

# An Open Letter to San Diego School Board Members Richard Barrera, John Lee Evans and Shelia Jackson:

*We are writing to thank you for your reasoned and proactive decision to pursue a Project Stabilization Agreement on the proposition S School Bond.*

Project Stabilization Agreements, or Project Labor Agreements, are tools used by countless public and private developers throughout the state to ensure quality construction projects in which **all contractors can submit bids**.

These agreements ensure that projects are completed on time, on budget and with clear guidelines for the labor force. They are **the only way to legally require contractors to provide healthcare** for workers and **to make certain that the local workforce** is used to build our local schools.

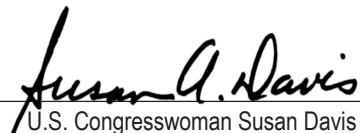
Project Labor Agreements also help ensure **minority businesses, women-owned businesses, and veterans** are included as part of the local workforce. This will help **keep San Diego's precious tax dollars within our local economy**.

In our county, successful Project Stabilization Agreements have been utilized or negotiated for the construction of Petco Park, the Emergency Storage Project for the San Diego Water Authority, the Otay Mesa Power Plant and the future Carlsbad Desalination Plant.

It is unfortunate that some people from outside our community would like to mischaracterize the nature and intent of Project Stabilization Agreements. We applaud your candid and straight forward approach to handling taxpayers' dollars. **We encourage the School District to include all relevant stakeholders in a process that is both transparent and inclusive.**

**The children, parents, teachers and taxpayers of San Diego Unified will have better projects under Proposition S because of your fortitude.**

Signed,

  
U.S. Congresswoman Susan Davis

  
U.S. Congressman Bob Filner

  
State Sen. Denise Ducheny

  
State Sen. Christine Kehoe

  
State Assemblyman Marty Block

  
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