

Hello, my name is Ms. Robbie N. Butler and I have resided at 3133 Daisy Ave., Long Beach 90806 for more than 20 years. I am writing to comment on Item 25 under New Business, the School Naming Policy because I am highly in favor of changing the name of Jordan High School to Felton C. Williams High School.

Dr. Felton Williams champions academic excellence on every level. He has served as a member of the Board of Education for the past 16 years, five times as its president, and has been instrumental in the national and international success and academic ranking of the school, particularly in its efforts to improve the academic outcomes for students of color, and in particular, African American students.

In addition, Dr. Williams has made significant contributions to the district and the city of Long Beach. I offer the following as just a few of his many accomplishments because the complete list is too long to name in this short note.

- ✓ First elected as a member of the L.B. Unified School District Board of Education, Area 2 in 2004 and re-elected for three (3) additional terms, serving from 2004 to 2020. Served five terms as president of the board.
- ✓ Served as a member of the Council of the Great City Schools Executive Committee (2004-2016, and Chair of the Council in 2017).
- ✓ Received National Urban Educator of the Year Green/Garner award from the Council of the Great City Schools (2017).
- ✓ Advocated for program to recruit and retain African-American male teachers in the school district. Subsequently developed partnership with CSU, Long Beach College of Education and created Elizabeth Patterson Scholarship Program
- ✓ As Chair of Region I NAACP (9 western states), assisted NAACP Legal Defense Team in successful lawsuit to desegregate Los Angeles Unified School District
- ✓ Advocated for LBUSD Strategic Planning

Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration.
Best Regards,

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