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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

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) In 1988, the Los Angeles Board of Education voted to close Tweedy Elementary School in

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

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

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

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

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

(6) In addition to the long-delayed Tweedy Elementary School relocation, recent studies have identified the need for additional educational facilities in the city of South Gate, including a new high school,

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

(7) The lack of commitment, oversight, and accountability in finding a new site for Tweedy Elementary School must be corrected in any further lease extension, and a similar situation also must be avoided in addressing the construction of other education facilities in the City of South Gate.

SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY USE OF PARK LANDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PURPOSES, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA.

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

SEC. 3. REPORT ON PROGRESS TO RELOCATE TWEEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND OTHER SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

(a) PERIODIC REPORTS REQUIRED.—As a condition on the extension of the lease referred to in section 1 beyond October 23, 2000, the President of the Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District shall require the preparation of periodic reports describing—

(1) the progress being made to relocate Tweedy Elementary School from South Gate Park to a permanent location; and

(2) the School District's construction plans for a new high school, middle school, and 3 primary centers in the city of South Gate, California.

(b) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—Each report under subsection (a) shall describe—

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

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

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

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

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