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HOLLENBECK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
EAST LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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IT IS AN HONOR TO BE WITH THE MAN WHO SYMBOLIZES
THE BATTLE FOR EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY ON BEHALF OF
ALL OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN.

HERE IS YET ANOTHER IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION MADE
BY A MEXICAN AMERICAN TO THIS STATE AND OUR NATION.

AND HERE IN EAST LOS ANGELES AND AT HOLLENBECK
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, THE "SERRANO DECISION" WILL TOUCH THE
LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THIS COMMUNITY.

THE COURAGEOUS BATTLE JOINED BY JOHN SERRANO
AND OTHERS WHO AIDED IN HIS CASE MEANS,

THAT NO CHILD IN CALIFORNIA SHOULD BE PENALIZED
WITH A SECOND CLASS EDUCATION BECAUSE HE DOES NOT LIVE IN
A WEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD.

I HAVE SPENT MY LIFE FIGHTING FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
FOR ALL AMERICANS. AND, I CAN TELL YOU THAT WHEN THE PROPERTY
TAX IS USED AS THE MAIN SOURCE OF PAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS,
THEN FAIRNESS, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, AND A GOOD EDUCATION ARE
DENIED TO OUR CHILDREN.

*also, strange as it seems,
and unfair as it is, the Property Tax burden
in the poor areas are heavier than in
the rich areas*

FOR TOO LONG AMERICANS HAVE RELIED ON THE PROPERTY TAX FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. HOMEOWNERS AND CHILDREN HAVE BEEN THE LOSERS.

WE NEED A NEW METHOD OF FINANCING AMERICAN EDUCATION SO THAT THE CHILDREN OF EAST LOS ANGELES WILL HAVE THE SAME EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AS THE CHILDREN PRIVILEGED ENOUGH TO ATTEND SCHOOLS IN BEVERLY HILLS.

IT IS WRONG THAT THIS EDUCATIONAL DISPARITY EXISTS IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA AND IN CITIES AND SUBURBS ACROSS AMERICA.

I HAVE PROPOSED A FUNDAMENTAL REFORM IN THE WAY TAXPAYERS AND COMMUNITIES PAY THEIR EDUCATIONAL COSTS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE EQUAL EDUCATION IN ALL OF THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF AMERICA.

--THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TO PAY ONE THIRD OF THE COSTS OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PUBLIC EDUCATION IN AMERICA.

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--THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST ESTABLISH SPECIAL
EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND TO GIVE EDUCATION A TOP PRIORITY IN
OUR BUDGET AND TO PROTECT THESE FUNDS FROM ANY REDUCTIONS
NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR CHILDREN.

*Regrettably
no other
fund.*

--AND NO REFORM OF OUR SYSTEM OF EDUCATIONAL
 FINANCING CAN BE COMPLETE WITHOUT RELIEVING THE BURDEN OF
THE HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY TAX.

L HAVING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAY A GREATER SHARE
 OF EDUCATIONAL COSTS WILL LIFT SOME OF THE PROPERTY TAX
BURDEN.

BUT WE MUST DO MORE.

*clearly can
young a chance* *all an
opportunities*

IN ADDITION TO THIS, I HAVE SPONSORED LEGISLATION
 TO SLAM THE DOOR SHUT ON TAX LOOPHOLES FOR THE SUPER RICH
 AND THE GIANT CORPORATIONS. CLOSING THESE LOOPHOLES MEANS
 THAT \$16 BILLION CAN BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY TO THE TAXPAYERS
 TO CUT THEIR PROPERTY TAXES.

CALIFORNIA'S SHARE WILL BE \$1.5 BILLION. THIS
 MEANS THAT THE PROPERTY TAXES OF EVERY CALIFORNIA HOMEOWNER

WILL BE CUT BY AT LEAST 30 TO 40 PERCENT.

WITH THIS PLAN, WE WILL BE ON THE ROAD TO TAX FAIRNESS IN AMERICA.

I HAVE BEEN ON THIS ROAD FOR A LONG TIME. I'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR TAX FAIRNESS AND TAX JUSTICE WHEN IT WASN'T POPULAR TO DO SO.

MY OPPONENT DOESN'T HAVE THIS TYPE OF RECORD. ALL OF A SUDDEN, CALIFORNIA VOTERS LEARN THAT HE'S GOING TO JOIN ME IN THE BATTLE TO CLOSE LOOPHOLES AND FIGHT AGAINST SPECIAL PRIVILEGE.

BUT WHAT DOES HE DO?

THE FIRST STEP SENATOR McGOVERN WANTS TO TAKE TO REFORM OUR TAX SYSTEM IS TO TAKE AWAY THE \$750 PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS OF 210 MILLION AMERICANS.

HE THEN SUGGESTS THAT HE MIGHT REMOVE DEDUCTIONS ON THE INTEREST PAYMENTS FOR HOME MORTGAGES.

ONE OF HIS PLANS ALSO CALLS FOR ELIMINATING MEDICAL DEDUCTIONS.

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SENATOR McGOVERN SEEMS ALL TOO ANXIOUS TO DENY
HARD WORKING FAMILIES THE ONLY BREAKS THEY GET AND NEED
FROM OUR TAX SYSTEM.

BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HE SPENDS LITERALLY THOUSANDS
OF DOLLARS TAKING AN AD IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL
APOLOGIZING TO THE BIG BANKS AND STOCKBROKERS FOR HIS
POSITIONS ON TAX REFORM.

I CHALLENGE GEORGE McGOVERN TO RUN THAT AD IN
EAST LOS ANGELES. I CHALLENGE HIM TO MAIL THIS AD TO
THE WORKING FAMILIES OF CALIFORNIA.

SENATOR McGOVERN'S WAY IS NOT THE WAY YOU GET TAX
REFORM, PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND GOOD SCHOOLS IN LOS
ANGELES.

WE NEED A PRESIDENT WHO WILL NOT BACK DOWN IN FRONT
OF ANY GROUP WHEN HIS PROGRAMS ARE PRESENTED.

WE NEED A PRESIDENT WHO WILL LEVEL WITH THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE.

WE NEED A PRESIDENT WHO WILL HAVE THE COURAGE TO SAY
THE SAME THING IN EAST LOS ANGELES AS HE SAYS ON WALL STREET.



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