

EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Press Release

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A Day of Action—May 1, 2006 “The Great American Boycott 2006” Includes Staying in School

The *East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees*, *Superintendent Bob Nuñez*, and many resident community leaders, are encouraging our students to go to school and stay in class on **Monday, May 1, 2006**.

The *Senate and Assembly of the State of California* declared **May 1**, as “*The Great American Boycott 2006*.” The legislature resolved that the purpose of this day is to educate people in California and across the United States about the tremendous contribution immigrants make on a daily basis to our society. The “*Great American Boycott 2006*” observes the tradition of historic boycotts such as the “*1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott*” and is intended to draw attention to the contributions of immigrants to the nation’s economy.

The *East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees* and *Superintendent Bob Nuñez* support student rights to voice their concerns and be a part of “*The Great American Boycott 2006*.” **However, students can be involved in the activities and the message of the day while still attending school.** The *District* feels that this position is consistent with *Bill SCR 113* titled “*The Great American Boycott 2006*,” coauthored by the *Honorable Assemblymember Joe Coto*.

In preparation for **May 1, 2006**, each *ESUHSD* school has prepared and will provide a safe and structured environment from which students can voice their opinions. Our students should have opportunities to discuss this legislation in the safety of their schools and under the supervision of school staff. In the past, students have been given opportunities during brunch/lunch for open mike speak-outs, clubs have sponsored informational rallies, and teachers have provided other lessons for other important issues. Each site has prepared appropriate activities for **May 1** so students will have the opportunity to freely express their opinions within the structure of the school day.

For additional information on this issue and activities of the day, please contact each school site’s administration. *Below is a list of school sites and phone numbers.*

• Andrew Hill High School	408.347.4100	Alternative Education	
• Evergreen Valley High School	408.347.7000	• Foothill High School	408.928.9100
• Independence High School	408.928.9500	• Genesis	408.270-4807
• James Lick High School	408.347.4400	• Pegasus	408.928.9597
• Mt. Pleasant High School	408.937.2800	• Phoenix	408.347-6291
• Oak Grove High School	408.347.6500	• Apollo	408.347-5943
• Piedmont Hills High School	408.347.3800	• ACCELL	408.347-7000
• Santa Teresa High School	408.347.6200	• BioTech Academy	408.347-7000
• Silver Creek High School	408.347.5600		
• W.C. Overfelt High School	408.347.5900		
• Yerba Buena High School	408.347.4700		

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BILL NUMBER: SCR 113
INTRODUCED BY Senators Romero, Cedillo, and Soto
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Coto)
(Coauthor: Senator Figueroa)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bermudez, Calderon,
Oropeza, Saldana, and Torrico)

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Relative to The Great American Boycott 2006

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 113, as introduced, Romero The Great American Boycott 2006
This measure would recognize May 1, 2006, as "The Great American Boycott 2006," to educate people in California and the United States about the contributions of immigrants in California.
Fiscal committee: no.

WHEREAS, May 1, 2006, is declared "The Great American Boycott 2006"; and

WHEREAS, The United States has a tradition of historic boycotts, including the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott that galvanized the African-American community and resulted in the landmark 1956 United States Supreme Court ruling against segregation; and

WHEREAS, The Great American Boycott 2006 observes that tradition and is intended to draw attention to the contributions of immigrants to the nation's economy, including \$4.5 billion in state taxes in California each year, and more than \$30 billion in federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants and their children comprise nearly half of the population in this state and live in virtually all 58 counties in California. More than one-quarter of all California residents are foreign born, a rate higher than any other state in the country; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants participate in the workforce at rates higher than the national average. Ninety percent of Latino and Asian male immigrants are employed; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants comprise approximately one-third of the labor force in California and figure prominently in key economic sectors in California, including agriculture, manufacturing, and services; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants provide leadership and labor for the expansion of California's growing economic sectors, from agriculture, telecommunications, and information technology to health services and housing construction; and

WHEREAS, Immigrants are among California's most productive entrepreneurs and have created jobs for tens of thousands of Californians. In San Jose alone, immigrant owners of technology companies created more than 58,000 jobs and generated more than \$17 billion in sales during the late 1990s; and

WHEREAS, The average immigrant-headed household in California contributes over \$2,600 annually to federal Social Security, \$539 more than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 40 percent of California's foreign-born residents are United States citizens; and

WHEREAS, There are currently 2.7 million immigrants in this state who are eligible for naturalization, 3.3 million are legal permanent residents, and millions more will soon be eligible for naturalization; and

WHEREAS, California elected an immigrant to the highest post in the State of California, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, in the most recent gubernatorial election; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of California recognizes that The Great American Boycott 2006 is to educate people in California and across the United States about the tremendous contribution immigrants make on a daily basis to our society and economy; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That May 1, 2006, be recognized as The Great American Boycott 2006; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for distribution.