

National School District Proclamation

National School District Proclaims Its Commitment to Protecting Student Health and Environmental Justice

ON MOTION of Member _____, seconded by Member _____,
the following Proclamation is adopted:

WHEREAS, the National School District is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of all students, families, and staff, particularly in the National City community already impacted by environmental injustices; and

WHEREAS, the proposed USD Group LLC fuel transfer station, planned for the area near Cleveland Avenue and 19th Street in National City, would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, transferring flammable and toxic biofuels from rail cars to heavy-duty trucks; and

WHEREAS, the site is located less than a half mile from Kimball Elementary School, directly exposing young children to increased diesel truck traffic, air pollution, and heightened health and safety risks; and

WHEREAS, National City is designated as a “Portside Environmental Justice Community,” already suffering from disproportionately high asthma rates and cumulative air pollution burden; and

WHEREAS, the project stands to undermine the commitments of the National School District as a California Green Ribbon Schools District – Gold Level Honoree, actively working to reduce pollution and promote sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the proposed facility threatens to reverse efforts aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those supporting Clean Air (SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-Being), Sustainable Cities (SDG 11), and Climate Action (SDG 13); and

WHEREAS, our students, staff, and families deserve an environment where they can learn, live, and play free from the dangers of industrial pollutants and hazardous materials;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the National School District strongly opposes the approval, construction, or operation of the proposed USD Group LLC fuel transfer station in National City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Proclamation be forwarded to the offices of the National City Mayor and Council.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of July 2025 by the Governing Board of the National School District of San Diego County, California by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

We, as members of the Governing Board of the National School District, County of San Diego, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Proclamation duly adopted by said Board of Trustees at the regularly called and conducted meeting held on July 16, 2025.

President of the Governing Board

Clerk of the Governing Board

Member of the Governing Board

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