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Subject: [EXTERNAL] REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 7:59:29 AM

Hello Members,

My name is Daniela Garcia, I am a teacher at ALTA Public Schools. I ask that the Prepa Tec High School be renewed for its charter because as a person who grew up in this community, I understand the great need for schools that do more than teach academics. The school is unique and offers skills and opportunities that get our future leaders ready to be positive forces in their communities. Thank You for taking the time to read and consider my asking.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding support for Prepa Tec LA High School Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 7:59:29 AM

Good morning Commission members!

My name is Mrs. Lisa Guillen and I am a 4th grade teacher at Academia Moderna elementary charter school. I understand that our Prepa Tec High School is up for renewal this year and I would like to ask you to approve it for another five years because this school has given many of our families hope for a better future. Prepa Tec LA High school is not just a school but a community of people working together to help our high school students reach their educational goals. Please I encourage you to consider helping us have another five years where students can gain the knowledge they need to be kind, respectful, inquirers that will one day give back and help their communities too. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:28:29 AM

Dear Advisory Commission on Charter Schools,

Prepa Tec LA High School is a great school serving South and Southeast Los Angeles County. I want to express my support for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School and I encourage you to provide an opportunity for this great school to continue to greatly serve the students of this region.

Prepa Tec LA High School is more than just a place to learn, it is home to many. It is a place where students feel secure, welcomed and a sense of belonging. Prepa Tec LA High School has achieved the greatest number of students enrolling to colleges and universities than any other school in the region. Getting kids to college and prepared for life is what a great high school is supposed to do - Prepa Tec LA High School does this everyday.

Thus, I encourage you to vote for renewal of this great community asset in South and Southeast Los Angeles. Every student deserves an opportunity to a great education.

Sincerely,

Lupe Mendez

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

- Mother Teresa
Be Safe. Stay Safe

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From: [Martha Barajas](#)
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Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:26:29 AM

Buenos días mi nombre es Martha Barajas madre de dos estudiantes que asisten a prepa tec. [REDACTED] en el grado 11. Y [REDACTED] en el grado 9 para mi es muy importante la renovación para la prepa tec pues mis hijos han estado en esta escuela en el programa IB y ellos han crecido en esta escuela con exelentes maestros exelentes personal y les pido por favor renueven y apoyen a prepa tec h.s. pues ellos estan preocupados por continuar sus estudios ahi y llegar a la universidad .

From: [Kay Reinhardt](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PTLAHS
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:13:29 AM

Hello:

I was a part time DIS counselor for special education students at PTLAHS for three academic school years. Please believe me when I say, this is the MOST dedicated staff that I have worked with in over thirty years in the field. I am now a full time RSP teacher at PTLAMS and a part of the ALTA family. I am thrilled to be here! My students from PTLAHS are still in communication with me and they LOVE their school! Please join me in supporting them.

Kind regards,

Kay Reinhardt

From: [Xavier Reyes](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Item #4 - 4/13 ACCS meeting
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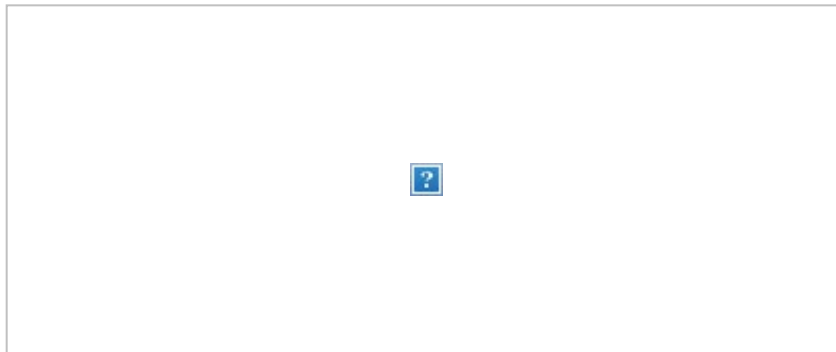
Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I hope you are well. Please note our Letter in Response to CDE Staff Report and Conflict of Interest Code attached. Thank you

Sincerely,

Xavier Reyes,
Founder and CEO

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April 12, 2021

VIA EMAIL (charters@cde.ca.gov)

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Re: April 13, 2021 ACCS Meeting Agenda Item #04: Response to CDE's Charter School Petition Review Form for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High

Dear Members of the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools and Ms. Farland:

Alta Public Schools ("Alta") humbly submits this response to the Charter School Petition Review Form ("Staff Report") prepared by the California Department of Education ("CDE") regarding the charter renewal appeal for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High ("PTLAH"). We want to first thank CDE staff for partnering with us over the past five years to provide a high-quality education in Southeast Los Angeles, and for their extensive work in reviewing our renewal charter. We are grateful that there are only four minor issues raised in the Staff Report, all of which have already been fully addressed below. We humbly request that the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools ("ACCS") recommend approval of the PTLAH renewal charter. It would not be in the best interests of our community, and in fact would be extremely detrimental for our students, if PTLAH is forced to close. It has been an extremely challenging time, and our students need their school to come back to in the Fall. Even though the Los Angeles Unified School District ("LAUSD") Board of Education denied our charter renewal, the Board's Report and written findings adopted on December 8, 2020 agreed that such denial was not in the best interests of kids:

“[T]he District has determined that non-renewal and closure of the Charter School is *not* in the best interest of its students...”

(LAUSD Report, p. 22 [emphasis added].)

The LAUSD Board denial did not meet the legal standard. Under the legal standard, the renewal of a middle-performing school like PTLAH cannot be denied unless school closure would be in the best interests of students.

PTLAH is one of only four authorized public schools in Los Angeles that offers the IB Diploma Programme. Our students are among the most historically underserved in the State: 98.5% of students at PTLAH are Latino/a, 91.5% are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and 24.7% are English Learners. PTLAH first opened its doors in Fall 2016 and our plan all along was to grow slowly and steadily over the first charter term. We only served 9th grade students in 2016-17 and slowly added one grade level each year, which is described in our charter approved by the State Board of Education (“SBE”).

Our school is still relatively new, but our students are already experiencing academic success. Our first graduating class was in 2020 and we are extremely proud to have achieved a higher four-year cohort graduation rate (89%) than LAUSD (80.1%) and the State (84.3). We are also proud that our students have shown steady growth in ELA and Math over the current charter term, as demonstrated by NWEA MAP scores or “verified data” for purposes of Education Code Section 47607.2(c).

Two of the five years that PTLAH has been open were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an unprecedented time in public education, and an unprecedented time to judge a charter school in its first term. Many, many schools around the State are struggling academically and financially. Yet despite the challenges that are impacting every school, PTLAH is positioned to emerge from the pandemic in a positive academic and financial standing.

From an academic perspective, we have graduated students at a high rate, our attendance rates have been high, our staff retention rates have been high, and our students are experiencing growth in Math and ELA.

From a financial lens, PTLAH has ended the previous two years with net income and is projected to end this current year with a positive fund balance, which is the leading metric used to determine financial viability. PTLAH is only in its fifth year of operation, yet we are on a positive trajectory in both areas, unlike many district schools including in LAUSD.

We urge the State not to close PTLAH, especially at this sensitive juncture in time. PTLAH has made great strides in our very first charter term, in the midst of a global pandemic. We have made slow and steady growth. We respectfully request renewal of our charter so that PTLAH can continue this momentum full-steam over a five-year renewal term.

Again, we appreciate CDE’s extensive time spent reviewing our material and we are grateful that there are only four minor issues raised in the Staff Report. Below is a point-by-point response to the proposed findings in the Staff Report, explaining how each of these issues has been addressed:

Proposed Finding #1: The charter petition is not “consistent with sound educational practice.” (Staff Report, pp. 3-14.)

Petitioner’s Response

It is extremely important to recognize the reason that PTLAH has limited Dashboard Data, which was entirely due to two factors: (1) our plan for a slow grade-level rollout that was approved by the SBE; and (2) the COVID-19 pandemic. PTLAH first opened to 9th grade students in 2016-

17 and then added one grade level each school year until serving all high school grades for the first time in 2019-20. Because only 11th graders participate in CAASPP testing at the high school level, and because CAASPP testing and the Dashboard were suspended last year due to the pandemic, PTLAH simply has very limited Dashboard data available.

It would be unprecedented to close a charter school based on a single year of Dashboard data (and we believe it would be acutely unfair under the current pandemic circumstances), especially when there are other positive data points evidencing PTLAH's academic success:

- ✓ Based on NWEA MAP scores, students who were continuously enrolled at PTLAH from Fall 2019 to Fall 2020 have experienced **zero learning loss** during school closures caused by the pandemic. In fact, continuously enrolled students have experienced **growth** in NWEA MAP scores on average over that time, and many students even outperformed their expected growth under normal circumstances notwithstanding the school closures.
- ✓ PTLAH students have experienced steady **growth** in NWEA MAP scores in ELA and Math over the current charter term.
- ✓ 61.1% of students in PTLAH's first graduating class are attending college, which is **one of the highest rates** of public schools in our region and **higher** than LAUSD's most recently reported college-going rate from DataQuest of 50.7%.

