

As we celebrated and honored the life and legacy of the late, great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., came the announcement to the complete horror and insult to many San Diegans, of President Biden's nomination of Supt. Cindy Marten as Deputy Education Secretary. This selection is the BIGGEST slap in the face for all that MLK stood for, as well as for the students of District E, which serves as the highest population of Black children within the San Diego Unified School District. No one has suffered more, been used and abused, neglected, disregarded and trampled upon the most in Cindy Marten's thirst for sociopathic power and manipulation. Marten's selection completely goes against President Biden's attempts to dismantle systemic racism, when Marten not only has ushered in the school to prison pipeline here in San Diego but has a historic and proven track record of white supremacy level racism. Whoever vetted Marten for this position obviously did not go to the extreme lengths of checking Marten's batting average of being harmful, volatile and extremely detrimental to children or just didn't care. Instead, it's quite apparent and obvious that it's politics as usual or maybe personal favors granted, or back door deals, all at the long-suffering expense of San Diego Unified students who have to serve as the sacrificial lambs to the mass destruction Marten has left in her wake. If enough skeletons were dug up, all of the bones would lead straight back to Marten.

Recently while watching a segment of Dr. Boyce Watkins, the perfect term to describe the domestic terrorism under the Marten regime that is supported by some local politicians is **benign neglect**- an attitude or policy of **IGNORING** an often delicate or undesirable situation that one is held to be responsible for dealing with. Of course I have a personal vested interest because no family has suffered more severely in retaliation under the helm of Cindy Marten for many years than mine. In court testimony it was admitted that Cindy Marten pulled a "Karen" (white people calling the police on Black people for no reason and filing false reports) and conspired with district officials and the school police to frame, arrest and imprison my son's father because he raised legitimate concerns after our oldest son was physically attacked by a well-known bigoted teacher and our other son was diagnosed with TBI (traumatic brain injury) from a severe injury that was sustained on campus and the denial of 504 accommodations from Cindy Marten after five doctors repeatedly told her it was mandatory. There was also the constant and extreme stress Cindy Marten put my cousin Eileen Sofa under when Marten's district covered up the sodomy of her nonverbal special needs son for well over a year that she passed away due to the anguish. There's the Green Elementary rapes Cindy Marten and cronies were on trial for for covering up and condensing investigative reports of the sexual assaults and when questioned about how Marten feels about the situation Marten replied on transcripts that, "It depends," and referred to the San Diego Unified students and parents as "customers." Don't just take my word for it, there is no shortage as well as ample and extensive coverage of the oppressive terror under Marten such as (this is just the tip of the iceberg, not the complete list): the embezzlement of Title I funding and taxpayers paying millions of dollars paying at least six outside law firms to hide Marten's corruption; "ghost students" (students that have already graduated or don't exist) that the district is getting millions of dollars for; the highest suicide rate

of children within the district in the state of California; the highest expulsion and suspension rates of Black children as well as the highest low-performing schools in the state; the fake graduation rates, GPA's, IEP's, high school seniors reading at second or third-grade levels; the abolishment of successful programs like Race and Human relations, media programs and Middle College where students can enroll concurrently in college courses along with their high school classes on campus and the purging of well-qualified Black executive-level administrators.

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These are not grave misdeeds being committed, these are CRIMES!! It's easy for some local politicians to vouch for Marten (i.e. California State Superintendent Tony Thurmond too who is also part of the problem by being in cahoots with his friend Marten, who illegally fields all complaints against Marten back to Marten so she can retaliate against everyone) because they don't have a dog in this fight. After all, what children do they have that attend San Diego Unified to even know the true well-documented retaliatory nature of Cindy Marten and staff? When 30-50 students, parents, educators, and community members marched down to District Attorney Summer Stephan's office, it wasn't for their health, it was to demand accountability for the abuse of power that has reigned supreme during Marten's tenure. It was because of Cindy Marten, the school police (whose paychecks she signs), and Marten's equally corrupt and inept cronies/ best friends Marten has employed to make six figures to cover-up the physical and sexual abuse of thousands of students on campus, (the failure to mandate report) that the formation of a task force on malfeasance and public corruption of school district officials was created by Black Men and Women United because the community was fed up and tired. What kind of message does it send to children that you get to skip the line like Marten, and get promoted as she did illegally when she became superintendent in violation of the Brown Act, all because Marten was the muse to Board of Trustee Richard Barrera? And now Marten gets to skip the line again to a national promotion because she knew the right people? The only federal position Cindy Marten needs to be appointed to is sitting in a prison cell right next to former Governor Rick Snyder because like he damaged countless families with the onslaught of Legionnaires disease, Cindy Marten destroyed and ruined thousands of families with the life-altering effects of PTSD, many of which will never be the same again. Blood money will portray Marten as some benevolent, altruistic creature but for far too many, an oppressive dictator is the Cindy Marten we know.

Sincerely,
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