OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

San Diego, California, January 28, 1924

To the Honorable the
Board of Supervisors
San Diego County,
San Diego, California.

Mrs. Greene and Gentlemen:

We present herewith for your consideration, a petition asking for a change of school boundaries filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 1577 of the Political Code, which petition proposes to take from the Olivenhain and the San Dieguito School Districts certain school territory duly described in the petition, and annex the same to the Aliso School District.

With this petition, we file also the notice of the proposed change of school boundaries and the time and place of the hearing before the Board of Supervisors of the County, this notice having been sent by registered mail to all the trustees of the three districts affected by the proposed change. Evidence is also filed of the receipt of this registered mail by all of those trustees.

We file also the affidavit of posting of this same notice in three public places in each school district affected, and also in the territory particularly affected by the proposed change of school district boundaries. Also, a map of the Rancho Santa Fe is filed herewith and a map of the proposed change of school boundaries, indicating clearly the portion proposed to be taken from the Olivenhain District and the portion proposed to be taken from the San Dieguito District.

The County Superintendent of Schools regrets not to be able to recommend the proposed change in its entirety. We realize of course that the reason for any change of school boundaries logically must be improved service to the children concerned in the proposition. If the Aliso School District boundaries were extended so as to include that portion

of the Rancho Santa Fe where the civic center stands, it would be a distinct benefit to the children of the Aliso School District and to the children resident in that part of the San Dieguito District near the civic center. We would recommend without hesitation such a proposed change.

The petition in its present form, however, asked for territory extending quite largely into the San Dieguito District, and it asks also for a portion of the Olivenhain District, with the purpose of enlarging the school district so as to give schooling facilities at the Civic Center to the expected incoming school population. We realize the importance of the Rancho Santa Fe project, and we realize the need of a school in that territory, and in fact would recommend the change as proposed in the petition were it not for the complication that arises in the matter of the union high school districts, concerned in this issue.

The Aliso School District belongs to the Escondido Union High School District; the San Dieguito and Olivenhain School Districts are a part of the Oceanside-Carlsbad Union High School District. To increase the valuation of Aliso by subtracting territory from the San Dieguito and Olivenhain districts would be to subtract from the Oceanside-Carlsbad Union High School District a very appreciable valuation, and to add that to the Escondido Union High School District.

In our judgment, this is not a fair proposition. The school service is rendered to the districts along the coast by the Oceanside-Carlsbad Union High School District, and this condition has obtained for many years. The Aliso District, although a part of the Escondido Union High School District, has never received service from the Escondido Union High School District. To make a change now as large as the proposed change, would shift valuations unwarrantably from the Oceanside-Carlsbad Union High School District to the Escondido Union High School District, and on that point our office feels compelled to refrain

from recommending the proposed change.

We do urge, however, that the Aliso District be extended so as to include a portion of the Rancho Santa Fe, and we would recommend that the petition be revised to meet this suggested increase of the Aliso District. We feel that possibly a year from now the Rancho Santa Fe will have a school population sufficient to warrant their asking for a new school district. In that case, the high school complication would be avoided.

Very truly yours,

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Superintendent of Schools

Endorsed: Filed Feb 4 1924

J. B. McLees, County Clerk,

By B. Allen, Deputy.