We were glad to see CDE recognize in the Staff Report that we have experienced increases in academic achievement based on our NWEA MAP scores:

“The CDE concludes that the verified data, overall, shows growth for PTLAH pupils.”

(Staff Report, p. 13.) CDE also recognizes in the Staff Report that “the majority of [our] educational program is sound.” (Staff Report, p. 3.)

As support for the proposed finding about our educational program, the Staff Report incorrectly states that PTLAH is not using standards-aligned curriculum for our ELD program. Our charter affirms in multiple places that we do in fact use curriculum that is aligned to the ELD standards (see, e.g., charter, pp. 62, 149, 241) and this is also reflected in our English Learner Master Plan that was submitted with the appeal materials (see, e.g., EL Master Plan, p. 16). Just like school districts, charter schools serving the high school grades are not required by law to use any specific single ELD curriculum. (See Ed. Code, §§ 60400, 47610.) As explained in the ELD standards document published on the CDE's website:

“The CA ELD Standards are not a curriculum or a curriculum framework. The CA ELD Standards describe what ELs should be able to accomplish if they receive high-quality instruction with appropriate scaffolding and instructional materials. The standards do not name a teaching method or the instructional materials to use.”

(California English Language Develop Standards, p. 11.) READ 180 is an intensive intervention program utilized during designated ELD instruction to assist our EL students achieve the criteria for reclassification. Through carefully scaffolded reading, writing, and speaking activities,

students using READ 180 learn the phonological, morphological, syntactical, and semantic structures of English, including academic English. It appears that CDE does not approve of READ 180 at the high school level, however the data shows that our EL program works. EL students at PTLAH have shown steady *growth* in meeting ELA and Math standards based on NWEA MAP scores in *each year* of the current charter term, as recognized in the Staff Report (see pp. 6-7, 9-10.) Additionally, in our first year's graduation class, our EL students graduated at an 81.5% rate.

As additional support for the finding about our educational program, the Staff Report states that our charter does not include reasonably comprehensive descriptions of our educational program and governance structure. This is surprising, given our renewal charter is longer and more comprehensive than our current charter that was approved by the SBE in 2016. Our 383-page charter is substantive, specific, and more than meets the legal standard. LAUSD's Charter Schools Division, one of the most rigorous in the State, also agreed our petition was adequately comprehensive and found that our charter meets this requirement. We respectfully disagree with CDE's conclusion as to the comprehensiveness of our charter, and we believe this finding is based on minor issues that, as explained below, are not issues at all.

Proposed Finding #2: The petitioner is not able to successfully implement the intended program. (Staff Report, pp. 15-19.)

Petitioner's Response

PTLAH has worked hard to improve its financial condition over its very first charter term, even during the COVID-19 pandemic, unprecedented school closures, and funding uncertainty and deferrals. PTLAH is a new school that has operated for fewer than five years. It is not uncommon for a new charter school to end the first couple of years with negative net assets because of start-up expenses such as purchasing a large volume of curriculum, supplies, and equipment. For PTLAH, this challenge was compounded by the challenges with our facility. As PTLAH has hit financial challenges like any other school, we have communicated with CDE all along the way. CDE issued letters of fiscal concern to us each year and we responded timely and appropriately. As reflected in the Staff Report, each year "[t]he CDE determined PTLAH's response to be sufficient at the time of submission".

The Staff Report reiterates the same financial reserve requirement that was raised each year in CDE's letters of concern. We understand CDE has reserve requirements for charter schools, even though the law does not, but we also want to stress that it is extremely challenging for a new school to maintain the same level of reserves as an established school. The fact is that PTLAH's finances are on a positive trajectory. As acknowledged in the Staff Report, PTLAH will end this current fiscal year with a positive fund balance, which is the leading metric used to determine financial viability. While the school is projecting to fall below the 4% reserve requirement this year, our ending fund balance will be positive and therefore reflects a financially solvent organization. The financial action plan provided to CDE on March 29, 2021 shows the school surpassing the required 4% reserve by June 30, 2022 and continuing to grow thereafter.

The Staff Report also criticizes PTLAH's use of short-term financing to cover cash shortages, but we believe the majority of schools in the State are pursuing short-term financing at this time. Nearly all public schools in the State were required to look for outside financing due to

the deferral of LCFF revenues in light of the pandemic, and the California School Finance Authority even created a pooled borrowing program to help schools cover cash shortages. We respectfully believe it would be unfair to deny renewal of the PTLAH charter for addressing its cash flow needs in a similar or same way as the vast majority of public schools in California.

Proposed Finding #3: The petition does not present a reasonably comprehensive description of the educational program. (Staff Report, pp. 26-31.)

Petitioner's Response

This finding is based entirely on the ELD curriculum issue explained above. Again, our EL students are experiencing growth in academic achievement, which is evidence that our ELD program is assisting EL students in meeting standards.

Proposed Finding #4: The petition does not present a reasonably comprehensive description of the school's governance structure. (Staff Report, pp. 34-35.)

Petitioner's Response

It appears there has been a misunderstanding regarding the affirmation of compliance with the transparency laws under SB 126 (2019). The PTLAH charter clearly states on page 282:

“Charter School shall comply with the Brown Act and the California Public Records Act.

The Charter School shall comply with Government Code Section 1090, et seq., as set forth in Education Code section 47604.1.

Charter School shall comply with the Political Reform Act of 1974. (Gov. Code § 81000 et seq.)”

This is part of LAUSD's Federal, State, and District Required Language and is included in every charter petition submitted to LAUSD, and is adequate pursuant to LAUSD's rigorous standards for governance of charter schools. We respectfully do not understand what is missing from PTLAH's charter, that is reflected in other state-approved charters.

As for the PTLAH conflict of interest code, our code was approved by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (the relevant code reviewing body) on December 9, 2020, i.e. after we submitted our renewal to LAUSD. The LA County process takes time, which is why the final code was not included with the appeal materials. A copy of our County-approved code is enclosed.

We want to collaborate with CDE and to the extent CDE requires PTLAH to bolster any of the descriptions in our charter, we are amenable to making such technical amendments. For example, we are happy to add the language suggested by CDE to Element 10 (suspension and expulsion procedures) and to the section on administrative services. As for Element 14 (dispute resolution procedures), our understanding has been that when the SBE grants our renewal, the SBE will work with PTLAH to designate either the Los Angeles County Board of Education or LAUSD as the chartering authority. (Ed. Code, § 47605.9(b).) This is why our letter describing changes to the charter that was included with our appeal materials as Exhibit 4 did not include dispute

resolution procedures specific to the SBE—we were under the impression we must include language specific to the County and/or LAUSD as our potential chartering authority.

We very much appreciate each of your time and consideration of our charter renewal. PTLAH is home for 326 students and 34 staff members, and we look forward to discussing these and any other issues, questions, or concerns at the ACCS meeting on April 13, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Xavier Reyes', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left and a small flourish at the end.

Xavier Reyes
Founder and CEO
Alta Public Schools

Conflict of Interest Code
of the

Alta Public Schools

Incorporation of FPPC Regulation 18730 (2 California Code of Regulations, Section
18730) by Reference

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, *et seq.*) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 Cal. Code of Regs. 18730), which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. After public notice and hearing, it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730, and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, are hereby incorporated into the conflict of interest code of this agency. This regulation and the attached Appendices (or Exhibits) designating officials and employees and establishing economic disclosure categories shall constitute the conflict of interest code of this agency.

Place of Filing of Statements of Economic Interests

All officials and employees required to submit a statement of economic interests shall file their statements with the agency head; or his or her designee. The agency shall make and retain a copy of all statements filed by its Members of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer and forward the originals of such statements to the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

Alta Public Schools shall retain the originals of statements for all other Designated Positions named in the agency's conflict of interest code. All retained statements, original or copied, shall be available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008).

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Exhibit "A"

CATEGORY 1

Persons in this category shall disclose all interest in real property which is located in whole or in part within two (2) miles of any facility utilized by Alta Public Schools, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.

Persons are not required to disclose a residence, such as a home or vacation cabin, used exclusively as a personal residence; however, a residence in which a person rents out a room or for which a person claims a business deduction may be reportable.

CATEGORY 2

Persons in this category shall disclose all investments and business positions in, and sources of income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) that are from, business entities engaged in the performance of work or services, or sources that manufacture, sell, repair, rent or distribute school supplies, books, materials, school furnishings or equipment of the type utilized by Alta Public Schools.

CATEGORY 3

Persons in this category shall disclose all investments and business positions in, and sources of income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) that are from, business entities engaged in the performance of work or services, or sources that manufacture, sell, repair, rent or distribute school supplies, books, materials, school furnishings or equipment of the type utilized by the designated position's department.

