

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-34**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION FOR REORGANIZATION FILED BY THE LOS ALTOS HILLS TOWN COUNCIL WITH THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Los Altos Hills Town Council (“LAH”) has adopted a resolution petitioning the Santa Clara County Committee on School District Organization (“County Committee”) to create a new elementary school district;

**WHEREAS**, the County Committee is scheduled to consider the LAH petition at it’s meeting on December 7, 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the LAH petition is unnecessary because the Los Altos School District (“LASD”) Governing Board is reopening the Bullis-Purissima School located in the Town of Los Altos Hills (“Town”);

**WHEREAS**, the LAH proposal to create a new, small elementary school district would be disruptive to educational programs, attendance, and finances in at least three existing districts;

**WHEREAS**, granting the LAH petition would have severe financial impacts on the state by significantly increasing state costs and the creation of the proposed district is projected to cost the LASD increasing amounts each fiscal year into the foreseeable future;

**WHEREAS**, granting the LAH petition could undermine the educational program in LASD by its impact on that school district’s financial well-being and lost future revenues from the division of district could impact the future educational apportionments for all students of the current LASD;

**WHEREAS**, approval of the LAH Petition would result in inadequate enrollment in the proposed School District if a large number of students residing in the Town continue to attend LASD schools, approval of the LAH petition could result in an inequitable division of property;

**WHEREAS**, approval of the LAH petition may not result in an integrated environment for students in the proposed district;

**WHEREAS**, the negative effects of reorganization outweigh the alleged need for community identity;

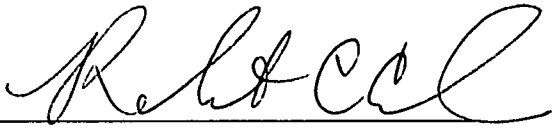
**WHEREAS**, a number of municipal services to LAH are provided by the City of Los Altos under contract;

**WHEREAS**, providing services to LAH from sources outside of the Town is not unusual and promotes governmental efficiency;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby requests that the County Committee deny the petition filed by LAH for change of the existing elementary school district configuration and formation of a new school district.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos of this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2006 by the following vote:

Ayes  
Noes  
Absent:

  
Robert C. Cole, MAYOR

Attest:

  
Susan Kitchens, CITY CLERK