



CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

City Council Meeting – Council Member Items Report

To: City Council

From: Chad Williams, Councilman
Pat Burns, Mayor
Don Kennedy, Councilman

Date: May 20, 2025

Subject: **Suspected Misuse of Public Resources by Ocean View School District Board**

ISSUE STATEMENT

At a recent public meeting, the Ocean View School District (OVSD) Board voted unanimously (5-0) to adopt a Resolution endorsing a “Yes” vote on Huntington Beach Measures A and B. Following this action, OVSD Board President Patricia Singer directed Dr. Hoefer to disseminate the Resolution to all OVSD parents by sharing the document with them. Such conduct raises serious legal concerns regarding the potential misuse of public resources for campaign purposes in violation of the Political Reform Act and/or Education Code 7054. Dissemination of advocacy communications using taxpayer-funded platforms may constitute unlawful electioneering. This matter potentially undermines the integrity of our electoral process and misuses public funds and trust. We believe it is in the public interest for the City Attorney to formally review and, if appropriate, work with the Mayor to file a complaint with the appropriate agency.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Direct the City Attorney’s Office to review the actions taken by the Ocean View School District Board as they relate to Measures A and B and, if warranted, work with the Mayor to file a complaint with the appropriate agency.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

Not applicable.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL

Non Applicable - Administrative Item