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Public Hearing and Action on Charter School Renewal Petition – Met Sacramento High School

I. Overview of Charter School Renewal Petition:

Sacramento City Unified School District authorized the 18th charter school in California, Bowling Green Elementary in 1993. Since that time SCUSD has approved six “dependent” charter schools and nine “independent” charter schools.

On February 15, 2012, SCUSD received a dependent charter renewal petition from the Met Sacramento High School (“The Met”). The District first granted the charter in June 2003. This charter petition is seeking a five year renewal term for their 9 12th grade program. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the level of support for The Met.

After reviewing the renewal petition, the District provided The Met with a list of three (3) elements that were identified as needing modification

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- 2) The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition,
- 3) The petition does not contain the number of signatures prescribed by code,
- 4) The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions prescribed by code and
- 5) The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of sixteen certain elements in its program and operations.

Newly adopted State regulations require for the automatic renewal of a charter school petition, if a school district fails to adopt written factual findings to support a denial ~~with~~

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III. Results of Petition Review:

The Petition provided the information required by the Charter Schools Act of 1992 (Education Code §47605); however, District Staff recommended some revisions to improve the petition in three areas: 1) Element A, Education Program as it relates to English Language Learners; 2) Element D, Governance Structure Pertaining to Parent Involvement; and 3) Element M, Description of Employee Rights.

The Met timely and effectively responded to staff recommendations by submitting the Revised Petition to the District.

1. *Element A, Education Program as it Relates to English Language Learners*

Staff Recommendation: The English Language Learner section needs more detailed description of (1) how the required mandated State law will be met, such as how parents are notified of their students' annual progress from year to year; (2) how teachers will continue to receive professional development to support English language learners.

The Met's Response: The Revised Petition expanded the English Language Learner sections, which provided the comprehensive descriptions that are required for Element A. The Met elaborated on how they will ensure legal compliance pertaining to notification.

The Met notifies all parents of its responsibility for CELDT testing and of CELDT results within thirty days of receiving results from the district office. The Met complies with applicable requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act with regards to EL students. (Revised Petition, page 15)

In response to how teachers will continue to receive professional development to support English learners, The Met makes the following commitment:

To support Met EL students we also provide high quality professional development in ELL strategies and foster parent and community engagement to support EL developments including a home language survey and ELAC meetings a minimum of quarterly... Met teachers receive training in English Learner Strategies from Sacramento City Unified School District as well as from Big Picture Learning. (Revised Petition, page 16)

2. *Element D, Governance Structure Pertaining to Parent Involvement*

Staff Recommendation: The Met's charter petition contained the parent engagement practices; however, Staff recommended that The Met create a school based parent involvement policy and a school compact.

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V. Conclusion:

The revisions made to the Petition by The Met meet the requirements and recommendations of the District. Staff recommends that the Petition be approved for a f/TT71Tf.4TT71Tf.4TT71T(830TD)Tj/TT71Tfe

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RESOLUTION NO. 2699

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PETITION TO RENEW THE CHARTER OF
Met Sacramento High School**

WHEREAS, petitioners for Met Sacramento High School (“Petitioners”) submitted to Sacramento City Unified School District (“District”) a charter renewal petition (“Petition”), dated February, 2012, for the Met Sacramento High School (“The Met”); and

WHEREAS, following feedback from District staff, the Petition was revised and submitted (“Revised Petition”);

WHEREAS, the District’s Governing Board held a public hearing and took board action on April 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has considered the level of public support for The Met and has reviewed the Revised Petition and all information received with respect to the Revised Petition, including all supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Revised Petition, the Governing Board has been guided by the intent of the California Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, after analysis of the Revised Petition and the related supplemental materials, the Superintendent and District staff have recommended approval of the Revised Petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education hereby approves the Revised Petition to renew the Charter of the MET for another term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term of the charter shall be for five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2012 and expiring June 30, 2017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 12th day of April, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

Diana Rodriguez
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

Jonathan Raymond
Secretary of the Board of Education