

Presentación ORAL -- Lo único que voy a decir -- lo que va en el otro sobre es para que lo lean.

I am C.S.S., and I am here to present to you some deep concerns that I have.

I am here because I know how important education is for the preservation of DEMOCRACY in America. How important the education of the children, the teachers, the administrators, the parents and the community is for the preservation of our Democratic system of government and our democratic values and ideals.

Also, as a Cuban-American, I value the Rights and Freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. I know how terrible it is to live without these rights and freedoms.

Primarily, I have come because I know that each of you--members of this Board of Education and Mr. Superintendent--, each of you share with me the same Democratic values, the same respect for our Democratic form of government, and the same love and appreciation of the rights and freedoms that are guaranteed to each and everyone of us by the Bill of Rights.

I also know that you hold the process of education in the highest esteem, and tend to it with the highest sense of responsibility. You honor the role of the student, the teacher, the administrator, the parent, and the community, by providing an educational environment free from fear to speak, from fear to listen, to question, to answer--in other words, FREE, OPEN and DEMOCRATIC, to explore all ideas which result in the richness and diversity, the greatness of our society.

You know that the training of teachers is the key to making a reality of that part of our Pledge of Allegiance that says...."....With **Liberty** and **Justice** for ALL."

Some people may call me an "ACTIVIST". I am proud to be an activist for our democratic way of life, our democratic educational system, our democratic values and ideals. I am also an activists--and proud of it--for the basic rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Bill of Right, an activists for the First Amendment.

I am an activists for cultural understanding, for respect for the ideas of others. An activist for Freedom from FEAR, especially in educational institutions.

It is with deep emotion that I share with you the Four Issues that constitute my concerns. These four issues are listed and explained in detail in the information I have provided for you.

(READ ISSUES FROM INFORMATION PROVIDED) (READ RECOMMENDATIONS)

I have also included some information on my background and experince--28 years of service to school districts and county offices of education throughout California.

I have also included copy of the letter for all persons referenced in the information I have provided, and, finally, two articles I have written--over 10 years ago. My commitment to cultural pluralism, to cultural understanding, to cultural democracy is of long standing. And will not diminish in the years to come.

I request that you reply to my concerns in writing.

Thank you very much for your very kind consideration.