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Leon Brooks appointed to Proposition MM oversight committee

SAN DIEGO – Leon Brooks will serve on the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, a watchdog group that closely monitors the implementation of Proposition MM at San Diego City Schools. Appointed by the Board of Education, Brooks will serve from August 2004 to December 2007.

Brooks is a design planner with his own firm, Brooks and Associates, and has been a project administrator on numerous educational facility projects. He worked for PacBell as a senior architect in 10 Southern California counties, retiring in 1983, after 20 years with the company. Brooks is a charter member of the San Diego Council of Black Engineers and Scientists and serves as a San Diego County planning commissioner, a board member of the Urban Corps of San Diego and a member of the district's Advisory Committee for the Utilization of Excess School Property.

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 and construction of 12 new and three rebuilt schools.