CATEGORY 4

Persons in this category shall disclose all income (including gifts, loans and travel payments) from any Alta Public Schools employee or any known representative or association of such employee, or any business known by the reporting official to be owned or controlled by such employee.

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Exhibit "B"

<u>Designated Positions</u>	<u>Disclosure Categories</u>
Member, Board of Directors	1, 2, 4
Chief Executive Officer	1, 2, 4
Superintendent of Instruction	3
Director of Human Resources	3, 4
Principal/Head of School	3
Consultants/New Positions*	

* Consultants/New Positions are included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitations:

The Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a "designated position," is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's or new position's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Chief Executive Officer or his or her designee's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict-of-interest code. (Gov. Code Section 81008.)

Individuals who perform under contract the identical duties of any designated position shall be required to file Statements of Economic Interests disclosing reportable interests in the categories assigned to that designated position.

EFFECTIVE: 12/9/2020

From: [Marquis Newell](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item #4
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:31:29 AM

ACCS,

My name is Mark Newell and I am sending this e-mail in support of the charter renewal for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School. This school is vitally important to the families of Huntington Park, by providing a positive alternative for a child's education.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Mark Newell, Administrator, Prepa Tec Middle School

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Dear Commissioners:

Please see letter of support attached.



Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the renewal of the Prepa Tec LA High School located in Bell, CA. The petitioners will be advocating for the renewal of said school this coming Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

The Prepa Tec LA High School's team has taken considerable time and effort to make sure that its renewal petition conforms to the legal, educational, and fiscal requirements for acceptance. More importantly, the school is a true asset in the community as it boasts one of the highest graduation and college acceptance rates in the region. Furthermore, keeping a needed school of choice open in one of the world's worst medical catastrophes is highly honorable as many of the kids the school serves have already suffered unproportionally the weight of the COVID-19 scourge.

I have every confidence that Prepa Tec LA High School will continue to offer a well-rounded, high quality education to students in the Southeast Los Angeles community. As one of the few IB World School in the state, it deserves all the accolades and support to get more students to and through college.

I applaud Prepa Tec LA High School's efforts to bring a great educational option for students in the community and urge you and your fellow Commissioners to consider their renewal for another five years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colin W. Beal".

Colin W. Beal

Vice President and Senior Project Manager

EPI Construction, Inc.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:50:29 AM

Hello Commission members,

To be straightforward, though Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School may have its flaws, so does every other school. However, Prepa Tec has shown me and others what they are capable of and how well they can do what is needed of them to prepare students for college. For example, many students who did not plan to go to college are now being accepted into them, families who did not know how they would deal with payment towards furthering their children's education can now be assured their students know what to do to receive money to afford college. With time things will only improve, though there will be obstacles I know the staff, teachers, and the administrative personnel will be able to push forward. I can personally also say my experience in Prepa Tec is nice, I have improved and joined the club known as ASB to help the school, that is all, thank you for your time reading this letter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:52:29 AM

April 12th, 2021

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First let me start off by saying, This school showed me how life can be fun sometimes. The teacher and staff members are all very nice compared to the one I've never met on the internet. I can even tell that they're trying their best to teach us and appreciate us listening to them. I even saw some students making friends with the teacher and staff. It makes me feel safe that we can trust the teacher and the staff member.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [CHARTERS](#)
[EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:52:29 AM

April 12th, 2021

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First let me start off by saying that the school supports me a lot to learn more English, the teachers still support us too much, they try to support us as best they can. At school I met many of my friends and also had fun times with school activities.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal
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Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an important school and the overall positive impact it has on its students and community. First, let me start off by saying, I am one of those kids who need extra help because I'm a slow learner, while Prepa Tec LA High School isn't the best but isn't the worst, the teachers in this school are great at teaching and are understanding. The people that help students like me are also great they have to help me with some of my classes and I had a great experience with them we had many laughs. While over time Prepa Tec LA High School Has been changing from me being in ninth grade to now in twelfth grade from the school buses being too full to class routes being weird but I had many learning experiences from experiencing a bad teacher to good ones too and having F's and having A's and actually being interested in a book which in my whole life I have never been interested in a book. Many of the students have gone into that rabbit hole and it's all thanks to Prepa Tec LA High School.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [Walter Guzman](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:26:29 AM

Good Morning Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for a renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because it's a wonderful school where the whole pupil is educated. We are an IB school in a high need area of Los Angeles, where many students benefit from our Charter school that prepares them for college and to be thinkers and good citizens in a Globalized economy. Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:02:30 AM

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First let me start off by saying, Prepa Tec High School has been a great help for me and has given me the education to take with me throughout my life. All the teachers are very attentive and extremely helpful, they make sure I pass my classes with good grades.

Now that I will be graduating soon they still continue to help out after high school. Miss Abela and Mr. Conteras helped to provide the seniors with several scholarship opportunities on the College & Career Google Classroom, as well as providing assistance on your FAFSA, financial aid, and support in several different ways so that you knew your choices about different schools and applying to the school that were best for you, whether it was four year university, junior college, trade school, UC etc. Personally, I would love to see my school still standing after I graduate so that other students can experience what I have. I am extremely grateful for everyone of my teachers who have given me a great start to a new life after high school.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [CHARTERS](#)
Date: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewa
Monday, April 12, 2021 10:01:29 AM

April 12th, 2021

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First let me start off by saying that PrepaTec high school is a great school. It is great because the teachers are amazing. They help a lot when it's needed and when it's not needed. They always push us to be better persons. They always correct us when we're wrong and tell us to do it this way so it could come out better. They have given us so much college information and they have given us a lot of opportunities for a better future. Even when it is not a schoolhouse they still manage to help us out to do better in class . I have been preparing since 6 grade and those past years have been my best experience because the community is just amazing. The teachers, the staff, everyone in general are just so friendly and kind.

Sincerley,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding PTLAHS Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:29:29 AM

Good Morning Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for a renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because this school not only provides parents with another option for their children's school but a good one. As a student I've seen that the school creates an environment daily that allows students to absorb as much information as possible. This is shown by all seniors who have left this school who have gotten into colleges such as Ivy schools and Cal state colleges that without this school would have been more difficult to get into. Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
PLTAHS Freshman

From: [Josiane Rossini](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:23:30 AM

Ref.: Regarding Prepa Tec High School Renewal
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4

Dear ACCS committee,

I am a Spanish teacher at Prepatec Middle School, and I am writing this message in support of the renewal of Prepa Tec High School. All the staff members are extremely committed to the students not only academically, but their well-being inside and outside of the school as well. Closing this high school would have a negative impact on the children, as they are receiving a good education in preparation for college, and they are learning how to be great citizens for our nation. Also, it would be one more loss for the community in this pandemic time, where people already lost so much.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

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Ms. Josiane Rossini

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From: [Glenda Aleman](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:10:29 AM

Dear Board Members,

I urge you to approve the renewal petition for Prepa Tec High School. This a unique school in that it brings the IB program to an area of high need. Our students need access to the same college prep classes that students in wealthier areas are offered. Our community needs this high school. Please allow us to continue serving this community.

Thank you,
Glenda

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:10:29 AM

April 12,2021

Dear commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high level of learning in their education. First, let me start off by saying, I have met good people in the school such as classmates and teachers. The teachers that have taken their time and energy trying to teach and how they have patience, and have taken their time on explaining and making sure we all understand. Thank you for the teachers that are rough on us. That didn't treat us like children but as adults and for preparing us to become independent and teaching us how life isn't easy and to appreciate every opportunity we have.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:54:31 AM

April 12th, 2021

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is an integral part of the community for students looking to obtain a high level of learning in their education. First let me start by saying, how much this school has helped me grow as a person. I was able to build new skills, such as time management, and self-organization. I was overwhelmed at the beginning of this global pandemic. I had no idea if I would be able to take back control of my motivation. I was able to stay on track and focused, thanks to the teachers who devoted their time to aid their students one on one. Thanks to the staff and teachers at Prepa Tec Highschool, I was able to focus on what needed to be done. They helped me figure out how to work more efficiently and use many resources online.

Sincerley,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [CHARTERS](#)
Date: [EXTERNAL] Regarding PTLAHS Charter Renewal.
Monday, April 12, 2021 10:54:30 AM

Good Morning Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for a renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because I've been going to this school since I was elementary, not only that but we've met so many people throughout our years here in Prepa Tec and made a lot of memories, etc. Furthermore, there have been a great number of students here in Prepa being accepted to colleges like Duke, Cal state Dominguez Hills, Cal state college, USC and the list goes on because of **OUR** school. Here in Prepa students have chances to go to these colleges and give families and students a future. In addition, closing our school would mean all of us and families looking for new schools to put us into, which would be difficult to do because of COVID-19. Being a new kid in a new school sucks and letting families lose an opportunity for their children to join these colleges\schools sucks as well.

The teachers, staff and environment in our school are super helpful, nice and clean and make sure that the students in our school go down the right path. Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day. Please consider letting our school stay open and give families these opportunities for their children!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED], from Prepa Tec High School.

