

La Cañada Unified School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR ADOPTION OF NEW BASIC TEXTBOOK

SCHOOL:	LEHS		DEPARTMENT:	Social Studies	
NAME AND GRADE LEVEL OF COURSE:			AP US Government / Economics		
BASIC TEXTBOOK RECOMMENDED:			American Government / Roots and Reform		
O'Connor/Sabato	Am. Gov. / Roots + Reform		Pearson	0134611640	
AUTHOR		TITLE		PUBLISHER	
COPYRIGHT DATE: 2018		LIST PRICE: ?		NET PRICE:	
NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE PURCHASED		180	TOTAL COST (LIST PRICE)		

RATIONALE FOR ADOPTING A NEW TEXT: (Relationship to the approved course description and curriculum)

The current text (Wilson) is 15 years old and is not a student friendly text.

DESCRIBE BRIEFLY OTHER TEXTS REVIEWED:

We closely reviewed the new Wilson text and found it to be as opaque and obtuse as its earlier editions. The Edwards text is thorough, but it contains too much extraneous info. The O'Connor/Sabato text threads the needle of

DESCRIBE THE CRITERIA THAT SUPPORTS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS PARTICULAR TEXT:

AP requirements, student-friendly layout, topical currency, and "kid-friendly" writing style. All books satisfied the curriculum and are on the College-Board list, but O'Connor-Sabato is the best pick.

NAMES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Brent Beatty, Sarah Beattie, Kristina Kalb

APPROVED:	Brent Beatty	Brent Beatty	8-21-2018
	Committee Chairman's Signature	Please print name	Date
	Principal's Signature	Please print name	Date

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TEXTBOOK RATING FORM

School: LCUS Grade Level: 12th Grade AP Gov / Econ
 Textbook: O'Connor / Sabato Am. Govt. / Roots & Reform Pearson
Author Title Publisher

	3 Superior	2 Strong	1 Limited	0 Very Weak	Score
Degree of Alignment to Standards: Rate the degree in which the textbook actually aligns to the CCSS.	✓				
Quality of Explanation of the Subject Matter: Rate how thoroughly the subject matter is explained or otherwise revealed in the textbook.	✓				
Utility of Materials Designed to Support Teaching: Evaluates the potential utility of an object at the intended grade level for the majority of instructors.		✓			
Quality of Assessments: Evaluates materials designed to determine what a student knows before, during, or after a topic is taught.		✓			
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User Friendly Format	✓				
Appropriate for students with special needs and English learners			✓		
Other (specify)					
OVER-ALL RATING OF TEXTBOOK	✓				

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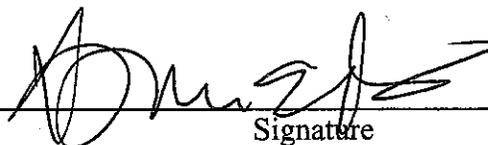
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