

# **DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 09-09-10**

### **OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED VULCAN MINING EXPANSION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, a quality education exists where there is a healthy learning environment; and,

**WHEREAS**, Vulcan Materials Company has a permit from the City of Azusa to mine 190 acres of its 270-acre property until 2038; and,

**WHEREAS**, Vulcan is currently seeking a proposed revised mining plan that would substitute 80 acres on the east side of the Vulcan mining area, acres currently approved for mining, with 80 acres on the west side of the property; and,

**WHEREAS**, this area directly abuts the City of Duarte and is only 0.6 miles from the Fish Canyon residential neighborhood – a neighborhood that includes hundreds of homes, two elementary schools and a senior living community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Vulcan's Safety Data Sheet states 'dusts may irritate the nose, throat and respiratory tract by mechanical abrasion and coughing, sneezing and shortness of breath may occur; and,

**WHEREAS**, dust particles can scratch the eye causing tearing, redness, a stinging or burning feeling, or swelling of the eyes with blurred vision; and,

**WHEREAS**, dust particles can scratch and irritate the skin with redness, an itching or burning feeling, swelling of the skin, and/or rash; and,

**WHEREAS**, exposure to high levels of respirable crystalline silica is associated with silicosis, lung cancer and autoimmune disorders; and,

**WHEREAS**, crystalline silica, a component in this product, has been listed as a carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), the National Toxicology Program (NTP), and/or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); and,

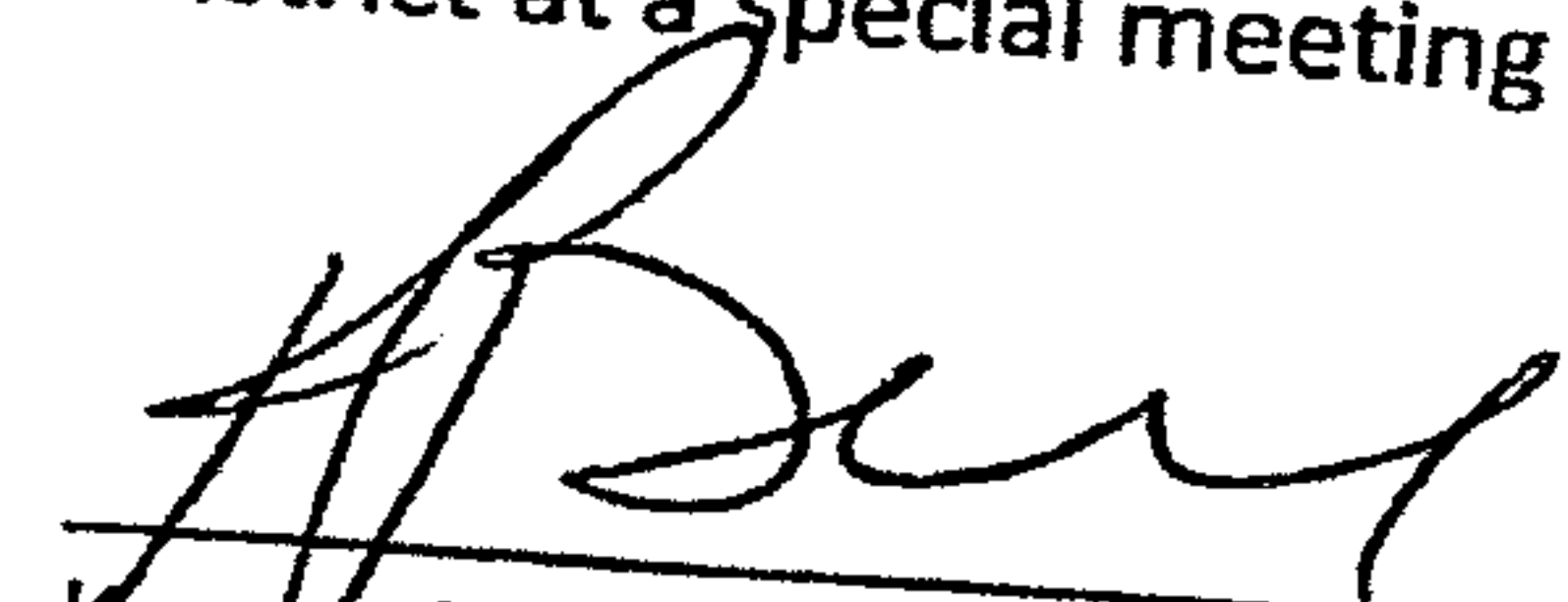
**WHEREAS**, symptoms of silicosis may include (but are not limited) to shortness of breath, difficulty breathing with or without exertion, coughing, diminished work capacity, diminished chest expansion, reduction of lung volume, right heart enlargement and/or failure; and,

