

Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting
May 20, 2021 Public Comments

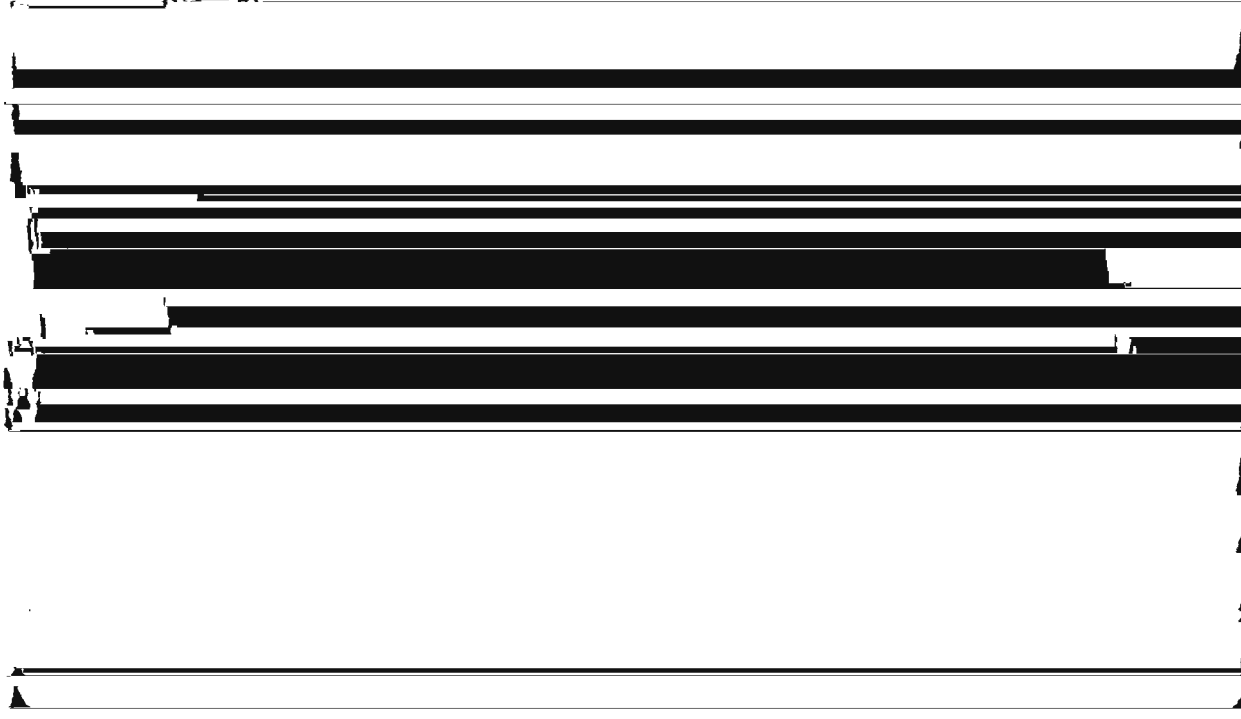
Name: Alma Lopez

Comment:

Good afternoon Superintendent and Board Members,

My name is Alma Lopez, Director, and Organizer of Brown Issues, a youth advocacy organization based out of Sacramento that reaches over 257K people. Throughout the pandemic, community has actively asked the district to equitably serve students of color, who have been disproportionately impacted by covid-19.

The release of Dr. Mackey and Dr. Arellano-Simms of their positions as Instructional Area
Superintendents serving Title I schools is unjust and unacceptable. These are the only two IAS



that are bilingual women of color doing critical work to better represent our students. Yet, there was no discussion of why they were being released and no conversation of what could have been done to retain them. We expect more from you.