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INITIATIVE COORDINATOR
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

RE: Request to Prepare Title and Summary
THE BIPARTISAN INITIATIVE TO RESTORE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD
CONTROL ACT

Dear Madam Coordinator:

This is to request that the Attorney General prepare a title and summary for The Bipartisan Initiative to Restore Local School Board Control Act, a proposed initiative statute.

Enclosed are the text of the proposed initiative statute, the statement required under Elections Code section 9608, the address at which I am currently registered to vote, and a check payable to the State of California in the amount of \$200.00.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this request to my attorney Paul Rolf Jensen, Jensen & Associates, 650 Town Center Drive, 12th Floor, Costa Mesa, California 92626, phone (714) 662-5527.

Very truly yours



LOUIS P. SHELDON

INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS

SECTION 1. Title, Findings, and Declaration of Purpose

- A. In 2011, The Legislature of California passed into law Senate Bill 48, on a strictly party-line vote save for a single Republican who voted with the Democrats, which made sweeping and unnecessary changes to California law, wresting from local school boards many important rights and powers essential to local governance and subjecting all California schoolchildren to massive new instructional standards. This same law also requires the herculean task and incalculable expense of re-writing of virtually all textbooks and other curricula acceptable for use in California schools. In signing the bill into law, the Governor, a Democrat, ignored the pleas of hundreds of thousands of Californians that he veto the bill.
- B. The law of California, as it existed prior to Senate Bill 48's passage, had been created on a bi-partisan basis with the intent to maximize control by local school boards of the educational standards and materials to be taught in each respective school district, a laudatory goal. Such sweeping changes as those codified by SB 48 should not have been enacted without broad bi-partisan support throughout the State of California.
- C. For these reasons, and in order to restore to each of California's school districts the control that Senate Bill 48 took away from them, the People of the State of California hereby enact the Bipartisan Initiative to Restore Local School Board Control Act in order to effectively repeal each and every change made by Senate Bill 48.

SECTION 2. The Bipartisan Initiative to Restore Local School Board Control Act

Section 51204.5 of the Education Code, to restore its pre-SB 48 language, is amended to read as follows:

- § 51204.5. Instruction in social sciences shall include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, *black Americans, American Indians, Mexicans, Asians, Pacific Island people, and other ethnic groups* ~~Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups~~ to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society.

Section 51500 of the Education Code, to restore its pre-SB 48 language, is amended to read as follows:

- § 51500. ~~No~~ A teacher shall give instruction *nor shall* and a school district ~~shall not~~ sponsor any activity that promotes a discriminatory bias ~~on the basis of race or~~

~~ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation~~ or because of a characteristic listed in Section 220.

Section 51501 of the Education Code, to restore its pre-SB 48 language, is amended to read as follows:

§51501. ~~The state board and any governing board shall not adopt any~~ *No* textbooks, or other instructional materials *shall be adopted by the state board or by any governing board* for use in the public schools ~~which that~~ contains any matter reflecting adversely upon persons ~~because on the basis of their race, or ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, or because of a characteristic listed in Section 220~~ *sex, color, creed, handicap, national origin or ancestry.*

Section 60040 of the Education Code, to restore its pre-SB 48 language, is amended to read as follows:

§60040. When adopting instructional materials for use in the schools, governing boards shall include only instructional materials which, in their determination, accurately portray the cultural and racial diversity of our society, including:

(a) The contributions of both men and women in all types of roles, including professional, vocational, and executive roles.

(b) The role and contributions of Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, ~~Pacific Islanders~~, European Americans, ~~lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender~~ Americans, persons with disabilities, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups to the total development of California and the United States.

(c) The role and contributions of the entrepreneur and labor in the total development of California and the United States.

Section 60044 of the Education Code, to restore its pre-SB 48 language, is amended to read as follows:

§600344. *No instructional materials shall be adopted by any* ~~A~~ governing board ~~shall not adopt any instructional materials for use in the schools that~~ *which*, in its determination, contains:

(a) Any matter reflecting adversely upon persons ~~on the basis of~~ *because of their* race, ~~or ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, occupation, or because of a characteristic listed in Section 220~~, *color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, handicap, or occupation.*

(b) Any sectarian or denominational doctrine or propaganda contrary to law.

SECTION 3. Section 6 of Senate Bill 48 which expressed the intent of the Legislature and did not change any statutory language, is expressly retracted.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Act are severable. If any part of this Act is, by any Court of competent jurisdiction, declared invalid or unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part which remains.