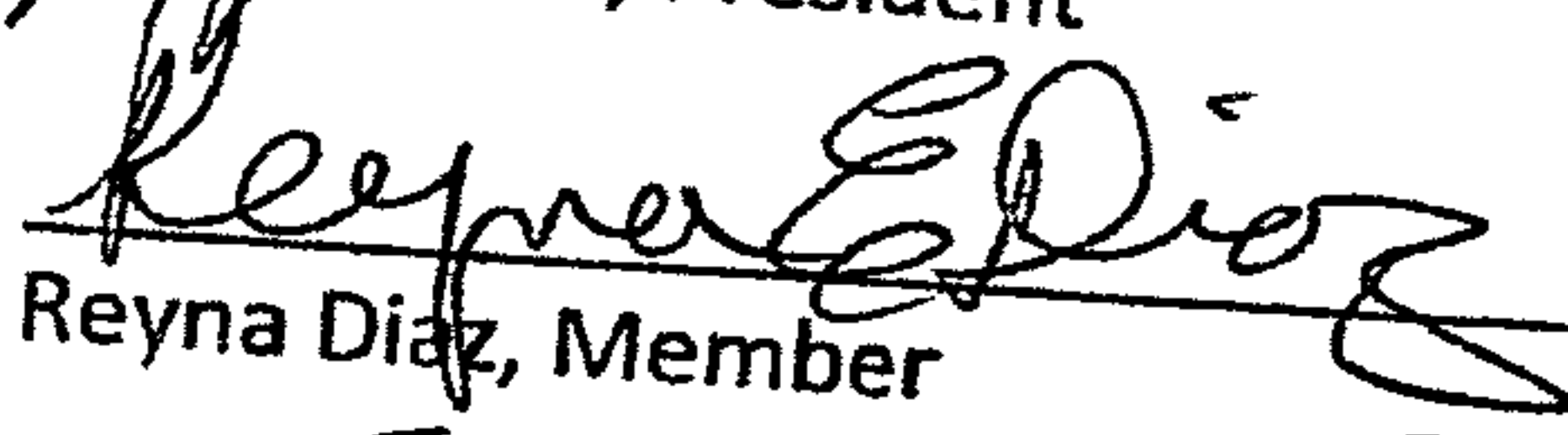
**WHEREAS**, if addicted to tobacco, smoking will impair the ability of the lungs to clear themselves of dust;

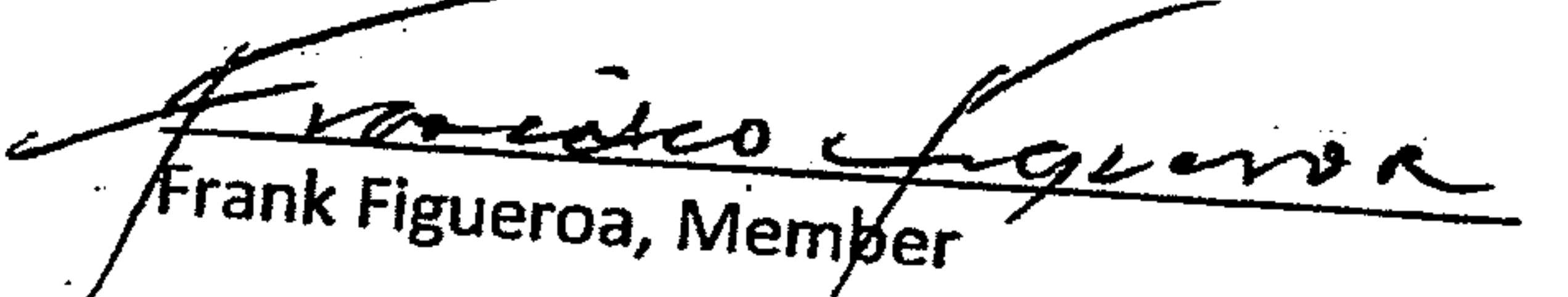
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education does hereby declare its opposition to the proposed Vulcan Mining Expansion Plan and all that such plans entail;