From: [Alejandro Muñoz](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Prepa Tec High Renewal - Item #4 - Alejandro Munoz
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:34:29 AM

To the Advisory Commision,

My name is Alejandro Munoz and I am an Educational Equity Advocate and I have lived in Huntington Park for more than fifty years. I am writing this letter to ask that Prepa Tec Los ANgeles High School be allowed to continue operating as a school for the next five years.

I truly believe that the International Baccalaureate program currently being offered at the school is such a significant step towards providing educational equity, that it should suffice as a reason to demonstrate the patience and support afforded other charter schools that have been in the situation facing Prepa Tec High right now.

The IB is a program that focuses on International Mindedness, and that teaches young people the importance of solidarity with other groups, cultures and countries, is the exact kind of program needed in our society today.

And at Prepa Tec High, this unique program is being offered uniquely in an emerging community.

Please take these ideas into consideration.

Sincerely,
Alejandro Munoz

From: [Christine Abela](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Los Angeles Charter School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:59:29 AM

Dear Advisory Commissioners,

I have been a Language & Literature teacher for two years now at Prepa Tec High School Los Angeles teaching both 10th and 12th-grade students. Not only having our school but an IB school available for students to attend within their community has provided a challenging, rigorous, and growth mindset education that helps to prepare our students for the real world. Our administration, teachers, and staff love our students with all of our hearts and we go above and beyond to help them learn and grow as individuals both academically, socially, and individually as people. Many students have been with our school since the start of kindergarten and all the way through twelfth grade and have loved earned a valuable IB and in many cases DP education where they been challenged to grow, many of received offers of acceptance to the college of their dreams, and made life-long friendships. I have also been the College & Career advisor for two years where I work very closely with our counselor in which we provide weekly scholarship opportunities to our seniors, have a hands-on approach when guiding them to complete their college applications and their FAGSAs (financial aid.) We both have been very dedicated to this process throughout the year and in return, many students (if not all) have been accepted to the college of their dreams, or a school they are very happy about attending, which may have been one of their first choices. The administration, teachers, and staff all work very well together where we collaborate and support one another through the school year whether it is vertical articulation through subject groups were starting in middle school and into high school, the teachers will start using similar methods of annotating, or using a formula that once the students start high school will have already become familiar with. No matter if it is a personal matter or work-related the administration is always supportive of our choices and trying to help both teachers, staff, and students in any way that they can. Prepa Tec High School Los Angeles is a very special school for many reasons. If I were to list them all I could not fit them into an email. Please take into consideration all of the information you are receiving from our teachers and staff, but please especially pay attention to the emails from our students. It would be extremely traumatic for many of them to lose their school if that were to be the case and it would negatively impact their positive growth both academically and socially. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to email me at c.abela.hs@prepatec.org

Thank you,
Miss Abela

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Ms. Christine Abela

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Language & Literature Teacher/College & Career Advisor

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"We know what we are, but know not what we may be" -William Shakespeare

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding PTLAHS Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:50:29 AM

Good Morning Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because I've been a student in this school since elementary. Our school gives students and parents many opportunities to be successful. Not only that, many students and I have made so many memories in our school. If our school ends up closing, I know that it will be hard on many families and students. The environment is so helpful and cheerful, I don't think there is another school like ours. Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
PTLAHS Freshman

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:44:29 AM

Good Morning Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I am a freshman at prepa tec high school.

I understand my school is up for renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years, I've been attending the school since kindergarten and have made friends and bonds with many other students and teachers over the 9+ years here, it would be very difficult and sad to see that all end if the school shuts down.

The teachers and staff have done a great job and I would greatly appreciate it if you vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: [Michael Peterson](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Cc: [Victor Aguirre](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:44:29 AM

Good Day, my name is Michael Peterson. I'm the head of the Mathematics Department at Prepa Tec HS and Instructor for the 2 Year International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme course, Mathematics Applications & Interpretation. I have 5 years experience as a data analyst in the Aerospace Industry, I'm a freelance software engineer & website developer. I've been tutoring since the age of 16. I'm about to complete my Masters in Mathematics Education at Cal State Long Beach & I've been involved in education for 19 years. 2011-13 were my first years teaching at a HS in Tulare County, California. During my time there, our high school was awarded a multi-million dollar grant from the federal government in the **National** Race-to-the-Top competition. This award was granted for the radical adjustments we implemented that produced dramatic results in student performance on state testing. I'm aware of well-founded existing strategies and current research that serves as a beacon to guide our mission at Prepa Tec to improve student abilities, as well as implement cutting edge technology in the classroom.

With my experience in consideration, I whole-heartedly endorse Prepa Tec High School as an amazing institution that is preparing students for the future. I've never seen students able to communicate so effectively and develop so fully into mature citizens.

It is a pivotal moment for education around the world and especially in California. The pandemic has produced an evolution in the way that teachers & students communicate.

Prepa Tec is only one of 4 I.B. D.P. programs offered in LAUSD. The International Diploma Program is a globally aware curriculum. For mathematics, it's emphasized real-world applications and research that I would've never implemented in the common core state standards. At this very moment, my senior students are revising their final drafts for a 12-20 page report utilizing mathematics to solve a real-world problem on a topic of their choice.

I'm so impressed with the research and data handling that students have brought to the table. My acolytes are asking the big questions! Pedro is investigating US lumber consumption in light of our planet's ecosystem considering rates of afforestation, deforestation and global competition for shared resources. Stephanie is determining the long term effects of nuclear fallout at Chernobyl and Fukushima, their lethal and health damaging effects to victims, utilizing formulas for radioactive decay, measured in Sieverts, that model our reality. Lauren and Miriam are independently investigating COVID transmission rates to highlight the effectiveness of vaccines and the impact on groups from different economic standings or ethnic backgrounds. Kayla is using her creativity to imagine a future in L.A. without traffic, to propose solutions for our future with automated systems and sensors that optimize the transit rates governing our future. These students are learning how to tackle the issues of tomorrow. Please don't deprive our local community and the future of our nation from an educational curriculum that is producing exceptional minds and able-bodied individuals with upstanding morals and outstanding virtues.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Prepa Tec High School Charter Petition Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:37:29 AM

Good morning CDE Commissioners,

I have seen my niece and nephew flourish in the Alta Public School system. [REDACTED] was accepted to several 4 yr universities. Even in a pandemic, he is excelling as a college freshman. The preparation and the rigor he received at the Prepa Tec High School's IB program have prepared him for the challenging workload he is receiving at Arizona State University. God willing he will be a first-generation college graduate in our family.

My niece [REDACTED] is a 10th grader currently attending Prepa Tec High School. Allow her the opportunity to continue her high school education at Prepa Tec High. As a low-income family, my sister cannot afford the IB education she is currently receiving for FREE at Prepa Tec High School.

I urge you to please keep Prepa Tec High School open so that they may continue to have a positive impact on our Hispanic community.



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January 6, 2021

State Board President

State Board of Education
1430 N Street, Room 5111
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916-319-0827

Dear Board President Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond and Board Members,

I have recently been informed that the Board of Education will soon be reviewing Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School's application for renewal. As you know, Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School has been providing a successful, alternative choice-education program to the students of the South and Southeast Los Angeles area for the past four years. It is with great pleasure that I support Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School in seeking renewal of its charter with the State Board of Education.

I look forward to knowing that the future of education for the students and families of Los Angeles includes the opportunities that are provided by Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School as the school meets the needs of the students and families looking outside of Los Angeles Unified Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Sorin Matara

Chief Executive Officer
TechZone Networks, Inc.

From: [Martin Varela](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal Request
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:03:30 PM

To Whom it may concern,

Please consider renewing Prepa Tec High School. It has made a big impact on the local community. It would be a great loss if not renewed. Please take into consideration the pandemic and the course we took to make sure that learning continued. PTHS was able to provide all the students with new laptops and desks for expanded learning. Students that did not have internet at home were provided hotspots. PTHS staff were on high alert to make sure all students were able to communicate with their teachers via Zoom. Please make the right choice for the sake of the community. Thank you for what you do.

best,

Martin Varela

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]; [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding PTLAHS Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:03:30 PM

Good Afternoon Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for a renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because it is one of the only schools that use the IB learning profiles unlike other schools. The (teachers/staff/environment) are/is safe because all the teachers check on us and make sure we are good to go on the studies and also thanks to prepa tec many students were able to go to colleges and have a great start in life. Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,
Name
PTLAHS Freshman

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:00:30 PM

April 12th, 2021

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high level of learning in their education. First, let me start off by saying,

Prepatec is a really good school. I had a lot of fun in this school. I made so many friends. I also felt comfy and welcomed in this school, unlike other schools that treat you worse. The other thing is that the teacher really treats you nice but at the same time makes you work a lot for the future.

