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STATEMENT

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In keeping with the long standing policy of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the San Diego Branch is in full accord with the position of the Western Region NAACP. The eradication of segregation and racial discrimination in all fields of economic and social life, particularly in public education has been the goal of the Association for a number of years, which goes back farther than the famous 1954 school desegregation victories. The San Diego branch and all of the remaining branches in California, both the Southern and Northern areas, will vigorously support the Western Region in this effort.

Elementary and Secondary schools today are more racially imbalanced than that indicated in the Lindsay Report of some 6 to 7 years ago. The construction of existing schools on the same site where racially imbalanced schools already existed is in itself perpetuating segregation.

We would urge the Supreme Court to compel the California State Allocation Board to comply with the Federal and State Constitutions by taking all necessary steps to insure that public funds now being allocated by it for school construction not be used to perpetuate racial and ethnic segregation in the State's schools.