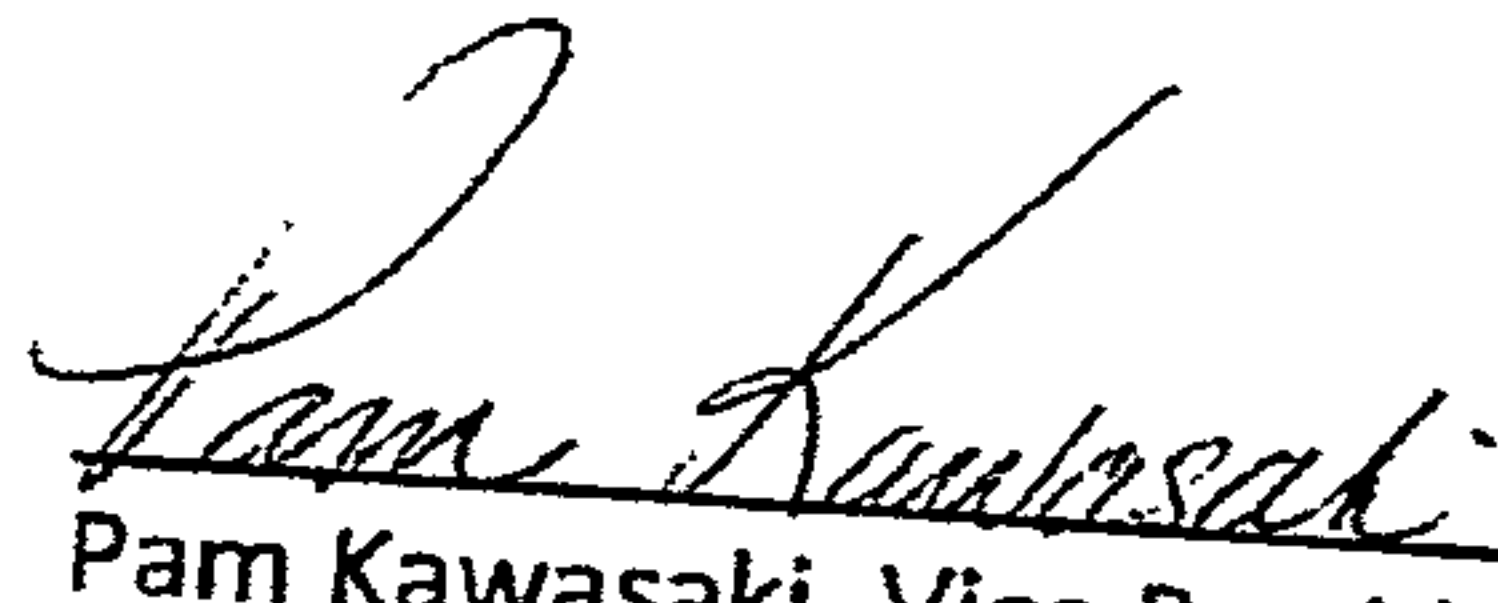
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will provide copies of this resolution to interested citizens of this district.

