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COUNCILWOMAN JANICE HAHN URGES LAUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DELAY VOTE ON LAND ACQUISITION FOR NEW WILMINGTON SCHOOL

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn addressed the Los Angeles School District Board of Education today, urging them to delay a vote that would give district staff the authority to begin acquiring land for a new school in Wilmington. The proposed site will take 11 homes, the only full service bank in Wilmington as well a new market that has pledged to invest in the community.

The Wilmington community has serious concerns about the preferred site for the school and the Councilwoman joined with community members to urge a delay in the vote until new board member, Richard Vladovic is sworn in on July 1.

“Mr. Vladovic campaigned in Wilmington about this school. He committed to slowing down the process and to looking into alternative sites; and because of that commitment he received almost 70% of the vote in Wilmington,” said the Councilwoman. “I ask this board to respect the democratic process and to delay this vote a mere 25 days until the newly elected people’s representative is sworn into office.”

Wilmington community members, joined by the Councilwoman, have been working for close to a year to get the school district to choose another site for this school. Alternative sites were proposed by Councilwoman Hahn and the community.

“The community, as well as me personally, has given the district alternative sites to look at. And each time, we were given excuses for why they would not work. I share the community’s feeling that we were not listened to and that the decision was made months ago. Our alternatives were never taken seriously,” added the Councilwoman.

“There was a low voter turnout in the last election. One of the lowest I have ever seen. Why? Because people don’t believe that their vote counts. Today, this Board can demonstrate to the voters in Wilmington that their votes do count by delaying this vote until Mr. Vladovic takes office,” the Councilwoman concluded.

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