

# The Phoenix Mailbag...

## Dear Editor:

Most teachers and principals are fine people who struggle to do what is right. Many of them genuinely want to respond to the concerns of parents regarding their children's education. Despite their best efforts, the hands of teachers and principals are tied.

The many bureaucrats above a local school determine the amount and quality of resources that a school will receive. These people control the money. These people, therefore, have the power in our educational system.

Consequently, teachers and principals are forced to please the many layers of bureaucrats above them first and foremost. They may want to address the concerns of parents, but they often cannot. Or system ties their hands.

Money is power. short of running for the school board or having the right political connections, parents have no meaningful power in our current public school system. Vernon Robinson is the one candidate for State Superintendent who understands this. Money is power and Vernon Robinson would prefer you control what school receives it. Only when schools are directly dependent upon parents for revenue will they have an incentive to address the concerns of parents.

On November 5, vote for a public education system that operates in the public's interest, not in the interest of

the bureaucrats who run it.

Vote for North Carolina's first black state superintendent. Vote Vernon Robinson, Republican, for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

~Roxane Premont/Durham, NC

## DEAR Editor:

I am a subscriber to Phoenix News and a resident of the State of California. I would appreciate it if you would print the following article in your publication. I enjoy reading the Phoenix...keep up the good work.

### PROPOSITION 209 DRIVING BLACK SCHOLARS OUT OF STATE SAYS CORE

Feeling unwanted, many of California's most promising black high school graduates are opting for an out-of-state college education, largely because of the "incendiary rhetoric and mean-spiritedness" behind the campaign to pass Proposition 209, the measure that disposes of affirmative action guidelines, rules and regulations in all state employment, state contracts and state higher education matters.

That is the opinion of Celes King, III, president of the Congress of Racial Equality of California, and a prominent Los Angeles businessman and Republican. King opposes Proposition 209, terming it as a "sinister ruse whose only purpose is to foam the mouths of California's white citizens who are already paranoid over the state's rapidly growing minority population.



Celes King, III questions the validity of Proposition 209.

King says a growing number of California's black-college-bound students are seeking their higher education elsewhere, even to the point where they are willing to pay higher tuition "just to get out of California where they feel they are not wanted.

"A young scholar who graduated from John Muir High School in Pasadena last May sought CORE's help in getting admitted to Spelman College in Atlanta," King continued. "She told us that although she had been accepted for admission to Berkeley and several other of

California's finest colleges and universities, she chose Spelman because she felt that because of Proposition 209, she would not be wanted or appreciated here."

King, who writes scores of letters for students applying for college each year, noticed the trend this year. "A higher percentage of these students are applying out-of-state," King mused. "Governor Wilson and Ward Connerly (chairman of the California Board of Regents and the chairman of the Prop. 209 campaign) are sending out the wrong message to black scholars of California." King added, "They are driving our best and brightest away. If this is their intent, I find that very disheartening."

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