Furthermore, this school helps you get a better education and a better chance to get into your dream university and college. There are some people that I know that got invited to USC and I'm amazed at how they got that offer. I also know this school has an IB DP program that allows you to skip freshman year college, which not a lot of schools have. I personally am not in the afterschool program but according to some people they say it's really fun and helps with studies.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Charter Renewal Letter
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:46:30 PM

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First let me start off by saying that this school gave me the opportunity to get back on track. During my other school years I wasn't doing my work and I had a mindset that I never needed nor cared about school. The Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School gave me another opportunity to actually help me get back on track and get good grades. The positive experiences I have had in this school was meeting very nice people such as staff, teachers, and students. During 9th grade year when I moved the people in that school helped me a lot I felt more comfortable and focused. One class I enjoyed was Art, It gave me time to socialize with students and also because Art was my favorite class. I admit that the difference between this school and my other ones is that the Teachers actually care about their students, they don't give out paperwork and expect you to know it all. I believe this school is getting me ready for college. They care so much about students here and I am very thankful for the opportunities given to me, Everyone was super nice that's why I thank this school.

Sincerley,

[REDACTED]

4-12-21

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From: [Kieu Duong](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School letter of support
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:41:30 PM

Dear Advisory Commissioners,

My name is Kieu Duong and I am writing in regards to the Prepa Tec High School renewal (agenda item number 4).

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express how much Prepa Tech LA high school means to me and the students in our community. We are here for the students wholeheartedly. By trying to incorporate a curriculum that teaches students to develop attributes that will help them carry... a life of learning. We want our schools to continue to strive and grow in a community that needs it the most: a school that is bridging the academic gap, fostering international-mindedness, embedding attributes that brings peace to the world (such as, open-mindedness, caring, knowledgeable, thinkers...), all with the focus in mind, the "Whole Child." We, teachers, want our students to be understood and supported; by having professional developments that would educate or help us develop skills to be excellent teachers and to better support our students. Thus, our "Lions" will represent the ones that will make our city a better community and world.

Thank you for all your support and time. Please let me know if there is anything that you would like to hear from us.

Sincerely,

Ms. Duong
Science teacher

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [CHARTERS](#)
Date: [EXTERNAL] Please vote to renew my school
Monday, April 12, 2021 12:38:29 PM

Good Morning Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because we have an I have been with the Prepatec family since I was in the third grade and as soon as I got was put in this school I almost immediately got better scores on my tests because of the small classrooms and the teachers that I have ever hand while in this school that is like a really big family has always supported me and everyone else emotionally and academically the atmosphere of this school is so friendly and the teachers and other staff members truly care out us and our futures Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
PTLAHS Freshman

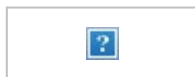
From: [Byron Zacarias](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:38:29 PM

To whom it may concern,

I worked closely with the students and staff at Prepa Tec High School for over a year. I can say from experience that the community needs Prepa Tec High School to be able to provide the youth with extra support that they need. The school is small in size and therefore the students have a higher sense of belonging and build stronger relationships with the staff. The teachers are very caring and student performance and understanding is very important. I believe the best years of Prepa Tec are ahead and it would be a big loss to the community for the school to not be renewed. Therefore, I am asking you to support Prepa Tec Highschool as I do daily. Thank you and have a nice day.

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Byron Zacarias
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“All of our humanity is dependent upon recognizing the humanity in others”

— Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South African Cleric

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Thank You

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS; Christine Abela](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Laura Hernandez
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:38:29 PM

April 12th, 2021

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First let me start of by saying,

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS: Hannah Caceres](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:36:30 PM

Good Afternoon Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for a renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because students in prepa tec are getting accepted to UC, Cal, and Duke and others schools, and I would like to be one of those students if I continue going to school here and continue being safe. The teachers are really helpful and they make sure to make us on the level we need to be in. Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
PTLAHS Freshman

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding PTLAHS Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:30:29 PM

Good Afternoon Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for a renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because I have been here since I was in elementary and I have created great friendships and memories . In addition, we have an IB education which other schools don't provide, learning IB helps us become better people. We have small class sizes allowing us to learn better and easier, which other schools have big classes and a loud environment. The Environment in Prepa Tec is a safe place for many people and myself included, the environment is helpful and well balanced . Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
PTLAHS Freshman

From: [Naomi Cuevas](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:27:29 PM

Good afternoon CA Advisory Commision on Charter schools,

My name is Naomi Cuevas, I am the mother of a current student who is proudly attending the high school. As a parent I would like to request the renewal of our high school. I have first hand experience the growth that my daughter has had academically due to her attending this amazing school that offers such amazing programs such as the IB (International Baccalaureate Program) that other schools DO NOT offer in our low income communities. The school offers a comfortable family environment. It would be crucial for us to lose this school. Please consider the renewal for Prepa Tec High school. The school staff are always polite and willing to assist us the parents, in providing the most up to date information.

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Thank You,

Naomi Cuevas

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding PTLAHS Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:26:29 PM

Good Afternoon Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for a renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because Prepa Tec has an IB education program that most schools don't, Many students are getting accepted to CAL state universities and I've been in this school since elementary and feel safe in it. Another reason is that if the school gets closed down it means that families would have to find another school for their kid which could be a bit difficult to do and being the new kid in a school is not so great. The teachers, staff, environment are amazing and very helpful to students and always checking up on us and making sure we're doing good in school, they always make sure you succeed and not fail. Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
PTLAHS Freshman

From: [Yesenia Guerrero](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:12:29 PM

Good Morning Advisory Commision on Charter Schools,

My name is Yesenia Guerrero, I am the attendance office clerk at Prepa Tec High School. I would like to share with everyone what I have experienced as a staff member at the high school, I have seen how close the families are with our school, something I have never experienced before. I see how our students and their families call us, come see us and reach out for help, in so many different ways, specially now during these worldwide pandemic. I was so touched when I found out that everytime one of our students lost a family member, a parent, grandparent or any other family member, the school sent flowers and had direct communication with the family and helped them grieve through those horrific moments. That to me is compassion and sincereness with our families and community. Also how everyday Monday thru Saturday we serve meals to our families and community, that to me is taking that extra step to ensure students and their families, as well as the community have something to eat. Thank you foe your time, and please approve our renewal for our school, our students, families and future students are counting with these approval, and wishing to be able to attend this wonderful school we all call...Prepa Tec High School!!!!

Thank you,
Yesenia Guerrero
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] [CHARTERS](#)
Date: [EXTERNAL] Pepa tech
Monday, April 12, 2021 2:09:31 PM

To whom this may concern , my friend daughter [REDACTED] has atended the Alta public schools from elementary, and we her parents have found that this is a good format of education. We [REDACTED] parents would like to ask that the charter be continued to be granted . Don't make this politics. Look at the results that these students achieve. Thank you

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From: [Miram Choi](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:30:31 PM

Hello Commission members,

My name is Miriam Choi and I am the current PYP coordinator at Academia Moderna Charter School. I am emailing in regards to Agenda item number 4; Prepa Tec High School Renewal.

I don't know too much about this process but I understand that the high school in our organization (Prepa Tec) is up for renewal this year and I would ask you to approve it for another five years.

This school has stood strong over the years and have graduated seniors with the opportunity to attend their dream colleges. Currently, this school has the highest graduation rate and highest entrance percentages in the region.

I encourage you to consider the consequence of a successful school being closed in a community, especially in this pandemic. We are blessed to have an IB DP program in the LAUSD with a Career related program. Students who attend Academia are following the continuum of the IB program and without Prepa Tec, these students would be lost.

I ask that you please vote to keep the school open.

Thank you.

Ms. Choi

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From: [Kelly Vuong](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:00:51 PM

- VUONG, KELLY
- Organization affiliation - "REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL"
- Agenda item number or general public comment - AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4

Hello, I wanted to send in a letter of support for the renewal of Prepa Tec High School. My name is Kelly Vuong and I am a teacher at Prepa Tec Middle School. I have interacted with several of the teachers, especially in the Design department at Prepa Tec High School and have close contact with some students due to our IB Personal Projects. The teachers care deeply about the students' well being and academics and deserve a chance at renewal. The two students that I interacted with were strong students. One is the vice president of her grade and a real go-getter. She was caring and proactive and worked hard to get her learner's permit. Another student from Prepa High was battling mental health issues and dealing with taking care of her sister at home during the pandemic. Even though she was going through such trauma, she worked to still be a great student and challenged herself to learn Japanese for her personal project.

These connections are why I support the renewal of Prepa Tec High School.

Respectfully,

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From: [Tanya Esqueda](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School: Letter of Support
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:57:32 PM

Dear Commission,

My name is Tanya Esqueda, and I am the Assistant Principal at Academia Moderna Charter School. I am writing in support of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School's Charter Renewal, Agenda Item number 4.

Prepa Tec High School is a gem to the community of Bell, Huntington Park, and surrounding communities. It offers a better opportunity for students and families that have needs to be a part of a smaller community with staff and leadership that are accessible and positive role models. As the Elementary School AP, many of my students are looking forward to attending Prepa Tec High School when they get older and sharing in the experiences as their older siblings or family members.

