



Baldwin Park Unified School District

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Vijay Singhal, Chief Executive Officer
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Re: June 19, 2008 letter

Dear Mr. Singhal:

I am in receipt of the above referenced communication curiously addressed to me alone. The letter is purportedly signed by each council member and was apparently processed by your administration. Copies of the letter have been provided to the other members of the Board.

The letter states that the City Council is requesting that Board Member Corona step down from his position and further requests that the Baldwin Park Unified School District Board of Education join the Council in requesting that Mr. Corona take this action. The letter, although written on Baldwin Park City stationery, bears no original signature.

It is certain that each Council member is aware of Public law and policy relative to the removal of elected officials from office and therefore is obviously aware that the Board of Education has no such authority.

It is also certain that some Council members are aware of recently publicized alleged misconduct in office by Council Member Bill Van Cleave, Water Board member Dolores Holguin and School Board Member Anthony Bejarano.

The Council elected member Van Cleave to serve as Mayor ProTem, even after these allegations had been made public. Bejarano and Holguin were actively supported in their campaigns for reelection by at least one member of the Council.

In the opinion of many, the alleged offenses of these public officials were far more egregious and were directly associated with the office each was holding. The City Council made no similar request in these instances, but properly left it to the operation of law and the Baldwin Park electorate. It should be noted that not one of these individuals resigned from office and, in fact, each ran for reelection.

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