

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019/28**

**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
EDISON RIVERSIDE TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education for Jurupa Unified School District has designated safety of students and families a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has a responsibility to ensure that all students who reside within its boundaries, can learn without limits and safely access a public K-12 education; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the right of every child to access a toxic-free, healthy and safe public K-12 education; and

**WHEREAS**, The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) in 2006 directed Southern California Edison (SCE) to build the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP). SCE and Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) then proposed to build the 230-kV transmission line as an overhead transmission line constructed on lattice steel towers (LST) and tubular steel poles (TSP)—a portion of which are located in the City of Jurupa Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, this study (Wertheimer, N. and Leeper, E., 1979) observed a statistical association between the high-current configuration (the "wire code") of electric power lines outside of homes in Denver and the incidence of childhood cancer. The "wire code" was assumed to be related to current flow of the line; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), the California Department of Health Services (DHS) completed a comprehensive review of existing studies related to electromagnetic fields (EMFs) from power lines and potential health risks. All three of the DHS scientists are inclined to believe that EMFs can cause some degree of increased risk of childhood leukemia, adult brain cancer, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and miscarriage; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, Hazards and Hazardous Materials Section, potential impacts from hazards such as downed structures exist within the project, as proposed; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report, Hazards and Hazardous Materials-Section, transportation and use of limited amounts of hazardous substances stored at the Etiwanda Marshalling Yard, located approximately 0.08 mile from Jurupa Valley High School will take place during the course of construction for the project, as proposed; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Jurupa Valley may face negative impacts to property values and quality of life due to potential environmental impact to existing residential neighborhoods in the vicinity of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the project, as proposed, would impede the construction of residential and commercial projects already entitled for development within the vicinity of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the Subsequent Final Environmental Impact Statement, the alternative which undergrounds the lines North of Limonite Ave. in Jurupa Valley is the environmentally superior alternative;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jurupa Unified School District Board of Education opposes the Southern California Edison Riverside Transmission Reliability Project in its current state and supports the underground alternative in the City of Jurupa Valley.

**APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Jurupa Unified School District this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

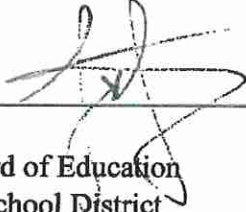
I, Robert Garcia, President of the Governing Board of Jurupa Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is full, true and correct copy of the Resolution passed and adopted by said Board at a regularly scheduled and conducted meeting held on said date, which Resolution is on file in office of said Board.



Robert Garcia  
President of the Board of Education  
Jurupa Unified School District

I, Silvia Ortega, Clerk of the Governing Board of Jurupa Unified School District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced and adopted by the Governing Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2019, by the above described vote of the Governing Board;

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Jurupa Unified School District Governing Board this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Ortega', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Silvia Ortega  
Clerk of the Board of Education  
Jurupa Unified School District