

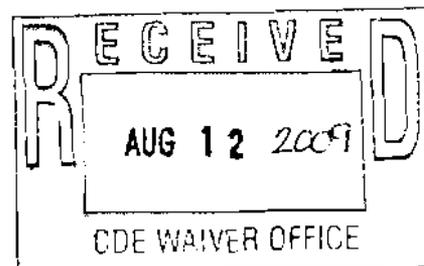
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Lee Andersen, Superintendent



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Dr. Theodore R. Mitchell, President
California State Board of Education
1430 N Street, Room 5111
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Opposition to Inglewood USD Waiver Request Re Charter Boundary

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

I recommend that the State Board of Education deny the waiver request submitted by the Inglewood Unified School District for Today's Fresh Start Charter School.

Granting the waiver would allow school districts to operate "countywide" charters, right now restricted to County Boards of Education. Granting the waiver would also allow school districts to authorize opening charters within the geographic boundaries of other school districts, which would be contrary to the legislative intent to prevent districts from recruiting students from other districts.

I urge you to deny the Inglewood Unified request to modify the geographic limitation requirements of Education Code sections **47605(a) (1) and 47605(a) (5)**.

Sincerely,

LEE ANDERSEN, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

cc: Members, California State Board of Education
Waiver Office, California Department of Education