

Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent
Los Angeles Unified School District
333 South Beaudry Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90017

April 3, 2014

Dear Dr. Deasy,

The undersigned are writing to demand that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) take immediate action to prevent the continued illegal practice being perpetrated by LAUSD employee, James Roybal.

It has been widely reported in local media outlets that Mr. Roybal has been assigned to LAUSD's "teacher's jail" since February 20, 2013. Mr. Roybal, an elected member on the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) board of directors, has routinely and consistently attended CBMWD meetings and received per diem payments and financial benefits in violation of LAUSD's rules.

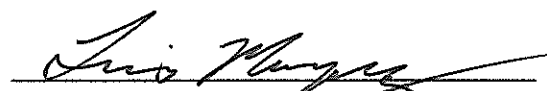
Mr. Roybal was first reported to be illegally accepting a salary from CBMWD in November 2013 in an article published by the Los Cerritos Community News. Subsequently on March 26, 2014 it was reported in the Whittier Daily News that LAUSD acknowledges that Mr. Roybal is assigned to teacher's jail and are also aware that he is attending CBMWD meetings during LAUSD work hours. Mr. Roybal has received tens of thousands of CBMWD ratepayer dollars while in teacher's jail, while still drawing LAUSD salary and benefits, and continues to attend CBMWD meetings with impunity, blatantly disregarding LAUSD rules.

It is LAUSD's duty to ensure that Mr. Roybal abide by the rules or suffer consequences. Furthermore, we recognize that the actions of Mr. Roybal reflect negatively on the vast majority of good, hard-working teachers and staff employed by LAUSD. However, given that LAUSD has allowed Mr. Roybal to leave teacher's jail and continue to draw an additional salary for over a year demonstrates that LAUSD is either unwilling or unable to properly manage this program, and now appears to advocate Mr. Roybal's poor behavior.

The undersigned below, who represent the same constituents that Mr. Roybal's elected position serve, demand that the LAUSD take immediate action to halt Mr. Roybal's blatant disregard for LAUSD rules and procedures, and hold Mr. Roybal accountable for his illegal activities.

Sincerely,


Bob J. Archuleta – Pico Rivera Councilmember


Luis H. Marquez – Downey Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer Rodriguez –Bell Gardens Councilmember

Denise Robles – Commerce Councilmember

Benjamin Cardenas –Montebello Unified School
District Vice President

Dr. Aurora R. Villon -El Rancho Unified School
District President

Gustavo V. Camacho –Pico Rivera Councilmember

Jose Mendoza –Bell Gardens Councilmember

Hector Chacon –Montebello Unified School
District Member

Art Barajas –Montebello Councilmember

Vivian Romero –Montebello Councilmember

Attachments:

Cc: CBMWD Board of Directors

LAUSD Board of Education

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson

Mayor Eric Garcetti, City of Los Angeles

Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, California 32nd District

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, California 40th District

Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, California 38th District

Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, California 58th Assembly District

Jackie Lacey, Los Angeles County District Attorney



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CENTRAL BASIN WATER BOARD PRESIDENT ROYBAL PULLED FROM LAUSD CLASSROOM DUTIES; ATTENDS 'TEACHER'S JAIL' SINCE MARCH 2013

FINDINGS COULD RESULT IN FELONY FRAUD CHARGES FILED AGAINST ROYBAL AS WELL AS IMMEDIATE TERMINATION BY THE LAUSD.

By Brian Hews and Randy Economy

A Hews Media Group-Community News undercover investigation has revealed that embattled Central Basin Municipal Water District President James B. Roybal has been removed from his teaching responsibilities and has been placed in Los Angeles Unified School District's infamous "Teacher's Jail."

Sources have given HMG-CN specific details that claim that Roybal is attending the controversial program at LAUSD's Local District Five Offices on Soto Street since approximately March 2013. Roybal was a special education instructor at Wilson High School at 4500 Multnomah Street in El Sereno.

Beginning in the mid 90's, teachers accused of misconduct have been removed from their teaching assignments and held

in district offices while administrators and law enforcement agencies investigate allegations. The process typically drags on for months, with teachers collecting their full pay - an average of \$6,000 a month, plus benefits - until they're returned to work or fired.

Under written rules, teachers in jail are to check in at a designated location every day for 2 hours and then go back to their home. They are not to seek a second job, take a day trip, or enjoy outside entertainment, such as, going to the movies, sporting events, shopping, etc.

On Wednesday, HMG-CN took a video camera inside the embroiled water district offices in Commerce and confronted Roybal about the situation while he was attending an Administrative Committee Meeting that started at noon.

Roybal was directly asked if he is enrolled in Teachers Jail and he quickly acknowledged that he goes "to the building" where Teacher's Jail is held, but quickly ended the interview by saying "this conversation is over."

CBMWD President James Roybal attends a special meeting this past Wednesday. Under "teacher jail" rules he is not allowed to attend any meetings.



was breaking the rules by working when he should have been home and Roybal again said "this conversation is over."

In a January 15, 2013 televised statement made by LAUSD Superintendent John, only teachers accused of "egregious acts" are housed. They are returned to their classrooms only after being cleared by law enforcement.

Deasy went on to characterize actions that would land a teacher in teacher's jail as "molesting a child and acts involving prostitution."

A HMG-CN source inside teacher's jail could only confirm that "allegations had been made" about Roybal but could not be specific regarding the case.

According to information provided by LAUSD, teachers are pulled from their classrooms only after credible allegations of misconduct are made. Figures provided by the District as of September 2013 indicate that 280 teachers are currently being housed costing the struggling school district upwards of \$2.2

HMG-CN asked him if he thought he

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