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Hi Supervisors,

That the Appendix F membership list is segregated racially is disappointing. Everyone who wants to advance the care and development of our children should be welcome. This avoids the possibility that potential members with good ideas are not excluded simply because they aren't the right color.

In fact, I notice that the membership list (Appendix F) has 11 out of 22 members (50%) who are white. So you are already violating your equity statement standard of 41% white.

For instance, Foster or multiracial families may in fact know how to deal with problems common to all races better than families of one race only. And do we really want our kids to absorb the lesson – and they will – that their race alone can determine how their development and education work out in the long term?

And is not imposing one set of developmental or educational standards a good way to ensure that people who think outside the box are shut out. You are talking about technology that may be unable to compete or may simply fail easier, or perhaps the lack of scientific ideas, or the inability to fully develop our natural resources.

Please reject this proposed amendment.

Regards,

Paul Henkin