

ATTACHEMENT #3

Prohibition on Political Contributions
Contractor Certification



ALUM ROCK UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION: PROHIBITION ON POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

CONTRACTOR NAME: _____ ("Contractor")

On December 18, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District ("ARUSD") adopted Board Resolution #33-25/26 prohibiting political contributions by firms contracting with the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District, and defining appropriate certification, disclosure, and enforcement mechanisms. A copy of Resolution #33-25/26 is attached hereto. Per the Resolution, The Board of Trustees has directed that, as a condition of contract award, Contractor shall submit this signed Certification under penalty of perjury affirming compliance with the provisions of Resolution #33-25/26.

By signing below, Contractor certifies the following:

1. Contractor has read and understands Resolution #33-25/26 and agrees to abide by its terms as a condition of award of any contract with the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District for the period of time specified in Resolution #33-25/26, and has read and understands and agrees to the District's remedies therein upon a material breach of Resolution #33-25/26.
2. Contractor (and any officer, director, principal, owner, subsidiary, affiliate, subcontractor, or other entity under its control) has not made any political contribution or pledge of contribution, whether monetary or in-kind, to any current or prospective candidate for the ARUSD School Board, any ARUSD political committee, or any committee controlled by such candidate or officeholder during the 18 month period immediately preceding the contract award, nor during any negotiations for the Contract.
3. During the term of this Contract, and for a period of 18 months following its expiration or termination, Contractor (and any officer, director, principal, owner, subsidiary, affiliate, subcontractor, or controlled entity) shall not directly or indirectly make any contribution or pledge of contribution to:
 - any candidate for the ARUSD School Board;
 - any current ARUSD School Board Member running for any local, state, or federal office;
 - any ARUSD-related political campaign; or
 - any political action committee or independent-expenditure committee whose expenditures support or oppose ARUSD Board Members or candidates for the ARUSD School Board or any other office held or sought by an ARUSD Board Member.

Sandra Garcia, Interim Superintendent

Board of Trustees: Linda Chavez, President, Andrés Quintero, Vice-President
Minh Pham, Clerk · Corina Herrera-Loera, Member · Minh Nguyen, Member

For purposes of this Section, "contribution" includes direct monetary contributions; in-kind contributions; and contributions made to or through independent-expenditure committees (IEs), political action committees (PACs), or similar entities.

4. Contractor shall disclose in writing to ARUSD any political contributions made during the Contract term (or restricted post-contract period), including the identity of the recipient, the amount, the date, and whether the contribution was direct or associated with independent expenditures.
5. Contractor will provide a copy of this signed Certification and the attached Resolution #33-25/26 to each of its officers, directors, principals, owners, subsidiaries, affiliates, subcontractors, or other entity under its control.

The undersigned hereby certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that they are authorized to execute this certification on behalf of Contractor and that the foregoing certifications are true and correct.

Dated: _____

"Contractor"

Print name: _____

Title: _____

Sandra Garcia, Interim Superintendent

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Office of Superintendent of Schools

ITEM REQUIRING ATTENTION - BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Board of Trustees:

Date: December 12, 2025

Subject:

Approve Consideration of Resolution Prohibiting Political Contributions by Contracted Firms.

Support Information:

The Board is asked to consider a resolution prohibiting any contracted firm and any of its principals, subsidiaries, subcontractors, or associated entities from making political contributions related to ARUSD.

☒ Approved

☐ Withdrew

☐ Denied

☐ Tabled

Other _____

Recommend Approval

Superintendent's Office *Mearns*

Submitted by: Sandra Garcia

Title: Interim Superintendent

To the Board of Trustees:

Meeting: December 18, 2025
Regular Board Meeting

6.10

Agenda Placement

Sandra Garcia
Sandra Garcia, Interim Superintendent

DISPOSITION BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Motion by:

Andres Quintana

Seconded by:

Munk Pham

Approved:

4

Not Approved:

1

Tabled:

