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We, as a community, are in a very perilous position. Judge Louis Welsh has charged the Integration Task Force, on which I serve as a representative for the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, with evaluating the San Diego Unified School District's Integration Program and where appropriate, implementing meaningful improvements. To be able to do this, and to be sure that we avoid the mandatory assignment of school children away from their neighborhoods, we need your assistance.

Until now, the burden of coordinating the activities of the Integration Task Force has fallen upon Chairman Bill Kolender and the members of his staff at the Police Department. However, the challenge and demands of this assignment has now reached the point that we need a full-time coordinator. Judge Welsh has made office space available in the County Courthouse but personnel assistance will have to come from community resources. The Chamber has pledged a special financial contribution to this effort and we hope that you too can join us in assuring the success of this critical program.

We have the opportunity to create the nation's first successful voluntary integration program and, the consequences of failure would be disastrous.

The Chamber sees the hiring of a full-time coordinator for the Task Force as an extension of our current involvement; and we urge you to contribute to this special cause.

Sincerely,

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