Please help these and future students to have this opportunity by renewing the charter.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tanya Esqueda

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From: [Eric Son](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL - AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:56:32 PM

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing this letter because I believe that Prepa Tec Los Angeles has great administrators and teaching staff that support the students. My name is Eric Son, and I am an Art Teacher at Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School.

I have been a teacher at this school since 2019. Prior to coming here, I taught at a traditional high school. This school offers students more than just an education, we provide an inquiry-based learning experience with ongoing support in an IB environment. One of the benefits of attending this school is that students will receive more personalized education through the less crowded classroom and high-achieving IB program. Also, students will be less distracted because in a smaller environment they can more opportunities to connect with both students and teachers. Lastly, students wearing uniforms will also ensure that students are not bullied or discriminated against because of their choice of dressing.

I would ask you to approve the charter for another five years because this school has given the students and families we serve hope for a better future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eric Son

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:47:31 PM

April 12th, 2021

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a higher-level of learning in their education. First let me start off by saying, Prepa Tec is a good place to learn because we have teachers that care about us and want us to succeed as there are a large number of students from Prepa Tec that have graduated from the best colleges. As time goes on, the staff wants everyone to succeed so they invest more on the school's education every year making the education even better. This school is also one of the only three schools that have a Career-Related Program. With this, parents and students rely on this school for the student's future and are happy with this school.

Positive experiences that I have been through were meeting friends and having the teachers help me with the assignments. The class that helped me the most was College prep because this class taught me how to use a resume and told us how college was going to be and what we would experience there. A teacher that helped me a lot from last year was Mr. Son because he gave me tips on how to manage my money and helped me select my classes for the major that I wanted to be. He would also help with assignments that me and my friend were struggling with. Another teacher that helped me a lot this year was Mr. Andreas because he also gave advice on what I should do in highschool that can benefit me in the future when I apply to college. In ASB I was a volunteer and the experience was great. It was fun helping the ASB members and I felt safe because everyone was nice and we were all a team.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [Karina De La Cruz](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School Renewal Support
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:21:31 PM

Dear California Advisory Commission on Charter Schools

My name is Karina Gongora. I am writing in support of renewing Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School for a few reasons:

1. Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is making a positive and transformative impact in the lives of the members of this community. I know because I grew up in this community. I am a product of public schools and have spent my entire adult life giving back to this community. Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is unique in that it offers students in the southeast community an opportunity to experience academic learning and personal growth and social responsibility through the IB program. I've worked with hundreds of young adults in my 20+ years of working in the community and I can say that students at Prepa Tec High School are young leaders, they are kind and caring individuals and they appreciate the small campus and they are making strides in their academic and personal life.

2. As a Special Education Teacher. I am proud to say that the majority of our senior class students who have IEP's are enrolled in a community college or in the process of attending a trade school. Students are enrolled in Job Readiness programs and they are receiving the support they need to give back to their communities. I know that this school is making a difference in the lives of these students and we must ensure they continue to receive the support they need in order to help them develop the skill they need to succeed.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please help us keep our amazing High School open!.

Best Regards,
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From: [Thomas Damali](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for the Reauthorization of Prepa Tea Los Angeles High School
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:21:31 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Hello Advisory Commission,

I'm Damali Thomas, Project Director for the Los Angeles County Charter SELPA. Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School joined our SELPA in July 2021 and they are a member in good standing. As such, I support the school's reauthorization. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions. Thank you.

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”.
-Nelson Mandela



From: [Michelle Solorzano](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School, Agenda Item 4
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:07:31 PM

To the California Advisory Committee on Charter Schools (ACCS):

As a founding teacher of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School, it is an honor to recommend for our charter school renewal. My name is Michelle Solorzano and I have worked for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School (PTLAHS) for four and a half years. I've been employed as the Physical Education Teacher, first as the 9th and 10th grade and now just for the 10th grade. I've taken on the role as Athletic Coordinator and now for a year and a half as head Associated Student Body (ASB) Advisor. PTLAHS has given me the opportunity to grow as an educator in utilizing different teaching strategies and techniques that are not part of the traditional strategies and techniques. This has made me a better and more creative teacher for my students and as a mentor for future Physical Education Teachers that come and observe my classes.

I have seen the growth with our students, from the first year our doors open to our current students. Having seniors get accepted this year to USC, Duke University, Cal State Berkley, UC Merced, CSULA, CSUDH, etc. showing what type of education is provided to our students. This year we have become more of a high school through ASB by creating a school swag store that will allow students to have more school spirit with spirit gear to wear. Our first ever news show, Pride Time News, informing students of what is happening and keeping them updated with school news. We've expanded on our social media where ASB council members and Advisors control their class social media platform, keeping their peers engaged and informed on grade level information. These are things that were never discussed or thought could happen but did.

At Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School we encourage student ideas, student growth and student creativity. Allowing our students to be able to do these things, we are making them well rounded, diverse and become leaders. The school culture is something I take pride in because without a school culture, there is no school pride and without school pride there is no school. PTHLAHS students and staff have school pride. It is our Lion Pride that makes PTLAHS a charter school to renewal.

With this I strongly recommend that the Advisory Committee of Charter Schools approve our charter school renewal.

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Best,
Mrs. Michelle Solorzano
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Physical Education & Health Teacher
Science, Exercise, and Health Science, D.P. Teacher
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From: [Viet Nguyen](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Agenda Item 4
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:33:31 PM

To whom it may concern,

Good afternoon. I am Mr. Viet Nguyen from Prepa Tec Middle School Los Angeles. This email is regarding the Prepa Tec High School Renewal and Agenda Item Number 4.

I would like to voice my support for the renewal of Prep Tec High School. In my second year at this district, I have seen the efforts and growths that both the teachers and students put in month to month and year to year. As we look to grow as teachers, we expect the same from our students.

The IB system of our schools allows students to connect their personal and real world experiences to what they learn. We also teach them using Approaches to Learning (ATL) which develops their self management skills allowing to them to independent of each their teachers. Our goal and mission is no different from any public or private school districts. We seek to develop well educated, self functioning individuals that will serve and contribute to our society as a whole so that it will thrive.

What is more prominent is that we serve an unserved community. In doing so we thrive to create true equity in this country and a strong society is support by its strong communities. The students that graduate from our high school will embody our mission statement.

Thank you for reading,

Mr. Nguyen

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Peace and Love to all,

Mr. Nguyen

Lang and Lit 6th and 7th Grade Teacher

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From: [Mayra Henriquez](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:33:31 PM

Good afternoon

I am writing this email to request that Prepa Tec High School gets approved for its renewal. This school has made a difference in the students' lives. This school has had many of its seniors graduate from high school and has sent the majority to college including Ivy League Universities. This is not just a school to these kids, it's a family, it's a support system. In these difficult times during this horrible pandemic the school has been there for these children every step of the way. Whether it was help logging into their classes, to getting tech support, to being there if they lost a loved one to this pandemic. Prepa Tec High School has and is continuing to be there for its students and their families. Please renew Prepa Tec High School.

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From: [Ismael Madrigal](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:36:31 PM

Greetings,

My name is Ismael Madrigal, and this email is in support for the renewal of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School. As a Guidance counselor, this schools has provided me with opportunities that I have not experienced in my 15 years as an educator. The community is in need of such a school and will continue to provide current and future students and families opportunities that cannot be provided elsewhere.

Thank you for your time and consideration in such an important matter to the families that need PTLAHS.

From: [Alejandra Zelada](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for the Renewal of Prepa Tec Los Angeles Highschool Charter
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:20:50 PM

Dear Advisory Commissioners of Charter Schools (ACCS).

My name is Ms. Zelada and I am part of the Alta Public Schools Family. I am currently a teachers assistant at the middle school but had previously worked over at the high school since 2019-2021 and have personally witnessed the growth in the Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School students and have seen the positive impact this previous school year has had on them. Not approving the renewal of the PTLAHS will cause the students to uproot and create instability that we had finally settled within the last couple of years. Not renewing this year will cause more stress on these students who since the pandemic have already had to endure distance learning and the struggles to adjust to that type of learning environment. Thus, I encourage you to please support our charter school to get renewed its a great community asset in the South and Southeast Los Angeles. If you have any questions regarding my support of this school, please feel free to call me or email me at (562)235-3908 or a.zelada@prepatec.org.

Best Regards ,

Ms. Zelada

From: [Michael Wacht](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Letter - Prepa Tec LA High School
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:11:32 PM
Attachments: [LA Support Letter - Prepa Tec LA High School.pdf](#)

Dear ACCS Commissioners, (LETTER ATTACHED AS PDF)

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the renewal of the Prepa Tec LA High School located in Bell, CA. The petitioners will be advocating for the renewal of said school this coming Tuesday, April 13, 2021. The school is a true asset in the community as it boasts one of the highest graduation rates and college acceptance rates in the region.

