

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5083

To extend the authority of the Los Angeles Unified School District to use certain park lands in the city of South Gate, California, which were acquired with amounts provided from the land and water conservation fund, for elementary school purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2000

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In 1988, the Los Angeles Board of Edu-
6 cation voted to close Tweedy Elementary School in

1 the city of South Gate, California, due to concerns
2 about health risks at the site of the school.

3 (2) The school was temporarily relocated to
4 South Gate Park on park land that was originally
5 acquired with amounts provided by the Secretary of
6 the Interior from the land and water conservation
7 fund.

8 (3) In March 1991, the lease with the city that
9 allowed the Los Angeles Unified School District to
10 operate the school on park land expired, and no
11 progress had been made in constructing new facili-
12 ties to relocate the school and its students.

13 (4) In 1992, Congress enacted Public Law
14 102-443 (106 Stat. 2244), which authorized an
15 eight-year extension in the lease for the use of the
16 park land pending the construction of the new
17 school.

18 (5) This eight-year extension is due to expire on
19 October 23, 2000, and little progress has been made
20 on the part of the Los Angeles Unified School Dis-
21 trict to relocate Tweedy Elementary School.

22 (6) In addition to the long-delayed Tweedy Ele-
23 mentary School relocation, recent studies have iden-
24 tified the need for additional educational facilities in
25 the city of South Gate, including a new high school,

1 junior high, and three primary centers in the near
2 future.

3 (7) The lack of commitment, oversight, and ac-
4 countability in finding a new site for Tweedy Ele-
5 mentary School must be corrected in any further
6 lease extension, and a similar situation also must be
7 avoided in addressing the construction of other edu-
8 cation facilities in the City of South Gate.

9 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY USE OF PARK**
10 **LANDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUR-**
11 **POSES, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA.**

12 Notwithstanding section 6(f)(3) of the Land and
13 Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-
14 8(f)(3)), the city of South Gate, California, may extend
15 until October 23, 2004, the lease between the city of South
16 Gate and the Los Angeles Unified School District, dated
17 June 8, 1988, and otherwise subject to expire on October
18 23, 2000, pursuant to Public Law 102-443 (106 Stat.
19 2244), regarding the use of approximately three acres of
20 South Gate Park as the temporary site for Tweedy Ele-
21 mentary School.

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON PROGRESS TO RELOCATE TWEEDY ELE-**
2 **MENTARY SCHOOL AND OTHER SCHOOL CON-**
3 **STRUCTION.**

4 (a) PERIODIC REPORTS REQUIRED.—As a condition
5 on the extension of the lease referred to in section 1 be-
6 yond October 23, 2000, the President of the Board of
7 Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District
8 shall require the preparation of periodic reports
9 describing—

10 (1) the progress being made to relocate Tweedy
11 Elementary School from South Gate Park to a per-
12 manent location; and

13 (2) the School District's construction plans for
14 a new high school, middle school, and 3 primary cen-
15 ters in the city of South Gate, California.

16 (b) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—Each report under sub-
17 section (a) shall describe—

18 (1) the progress being made in site selection
19 and acquisition, facility design, and construction;
20 and

21 (2) any factors hindering either the relocation
22 of Tweedy Elementary School or progress on the
23 School District's other construction plans for the
24 city of South Gate.

25 (c) SUBMISSION.—The reports required by subsection
26 (a) shall be submitted to the City Manager of the city of

1 South Gate, the Congress, the Los Angeles Board of Edu-
2 cation, and Padres Unidos Pro Nuevas Escuelas. The first
3 report shall be submitted not later than May 1, 2001, and
4 subsequent reports shall be submitted every six months
5 thereafter during the term of the extended lease.

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