



## SUMMARY

**SPECIAL JOINT EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL – WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING  
Monday, December 14, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers**

**Meeting Location**

El Cerrito City Hall – City Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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| Council Members                          | Board Members |
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| Janet Abelson<br>Ann Cheng<br>Greg Lyman |               |
|  | Tony Thurmond |

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### ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers Cheng, Lyman, Jones, Potter and Mayor Abelson  
West Contra Costa Unified School Board Members Medrano, Miles, Ramsey,  
Thurmond and President Kronenberg

ABSENT: None

**7:00 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL – WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED  
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Mayor Abelson convened the Special Joint City Council/West Contra Costa Unified School District Board meeting at 7:06 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Mayor Abelson.
2. **STUDY SESSION RELATED TO THE TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF THE PORTOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND ASSOCIATED STUDENT SAFETY ISSUES**
  - a. **Historical context of the need for the Portola Middle School Relocation (WCCUSD)** – presented by Bill Savidge, WCCUSD Engineering Officer.

- b. Current status of the middle school relocation (WCCUSD)** – presentation by Bruce Harter, Ph.d, Superintendent, West Contra Costa Unified School District Board.
- c. Summary of City issues associated with the relocation (City)** – presentation by Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager.
- d. Update on campus safety issues and concerns (ECPD)** – presentation by Officer Brian Elder, Portola School Resource Officer; Officer Edwin Jacala and Officer Lauren Caputo, El Cerrito High School School Resource Officers; Commander Michael Regan; and Police Chief Scott Kirkland.
- e. Public Comment** 16 speakers.  
  
Al Miller, El Cerrito; Robert Studdiford, El Cerrito; Adrian Studdiford, El Cerrito; Sharon Johnson, El Cerrito; Allen Meacham, Kensington; Lisa Bolton, El Cerrito; Camille Mulligan, El Cerrito; Nancy Cook, El Cerrito; Linda Takimoto, El Cerrito; Michele Jawad, El Cerrito; Lynn Chung, El Cerrito; Joanna Pace, El Cerrito; Jim Wright, El Cerrito; Charles Cowens, Kensington; Robert Brower, El Sobrante; Hallie Friedman, Martyn Adair
- f. Comments and Questions from the City Council/School Board**

**Action:** Discussion held.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Portola Temporary Relocation Options Timelines – Submitted by Dr. Harter.
2. Portola Middle School: Background to Relocation Powerpoint Presentation – Submitted by Dr. Harter.
3. ECHS – Cristian Barnell
4. Portola Middle School Relocation – Elizabeth Thorsnes
5. Portola School Relocation – Martin Snider
6. Safety Issues at Portola Middle School – Robin Harrison
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