



May 14, 2008

Dear Friends of School Reform,

For more than three years, the CUSD Recall Committee has led parents and taxpayers of South Orange County in an unprecedented and continuing grassroots effort to restore honesty, integrity, accountability and fiscal responsibility to the Capistrano Unified School District.

What We Have Accomplished

- Led the 2005 CUSD Recall Campaign that collected more than 177,000 petition signatures to recall all seven CUSD trustees and successfully raised public awareness of the issues facing CUSD,
- Cooperated with the Orange County District Attorney in its investigation of corruption at CUSD that led to the indictment and pending prosecution of former Superintendent James Fleming,
- Investigated irregularities in the handling of the 2005 Recall petitions by the Orange County Registrar of Voters, and then cooperated with the Registrar who utilized our findings to implement substantial reforms in the Registrar's Recall Handbook to assure fair, future recall campaigns,
- Led the ABC Reform Campaign that elected three new reform trustees (Ellen Addonizio, Anna Bryson and Larry Christensen) to the CUSD board by landslide margins of victory in the November 2006 General Election, and
- Led the 2007 CUSD Recall Campaign that collected more than 66,000 petition signatures and succeeded in setting a special recall election for June 24, 2008 to remove and replace old guard trustees Marlene Draper and Sheila Benecke. The CUSD Recall Committee has endorsed reform candidates Sue Palazzo and Ken Maddox to replace them in the June 24th special election.

Help Us Finish the Job.

Now, for the first time, parents and taxpayers are able to take back their school district from corrupt and financially irresponsible leaders who have plagued their school district for years. But reform comes at a price, and the CUSD Recall Committee needs your help to finish the job.

Please contribute whatever you can by writing a check to:

Committee to Reform CUSD
(State Filer ID #1289685)
C/O Tony Beall
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Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688

Thank you, and see you at the polls on June 24th.

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