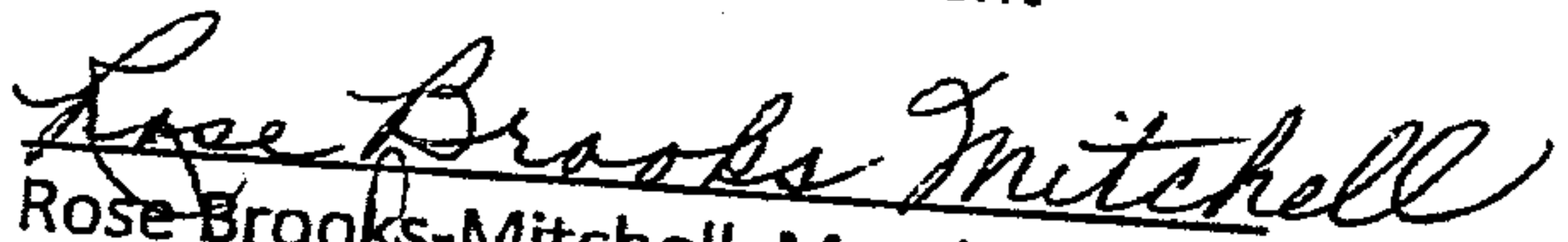
This action is taken by the members of the Governing Board of the Duarte Unified School District at a special meeting held on February 18, 2010.

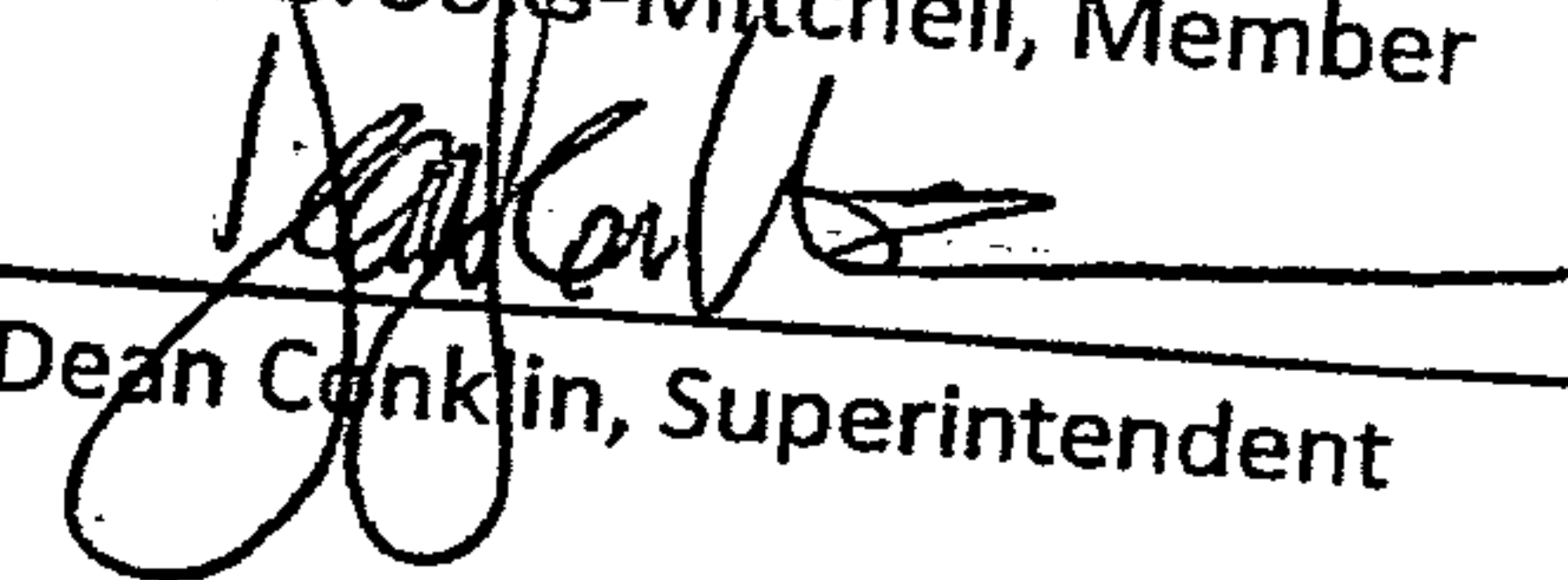
  
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