NO ON 32
STOP THE SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS ACT

SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution #12-54
Special Exemptions Act Resolution Proposition 32

WHEREAS, Proposition 32, the Special Exemptions Act, would make it virtually impossible for teachers, educational leaders, and other middle-class workers to have a political voice in advocating for schools, students, and our profession; and

WHEREAS, the Special Exemptions Act would prohibit members from voluntarily contributing to political campaigns, even with written permission; and

WHEREAS, billionaires and corporations could continue to contribute unlimited amounts to large Super PACs; and

WHEREAS, instead of creating a level playing field, Proposition 32 would create special exemptions for corporate special interests, giving them even more political power, while cutting educators out of the political process; and

WHEREAS, corporations already outspend unions by more than 15 to 1 in politics; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will virtually prevent teachers and educational leaders from being able to advocate for such issues as state funding initiatives; Class Size Reduction; school art, music, and sports programs; and school health and safety improvements; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will also have major implications for teachers and educational leaders in being able to advocate locally for parcel taxes, school bonds, and community improvement ballot measures; and

WHEREAS, California teachers and educational leaders are the first to stand up for students and fight to protect their future; and

WHEREAS, this initiative could make it impossible for teachers and educational leaders to continue that advocacy; and

WHEREAS, if the voices of teachers and educational leaders are restricted from speaking on important local, state and national issues, it will have serious

consequences for the future of public education, our communities, and our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Trustees supports the right of teachers, educational leaders, public employees, and labor unions to make their voices heard politically, and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Trustees does not support the Special Exemptions Act and urges voters to vote no on Prop. 32 in the November 2012 election

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the San Leandro Unified School District on September 11, 2012, by the following vote of the Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Secretary/Clerk of the Board of Education
San Leandro Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California