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Corina Herrera-Leera

ALUM ROCK UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 33-25/26

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY CONTRACTED FIRMS

Adopted: December 18, 2025

WHEREAS, the Alum Rock Union School District (“ARUSD” or “District”) is committed to upholding the highest standards of transparency, fairness, and public trust in all aspects of its operations, including the procurement and administration of contracts for district services, facilities, and programs; and

WHEREAS, the District has a compelling interest in ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used solely for their intended public purpose and are not—directly or indirectly—used as a vehicle for political influence, favoritism, or advancement; and

WHEREAS, political contributions made by firms seeking or holding District contracts, or by their subsidiaries, principals, subcontractors, or controlled entities, may create real or perceived conflicts of interest that undermine confidence in the integrity of District decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the appearance of impropriety is particularly concerning in connection with large-scale or long-term projects, where public funds and public trust must be safeguarded with particular care; and

WHEREAS, similar prohibitions appear in the Levine Act (Government Code section 84308), which restricts certain political contributions between parties seeking contracts, licenses, or permits and local agency officials involved in making those decisions, reflecting well-established state policy to prevent undue influence in governmental contracting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees seeks to adopt clear standards that eliminate the risk that public funds associated with District contracts could be used, intentionally or unintentionally, to influence ARUSD Board elections or related political activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that prohibiting political contributions by firms contracting with ARUSD—and defining appropriate certification, disclosure, and enforcement mechanisms—will strengthen public trust and uphold the District’s commitment to ethical stewardship of public resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union School District hereby adopts the following Prohibition on Political Contributions by Contracted Firms, to be incorporated into all District contracts issued on or after the date of this Resolution:

Contractor Political Contribution Prohibition

1. Pre-Award Certification

The Contractor (and any officer, director, principal, owner, subsidiary, affiliate, subcontractor, or other entity under its control) hereby certifies that it has made no political contribution or pledge of contribution—whether monetary or in-kind—to any current or prospective candidate for the ARUSD School Board, any ARUSD political committee, or any committee controlled by such candidate or officeholder during the 18 month period immediately preceding the contract award, nor during any negotiations for this Contract.

2. Prohibition During and After the Contract Term

During the term of this Contract, and for a period of 18 months following its expiration or termination, the Contractor (and any officer, director, principal, owner, subsidiary, affiliate, subcontractor, or controlled entity) shall not directly or indirectly make any contribution or pledge of contribution to:

- any candidate for the ARUSD School Board;
- any current ARUSD School Board Member running for any local, state, or federal office;
- any ARUSD-related political campaign; or
- any political action committee or independent-expenditure committee whose expenditures support or oppose ARUSD Board Members or candidates for the ARUSD School Board or any other office held or sought by an ARUSD Board Member.

For purposes of this Section, “contribution” includes direct monetary contributions; in-kind contributions; and contributions made to or through independent-expenditure committees (IEs), political action committees (PACs), or similar entities.

3. Certification and Disclosure Requirements

As a condition of contract award, the Contractor shall submit a written certification under penalty of perjury affirming compliance with this provision.

A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Contractor and to any officer, director, principal, owner, subsidiary, affiliate, subcontractor, or other entity under its control. Each such party shall sign an acknowledgment confirming receipt of the Resolution. The District shall retain proof of all signed acknowledgments in its official contract files.

The Contractor shall also disclose any political contributions made during the contract term (or restricted post-contract period), including the identity of the recipient, the amount, the date, and whether the contribution was direct or associated with independent expenditures.

4. Material Breach and Remedies

Any violation of this provision shall constitute a material breach of the Contract and may result in remedies including, but not limited to:

- termination of the Contract;
- forfeiture or repayment of District funds;
- ineligibility for future District contracts; and
- any additional remedies available under law or District policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent, or designee, is directed to incorporate this language into all applicable District contracts and procurement documents; to develop administrative procedures to ensure compliance; and to provide guidance to District staff, consultants, and prospective contractors regarding these requirements.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Alum Rock Union School District on this 18th day of December, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Signed by:
Mink Pham
Clerk of the Governing Board

Date: December 18, 2025