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BY EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

President Gabriela López  
San Francisco Board of Education  
555 Franklin Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Renaming of San Francisco Schools

Dear President López:

Pursuant to Government Code § 54960.1(b), I write to demand that the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education ("School Board") repeal Resolution No. 211-12A1. As explained in our firm's letter to Mayor London Breed and also copied to you, the San Francisco School Board acted unlawfully in declaring that 44 San Francisco public schools shall be renamed. More specifically, the School Board violated the notice and agenda requirements of the Brown Act and also violated the rights of students, teachers, parents, alumni and other interested parties by deciding to rename the schools without due process. See February 1, 2021 Letter to Mayor Breed, attached. In addition, the School Board failed to follow its own Board Policy 7310, which encourages community participation, in the procedures it employed to declare that the 44 schools would be renamed.

Pursuant to Government Code § 54960.1, the School Board has 30 days from today's date to cure or correct the foregoing actions and inform our office in writing of the steps it is taking to do so. Should you fail to cure or correct, we will be authorized under the Brown Act to commence an action by mandamus or injunction for the purpose of obtaining a judicial determination that your actions in violation of the Act are null and void. See Gov't Code § 54960.1(c).

In the interest of resolving these issues in an amicable manner short of litigation, I would encourage you to communicate promptly with all interested parties and arrive at a process by which the issues you have raised in Resolution No. 211-12A1 can be addressed at the appropriate time on a school-by-school basis in compliance with the law and due process. As you have no doubt learned since passing the resolution, these matters are of great import to San Francisco residents, and your first priority should be taking care of the City's students during the pandemic. The issues you have raised should be addressed after the students are back in class, when there will be a full opportunity for the

communities at each school to participate in a public discussion, in person, regarding all issues that may arise with regard to the potential renaming of their particular school.

Sincerely yours,



Paul D. Scott

CC: Mayor London Breed  
City Attorney Dennis Herrera  
San Francisco Board of Education Members  
SFUSD Superintendent Vincent Matthews, Ed. D.