of the Teachers Training Annex; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified School District supports the University Heights

Community's past and present endeavors for the preservation and future uses of the Teachers Training Annex 1 and Alice Birney Kindergarten Building Annex 2, and preservation or expansion of the public green space in front of the Teachers Training Annex to benefit the needs of neighborhoods south of Interstate 8; and


**WHEREAS**, on July 10, 2018, the Board of Education (Board) of the San Diego Unified School District (District), approved a Resolution to place the "San Diego Neighborhood School Repair and Student Safety Measure" on the general election ballot of November 6, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that to the extent permitted by all relevant laws, and to the extent made feasible by voter approval of the "San Diego Neighborhood School Repair and Student Safety Measure," the Board hereby affirms the District's commitment to work collaboratively with stakeholders in the University Heights Community, the City of San Diego, and all other relevant public agencies, to successfully complete the following projects:

1. Adaptively reuse Teachers Training Annex 1 as a teacher training facility and potential joint-use library or community education facility to support students and neighborhood families;
2. Restore and install the original University Heights Library mural inside Annex 1;
3. Adaptively reuse the Alice Birney Kindergarten Building Annex 2 as a community resource facility for joint-use to support students and neighborhood families;
4. Install wireless facilities and solar panels on the Teachers Training Annex 1 and the Alice Birney Kindergarten Building Annex 2 to offset maintenance and energy costs;
5. Explore the feasibility of a paid parking structure with electric vehicle charging stations and solar panels for joint-use to support students and neighborhood families;
6. Create a collaborative outdoor learning space and green space on the lawn in front of Annex 1 for joint-use to support students and neighborhood families.

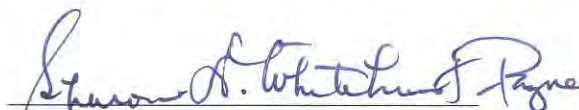
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent establish a task force made up of District and community representatives to plan and carry out actions necessary to complete the projects listed above.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018, by the following vote:

  
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President

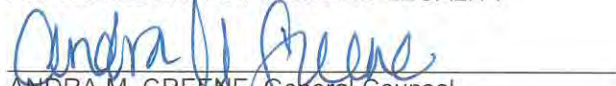
  
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ANDRA M. GREENE, General Counsel  
San Diego Unified School District

Approved in public meeting of the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District on 7/24/18

  
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Cheryl Ward, Board Action Officer, Board of Education