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Campaign mounted to defeat Prop. 21

A local campaign to defeat Prop. 21, the Wakefield Initiative, was kicked off Wednesday by the newly formed San Diego chapter of Californians Against Unequal Schools and Education (CAUSE).

Named to a steering committee were Melba Margolis, Serra Mesa, chairman; Dorothy Lloyd, Pacific Beach, executive secretary of Citizens United for Racial Equality; Cecile Podoloff, Point Loma, area coordinator for the American Civil Liberties Union; Shuford Swift, Point Loma, assistant to the dean of students, California State University at San Diego; Dorothea Edmiston, and June Gottschalk.

Headquartered in Los Angeles, the statewide action group opposes Prop. 21 as "an attempt to prevent any means of achieving racial balance in schools and to roll back such efforts enacted in the past."

Other organizations opposing Prop. 21, which is to appear on the ballot in November as Student Assignment Initiative, are the California PTA, California League of Women Voters, American Civil Liberties Union, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, California Federation of Teachers, Human Relations Conference of Southern California, California School Boards Association, and the Los Angeles and San Diego school boards, according to a CAUSE spokesman.