

To Board of Education  
Board of Education Secretary

FROM: Toni M. McElroy. Principal  
Alternative Learning Community

DATE: March 12, 2009

Subject: Facility Name Change

Alternative Learning Community (ALC) is requesting a school site name change to Barack Obama Academy.

The election of President Obama represents change, transition, and empowerment. The focus of Barack Obama Academy will be community/social service and leadership development.

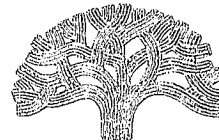
Whatever measures that can be used in assisting our young people of our community to view themselves in a positive light, to achieve higher goals and embrace a more positive image of self is supported by our community.

*"Barack Obama Academy"* facility name change is sponsored by:

- ALC's parents and student body;
- ALC's School Site Council;
- Councilmember/Vice Mayor Larry Reid; and
- Toler Heights Homeowners Association.

The student body, parents, staff and community appreciates your support.

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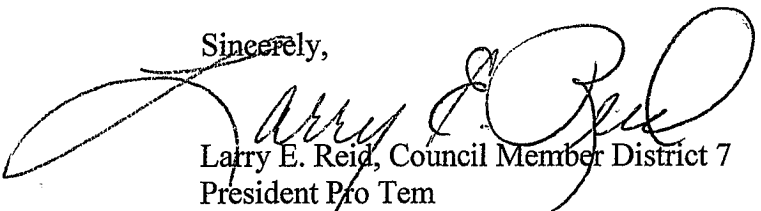
Dear Board Members:

As the Councilmember for the 7<sup>th</sup> District of the City of Oakland, I am pleased to write this letter of support on behalf of the Alternative Learning Community School changing their name to the Barack Obama Academy.

As part of the on-going mission of the City of Oakland to foster positive change in our communities, it is important to embrace and promote these efforts. The election of the first African American President of the United States ushered in a new era of optimism and enthusiasm for our nation and in honor of this positive change, I whole heartedly support the Alternative Learning Community School wanting to extend this same optimism and enthusiasm to their students. Whatever measures that can be used in assisting the young people of our community to view themselves in a positive light, to achieve higher goals and embrace a more positive image of self should be supported by all.

I am pleased to have the opportunity to support the name change proposed by the Alternative Learning Community School to the Barack Obama Academy and I look forward to hearing that you have been successful in obtaining your change.

Sincerely,



Larry E. Reid, Council Member District 7  
President Pro Tem  
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Dear Board Members:

The Toler Heights Citizen Council unanimously voted to endorse the efforts of the Alternative Learning Community School in changing their name to the Barack Obama Academy. This name change will embrace and promote a positive view for our community and strengthen the opinion that this is indeed a wonderful neighborhood to live in.

We are fully committed to the goals and objectives set forth by the Oakland Unified School District in changing the name of the school and we look forward to partnering with the District in the future in whatever positive projects they propose for the benefit of students, teachers, staff and the community of Toler Heights.

The Toler Heights Citizen Council is pleased to support the name change for the Alternative Learning Community School.

Sincerely,



Mr. Fred Franklin  
President  
Toler Heights Citizen Council