



## **Community Coalition President & CEO Alberto Retana's Statement on Measure EE Election Results**

“At the core of the Measure EE election was a values statement that every child deserves a high quality public school education, no matter their socioeconomic background. For decades, South LA’s schools and students have experienced disinvestment in the form of class sizes over 40, nurses who are only there two days per week, books that need replacements, and one college counselor for hundreds of students.

L.A. County voters deciding not to pass Measure EE unfortunately means that this disinvestment in South LA schools continues, at least until Schools and Local Communities First is on the 2020 ballot. If that passes, the \$11B+ generated annually would come from corporations -- not families and homeowners -- by closing a four-decade long running corporate property tax loophole. We need to clearly state as a society that students, families, and communities should be a higher priority than tax breaks for a few wealthy corporations and investors. It’s time to create a new, more equitable legacy for all Californians.

We extend a deep appreciation to the hundreds of South LA residents who volunteered their time to go knock on doors and pick up the phone to have the important, necessary conversations about the importance of investing in our schools. As we look to 2020, building South LA’s electoral power will be of paramount importance in advancing the mission of redistributing resources to underfunded and neglected communities.

Over 500 South LA residents will gather at the [People Power Convention](#) this Saturday at L.A. Trade Tech College to discuss the implications of Measure EE and how the area continues to strategize for winning its schools the resources they’re missing. That conversation will start at 10:00 AM.

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