

Alum Rock board is still coming up short

For years I've seen the Alum Rock School District board come up short in the management of the important business of educating its children. After reading your article: "Revolt spreads in Alum Rock" (Page 1B, July 15), I can no longer assume simple incompetence. I must ask: Why are board members Dolores Marquez, Khanh Tran and Esau Ruiz Herrera protecting the Southern Californian construction company, Del Terra Group. Aren't there any local construction companies that can handle the job? Also, why are they so intent on getting rid of Superintendent Hilaria Bauer, the most

competent superintendent I've experienced since 2008? And perhaps the most disturbing question: How can Marquez, Tran and Herrera justify spending district money on hiring lawyers to defend themselves against Santa Clara County and the state of California instead of using that money to educate the children of Alum Rock School District?

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