

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CROCKER HIGHLANDS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL A "DISCRIMINATION-FREE
ZONE "

WHEREAS, California has the largest public school system in the nation, prekindergarten through university, which is key in addressing California's infrastructure and economic needs, and represents a state that honors and respects the diversity of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, California's public educators encourage inclusiveness among the students they educate, and serve the needs of a diverse student body that reflects the diversity of the state; and

WHEREAS, That diversity reflects the racial, cultural, religious, disability, gender, gender identity, economic circumstance, and sexual orientation of its citizens seeking access to California's public education; and

WHEREAS, The California Legislature condemns all acts of discrimination, intolerance, and hate aimed at individuals that reflect the state's diversity and approved Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 82 (2010) to encourage public education discrimination-free zones; and

WHEREAS, Although the state has enacted numerous laws to oppose acts of discrimination, intolerance continues to pervade many of our public schools and colleges; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature and People of California are committed to upholding fundamental and inalienable rights, including the freedoms of religion, speech, assembly, and privacy;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, by the Crocker Highlands Elementary School (Crocker) Parent Teachers Association (PTA) That the Crocker PTA hereby designates the Crocker campus as a "Discrimination-Free Zone" to provide a safe haven from intolerance or discrimination; and be it further

Resolved, That the Crocker PTA, School, Principal, Teachers, and Students (Crocker School Community) are encouraged to develop and enact policies that support tolerance and acceptance of others regardless of their race or ethnicity, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code; and be it further

Resolved, That the Crocker School Community is encouraged to enact procedures, such as counseling services and conflict

management, that meaningfully address acts of discrimination that occur on campus; and be it further

Resolved, That Crocker PTA and School are encouraged to notify the Crocker School Community of existing policies and procedures that encourage tolerance of others; and be it further

Resolved, That the Crocker School Community is encouraged to use existing resources to identify Crocker as a "Discrimination-Free Zone" through placards, signs, notices of available services, and other appropriate identifications to create a campus climate that welcomes diversity and supports the tolerance of others; and be it further

Resolved, That the Crocker PTA Secretary transmit copies of this resolution for appropriate distribution.

May 13, 2010

Here's the original version of ACR 82 (2010):

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WHEREAS, California's public educators encourage inclusiveness among the students they educate, and serve the needs of a diverse student body that reflects the diversity of the state; and

WHEREAS, That diversity reflects the racial, cultural, religious, disability, gender, gender identity, economic circumstance, and sexual orientation of its citizens seeking access to California's public education; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature condemns all acts of discrimination, intolerance, and hate aimed at individuals that reflect the state's diversity; and

WHEREAS, Although the state has enacted numerous laws to oppose acts of discrimination, intolerance continues to pervade many of our public schools and colleges; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature is committed to upholding fundamental and inalienable rights, including the freedoms of religion, speech, assembly, and privacy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof, concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby encourages all public education institutions, working with students, teachers, faculty, and other members of the public education community, to designate each campus as a "Discrimination-Free Zone" to provide a safe haven from intolerance or discrimination; and be it further

Resolved, That all public education institutions, prekindergarten through university campuses, are encouraged to develop and enact policies that support tolerance and acceptance of others regardless of their race or ethnicity, religion, disability, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, nationality, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code; and be it further

Resolved, That all public education institutions are encouraged to enact procedures, such as counseling services and conflict management, that meaningfully address acts of discrimination that occur on campus; and be it further

Resolved, That all public education institutions are encouraged to notify parents and the campus community ~~should be notified of~~ existing policies and procedures that encourage tolerance of others; and be it further

Resolved, That all public education institutions are encouraged to use existing resources to identify themselves as "Discrimination-Free Zones" through placards, signs, notices of available services, and other appropriate identifications to create a campus climate that welcomes diversity and supports the tolerance of others; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.