I am honored to have been working with parent company Alta Public Schools for the last 8 years, having been their Architect since renovations to their elementary school, Academia Moderna. **It is rare to find an educational community so vibrant and encouraging. The teachers' positive energy is consistently contagious,** I am always delighted on my visits to their campus sites. Working with Prepa Tec was equally rewarding. As their Architect, I can personally attest to the quality and care of their physical environment.

The Prepa Tec LA administration has taken considerable time and effort to make sure that its renewal petition conforms to the legal, educational, and fiscal requirements for acceptance. **Most urgently, keeping a loved school continuously open for a return to the classrooms after a difficult year is essential to give students the best opportunity to regain crucial mental health and social stability.**

I have every confidence that Prepa Tec LA High School will continue to offer a well-rounded, high quality education to students in the Southeast Los Angeles community. As one of the few International Baccalaureate Schools in the state, Prepa Tec offers students an unrivaled opportunity for college preparation, set within the context of an otherwise under-privileged and overlooked community.

I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to consider their renewal for another five years.

Sincerely,

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Re: Letter of Support for Prepa Tec High School; Bell CA

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students in the Southeast Los Angeles community. As one of the few International Baccalaureate Schools in the state N
Prepa Tec offers students an unrivaled opportunity for college preparation set within the context of an otherwise N
under-privileged and overlooked community. N

I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to consider their renewal for another five years.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Wacht".

Michael Wacht
mwacht@intuarch.com

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:59:31 PM

[REDACTED]
REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4

Hello Commission members,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a Junior at Prepa Tec High School as well as part of the IB DP program.

Prepa Tec High School needs to be renewed because of the uniqueness of the school's program. This school has implemented a new program from IB, DP program. This program allows kids to take rigorous courses and acquire knowledge no other school can offer. Prepa Tec High School is one of four IB DP programs in LAUSD and will be one of three schools in CA with the Career-Related Program.

As a student from this school, I've had good experiences as well as my classmates. The teachers and staff care for the students and listen to their concerns. As someone from a community where kids don't get a lot of opportunities such as what Prepa Tec offers to us. It would be a disgrace to closed a such successful school.

I encourage you to consider the consequence of a successful school being closed in a community such as ours- please vote to keep the school open. Thank you.

From: [Antonio Quinonez](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:51:31 PM

Good afternoon members of the commission,

My name is Anthony Quinonez. As a teacher of 18 years, all in charter schools, I would highly recommend that Prepa Tec High School have their charter renewed. This is my second year as the Design teacher at the school. I and the community at large have been blessed. This school is unique in its offering of an International Baccalaureate program, as well as a Career Related Program. Opportunities such as these are few and far between in the area that Prepa Tec serves, South East Los Angeles. This area as a whole deals with violence and socio-economic deficiencies, and I know from conversations with parents and students that they are grateful to have our school as an option. Not renewing Prepa Tec's charter would not result in just another school closure, but a loss of opportunity for the entire community.

Respectfully,

Anthony Quinonez
Design Instructor
Prepa Tec High School

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"Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." - George
Bernard Shaw

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec School Renewment
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 5:57:31 PM

Hello Commission members,
My name is [REDACTED] I am a Junior at Prepa Tec Highschool. I don't know much about this process but I understand that our school is up for renewal this year and I would ask you to approve it for another five years. I came from a Public High School my sophomore year, I have drastically changed my grades since then from C's and D's to more A's and B's. Being here at this school gave me more motivation to stay on top of my work and helped me understand I will have to make my future once I'm out of High School. I have a few teachers that I have to say helped my motivation and interest in my education. I look forward to graduating and going to college. Again, I encourage you to consider the consequence of a successful school being closed in a community such as ours- please vote to keep the school open. Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:00:32 PM

Hola mi nombre es [REDACTED]. Mi motivo de este email es para pedirles que nos otorguen la renovación de prepatec high school por el motivo de que sus estudiantes merecen la oportunidad de tener un futuro mejor gracias a esta escuela que les ofrece la oportunidad de lograrlo y esto sería posible gracias a si Ustedes si nos renuevan este permiso. Agradezco su tiempo gracias.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles Charter Renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:30:51 PM

April 12th, 2021

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First let me start off by saying, I have had lots of wonderful experiences at Prepa Tec Los Angeles High and it would be a real shame to see it go. I really can't see myself being anywhere else, the teachers are super nice and smart and go out of their way to get to know things about their students even in times like these. This school can really shape up students and get them the jobs that they want to pursue. When I'm in my zoom classes usually the teachers will ask us how our weekends were going and if we did anything special, those kinds of things make me feel special and I feel like that's something anyone would appreciate. The school tries to do special things online since we can't do them in real life, we had a spirit week once and it was pretty fun seeing the teachers dress up in silly outfits. My teacher for College Prep; Mr. Andreas taught students how to make a resume and what to avoid when making one and it helped out, he asked us what jobs we are trying to pursue and helped us think of experiences that might help us get those jobs. I might even get a summer job and use the stuff he taught us this year! This school is pretty sweet and from what the staff says it will only get better.

Sincerley,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec petition
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 7:43:32 PM

To Whom It May Concern,

This community needs the school to continue to be open because the teachers are excellent and help the students to succeed. The teachers care about the students and take their time out of their day to help the students who are having trouble. When the teacher is explaining something then they try different methods of teaching so everyone can learn. Not everyone learns the same way and the faculty have the patience and expertise to help the students out. The teachers also help the students not only with work but if the students need help with issues there having at home they help. This is why the community needs the school. It helps the students have a bright future.

Sincerely,
Prepa Tec Student

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL]
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:20:34 PM

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First let me start of by saying, Prepa Tec has given us many Scholarship opportunities which I am very grateful for. I moved to the school for my 2nd year of highschool and the teachers were very supportive and helped me. I've met some great people and have some good friendships with other students at Prepa Tec. Whenever I tell a teacher about a situation I'm having they usually help me out and ask how they can help me. My teachers are very nice and respectful to me and they like to encourage me to make sure I can do good and pass my classes.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter to remain HighSchools open
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:49:33 PM

To whom it may concern

Our Alta High School is needed by the community. Because of the standards that our Alta school has we as parents feel comfortable taking our kids to this high school. They have provided a beautiful line of charter schools from pre-k throughout high school and all parents that have children in the line of school notice the difference between our schools to other schools.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] [CHARTERS](#)
Date: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles Charter Renewal
Monday, April 12, 2021 9:17:32 PM

Dear commission members,

I appreciate you taking the time out of your day to read my email. This school has helped me improve my educational skills and has never let me down. All these charter schools want to do is just help kids get a better education.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles Charter Renewal
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:00:36 AM

Dear Commission Members,

I appreciate you taking the time to read my thoughts on why Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School is such an integral part of the community for students who are looking to obtain a high-level of learning in their education. First, let me start off by saying Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School has one of the highest college entrance percentages in the region. This shows how determined the staff at Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School are to guide their students on a steady path towards a bright future. We've been learning a lot during these semesters, despite this pandemic which has affected a lot of us in different ways. If the school is closed down, this will affect the students of this school in a negative way, if the pandemic hasn't affected them negatively already. This school is also ONE of FOUR IB DP programs in LAUSD. I'm not in the DP program because I'm a 10th grader here, but I'm very excited to join this program next year because of all the opportunities that they are offering. I have a sibling in this school who is graduating this year and I see her ready and excited to go to college because of all the opportunities this school has offered. Personally, I've been attending these schools since 4th grade and I'm so used to the environment and the community of these schools and I would like to keep attending this school, which is why I'm asking you to think about how keeping Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School open will benefit the students that are currently attending there and/or future attendees in the present and in their futures.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: [Elvia De La Cruz](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:21:40 AM

Elvia de la Cruz
PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4

Attention Commission members,

I am writing this email to ask for your support in the renewal of Prep Tec Los Angeles High School. As a second year teacher at this school, I have seen tremendous growth among our students. Our team of dedicated teachers have done their best to ensure students apply the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful citizens of the world. We offer a rigorous curriculum to students to prepare them for college. Our IB Diploma Program is unique in that it teaches our students how to be critical thinkers, open-minded on global issues, risk takers, caring, inquirers, balanced, knowledgeable, communicators, and principled. Skills that not all neighboring schools are equipped with. Many students of our senior class have been accepted to the best universities in the nation, such as John Hopkins University, Pepperdine University, Berkeley, and USC to name a few. This speaks volume of our teachers and curriculum here at Prepa Tech HS and our incoming students deserve the best education possible that this school offers. Thank you.

