SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #11-51

Support of
Senate Constitutional Amendment (SCA) 5 (Simitian)

WHEREAS, Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (Simitian), which reduces the two-thirds vote requirement on parcel taxes, will be acted on by the California State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, reductions in the state General Fund revenue have led to reduced school funding; and

WHEREAS, state General Fund revenue is unstable and erratic, which results in unpredictable funding levels for school districts and county offices of education; and

WHEREAS, parcel tax revenue can provide a stable, predictable source of school revenue; and

WHEREAS, passage of SCA 5 will empower local voters to invest in their schools based on the needs of their communities by requiring a tough, but fair 55 percent vote to pass local parcel taxes, while protecting taxpayers and homeowners with accountability provisions that will ensure that funds generated from parcel taxes are not wasted or mismanaged; and

WHEREAS, revenue from parcel taxes can be spent according to local priorities and are not subject to state control; and

WHEREAS, the two-thirds vote requirements results in minority rule by requiring two "yes" votes to cancel out one "no" vote; and

WHEREAS, passage of SCA 5 will allow local voters to decide to make investments in their neighborhood schools in addition to state funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing board of the San Leandro Unified School District strongly urges the California State Legislature to support and adopt SCA 5.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of December 2011, by the following called vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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