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Board of Education reappoints two local leaders to Proposition MM oversight committee

SAN DIEGO – The Board of Education has reappointed Stan Chu and Jesus Garcia for a third, three-year term to the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, a watchdog group that closely monitors the implementation of Proposition MM. Both will serve on the ICOC until December 2007.

Chu is a local businessman in construction, real estate, development and restaurants. Chu is also co-founder of the San Diego County Alliance for Asian Pacific Islander Americans and a member of the mayor's advisory board on Asian Pacific Islander issues. Garcia's broad experience includes a career with the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) as district director in San Luis Obispo, Marysville and San Diego, service on numerous boards of directors and commissions, and active involvement in community organizations. Garcia chairs the ICOC's Project Implementation subcommittee.

Comprised of 11 volunteer citizens, the ICOC reviews planning documents, conducts audits of completed and in-progress projects, monitors community meetings and examines audit reports to verify that the district is effectively using citizens' tax dollars and is meeting obligations as promised to voters. Other members include representatives from the American Institute of Architects, San Diego County Taxpayers Association, Parent Teacher Association, Labor Council, Chamber of Commerce, Financial Executives International, Construction Management Association of America and American Society of Civil Engineers.

Proposition MM is the \$1.51 billion facilities bond measure approved by San Diego voters in 1998. It is funding the modernization of 165 existing schools in San Diego; projects include new libraries, new science labs, new classroom buildings, technology infrastructure, access for the physically disabled and major repairs (roofing, interior/exterior painting, fencing, electrical, plumbing, water in classrooms, lunch court shelters, ceiling tile, flooring, etc.). To date, 87 schools are completed and the remainder of schools are near completion or in progress. The modernization program will be completed by the end of 2005, two years ahead of original schedules. Proposition MM is also funding the construction of 12 new and three rebuilt schools.