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Best Regards,

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"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts." -Dalai Lama

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding PTLAHS charter renewal
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:17:32 PM

Good Morning Commission Members,

I hope you're having a great day. I understand my school is up for a renewal and I'd like you to approve its renewal for another five years because this school is great i've been going to this school since kindergarten, and I really like the environment of this school. I feel like this school is preparing me for college and university. I've made a lot of friends over the years and they are really kind. The teachers and staff are really nice they always help with any questions that you may have. They are very helpful and open minded which helps because you can tell them things and they'll understand. Please vote to renew my school. Thank you for your time, I hope you have a great day.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: [Bianca Solis](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School Renewal
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:43:40 AM

Good morning,

My name is Bianca Solis and I am writing to you regarding Prepa Tec High School renewal, which is agenda item number 4. I am currently a teacher at another Alta Public Schools' site, Academia Moderna. Although this is my 5th year teaching here, is it my 11th year with Alta Public Schools. I have been able to see so many students and families grow through the years. Bonds have been created between us and it is a blessing and encouraging to see students go from their primary years at Academia to begin applying for college at Prepa Tec. The renewal of our high school is crucial to the continued growth and development of the community. It has provided a home and safe learning environment not just for the students, but for families and employees like myself.

I truly appreciate the time you have taken to read this and many other emails alike.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:11:41 AM

Hello, my name is Esmeralda Esparza and I am giving my public comment to Agenda Item #4. We need Prepa Tec school open to benefit many people like myself that live in bad neighborhood schools which have a high level of violence! Prepa Tech gives students a high chance for preventing youth from dropping out due to violence in LAUSD.

Thank you,

Esmeralda E.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 4- REGARDING PREPA TEC HIGH SCHOOL RENEWAL
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:14:40 AM

[REDACTED]

Esteemed Committee,

I am a junior at Prepa Tec High School (PTHS) and am emailing you today with intentions to support the renewal of our charter. Firstly, the school is one of the very few schools in southern California that teaches under the standards International Baccalaureate which makes student's education much more unique. Secondly, the location of the school is a low income community where delinquency is common. PTHS encourages students to not only study, but to strive for more; to see that delinquency is not the path teenagers should follow. Every student is seen as a person rather than a number thus particular needs are met. PTHS has one of the highest college entrance rates from mostly a Latino population. The school creates an environment where students are treated like family: we are heard, we are seen, and we are inspired.

I urge you to please support Prepa Tec High School in it's renewal because the community needs this kind of school. Thank you.

Best, [REDACTED] PTHS

From: [Karina Juarez](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PTLAHS Petition Item Number 4
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:20:51 AM

Hello my name is Karina Juarez I am an expanded learning Youth Leader and regarding Prepa Tec High School Agenda Number 4, I would highly encourage you to let this school stay open. I have worked at Prepa Tec Highschool for almost 2 years, every single student in this school has an equal opportunity to the amazing programs that this school offers. This includes the Diploma Program, Global UN program, and our After School Expanded Learning Program. Taking this space away from students who come from lower income backgrounds is not only unfair but is basically shutting so many doors of opportunity for these students, especially in a midst of a pandemic. Many of our students have suffered so much during this grueling year of the Pandemic and many of our highschool students see our Expanded Learning Services as an outlet to reconnect with other students and a way to escape at least 3 hours a day. Please consider renewing our school and keep our services going in order to help our students.

Thank you,
Karina Juarez

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“All of our humanity is dependent upon recognizing the humanity in others”

— Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South African Cleric

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From: [Nestor Enrique Rick Valencia](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support on Item 4 of ACCS Commissioners Meeting Agenda April 13 2021
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:32:41 AM

Commenter: Nestor Enrique Valencia, Former City of Bell Mayor and Council Member, Community Leader in Civic Engagement

Organization Affiliation: Regarding Prepa Tec High School Renewal
Agenda Item: Item Number 4

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I am writing to you in support of the renewal of the Prepa Tec LA High School charter located here in our city and communities of Bell. Their petition for their renewal is today, April 13, 2021.

The school has offer much needed choices to our parents and students. Being familiar with their academics and staff, they offer the IB DP program in LAUSD. Its a very rare program and I proud that we have this choice here in the City of Bell preparing its students for real world challenges. The school too offers our community and students a place to civically engage and place of meeting where there is no readily available places of community gatherings. With Los Angeles County challenged regarding the pandemic vaccinations to the southeast community, the school stepped in an offered its facility to serve as a vaccination site prompting other public sites to step in. The school's willingness to provide valuable academic programs, and be a center of community activity creates a sense of pride to the students, parents and surrounding community. Additionally, their teachers have participated in the Bell Resident Club's Teacher of the year award which nominees are selected by their inspiration and innovation teaching methods. They have winning teachers and we are glad they are here for our students and community,

I am confident that Prepa Tec LA School will continue to offer a high quality education to students in our community and the entire southeast Los Angeles region. Their work for our students deserves high marks, and your complete support to them to educate and prepare more students to and through college successfully. I commend the teachers and administration of this valuable public education choice for our students in our communities. I plea with you, Commissioners, to approve their renewal for another term of five years.

Sincerely,

Nestor Enrique Valencia
Former City of Bell Mayor & Council Member
Founder, Bell Resident Club
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Regarding Prepa Tec High school Renewal
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:23:40 PM

Agenda Item #4

Hello Commission Members,

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a Senior at Prepa Tec High School.

I am a little aware of the situation that our school is up for renewal this year. Although I am a senior and going to college the next 4 years. I would like to say that Prepa Tec has given so many students so many opportunities to reach a higher education level. The teachers work so hard for us and we are really appreciative for what they do for us. We would like to end the year strong by helping our school get renewed for the next 5 years. To give other students and families a hope for a better future like how they provided for us (Class of 2021).

It has been a great journey here the last few years and I look forward to graduating and going to the university of my choice.

I and the rest of my community encourage you to take into consideration keeping our school open, it would be a tragedy to the students and our community if it were to be closed.

Please vote to keep the school open. Thank you.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Prepa Tec High School's Renewal
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:20:51 PM

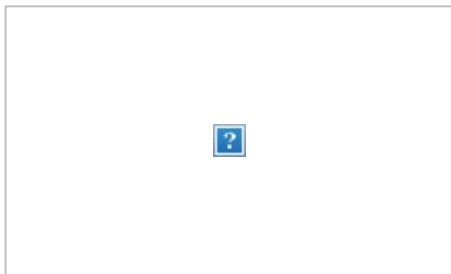
Hello, my name is [REDACTED], and am a student at this school. I'm happy with the teachers because they are amazing and greatly supportive. The teachers possess good virtues that project onto the students to become well-developed individuals. I would be upset if this school got closed because I dearly love everyone at this school. Please, evaluate the school for renewal!

From: [Rick Prieto](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Cc: x.reyes@altaps.org
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support Letter
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:56:42 PM
Attachments: [Outreach Letter Rick.jpg](#)
[PTC Letter.pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

Please see attached in support of our local charter school.

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April 06, 2021

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the renewal of the Prepa Tec LA High School located in Bell, CA. The petitioners will be advocating for the renewal of said school this coming Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

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I have every confidence that Prepa Tec LA High School will continue to offer a well-rounded, high quality education to students in the Southeast Los Angeles community. As one of the few IB World School in the state, it deserves all the accolades and support to get more students to and through college.

I applaud Prepa Tec LA High School's efforts to bring a great educational option for students in the community and urge you and your fellow Commissioners to consider their renewal for another five years.

Sincerely,

Rick Prieto

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From: [Ali Bayrami](#)
To: [CHARTERS](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support letter for our Local Chart school
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:50:41 PM
Attachments: [image.jpeg](#)
[Support Letter for CHARTERS.pdf](#)

Please see attached In support of our Local Charter school.

Best regards,

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Sincerely,

Ali Bayrami

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RE: CTA COMMENTS REGARDING Item #4: Petition for the Renewal of a Charter School Under the Oversight of the Local Educational Agency Designated by the State Board of Education Pursuant to California Education Code Section 47605.9(b): Consideration of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High, which was denied by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Dear ACCS Commissioners:

The California Teachers Association supports the California Department of Education's recommendation to not renew Prepa Tec Los Angeles High. While CDE's position matches the local district's decision to not renew the petition, there is still concern that the CDE's approach to renewals of SBE authorized charters is undermining the authority granted by the state legislature to the local district during the renewal process.

Prepa Tec's charter petition is currently authorized by the SBE. In 2019, AB 1505 repealed Education Code section 47605.8 (which had enabled the SBE to directly grant charter petitions) and replaced it with Section 47605.9, which provides that SBE-authorized charter schools must first submit a petition for renewal to the local district, and then may go to the SBE on appeal.

On December 12, 2020, the board of LAUSD unanimously voted to deny Prepa Tec's renewal petition and the district staff laid out a number of findings that support denying the renewal. Additionally, LAUSD submitted a Notice of Violation to Prepa Tec on October 15, 2020. CTA believes that the legislature intended for the local district to take on the role of defacto authorizer when requiring SBE authorized charters to start their renewal process under AB 1505 with the local district.

CTA continues to be concerned with the CDE's approach to SBE authorized charter appeals under AB 1505.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Toby Boyd".

E. Toby Boyd, President
California Teachers Association

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