

VIA: HAND DELIVERY

Judie Hall, Education Administrator
Charter Schools Division
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 5401
Sacramento, CA 95814

***Re: Description of Changes to Opportunities Unlimited Charter High School
Charter Renewal Petition on Appeal to the State Board of Education***

Dear Ms. Hall:

The Opportunities Unlimited Charter High School (the “Charter School”) charter petition was submitted to the Los Angeles County Board of Education (the “County”) for renewal, and the County Board voted to deny the charter on May 6, 2014

The Charter School respectfully submits its charter petition to the State Board of Education (the “SBE”). We have listed below the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition, which are necessary to reflect approval by the SBE:

1. Chartering Authority

Any text referring to the Los Angeles County Board of Education, Los Angeles County Office of Education, LACOE, LACBE, or the County as the chartering authority would be revised to read “State Board of Education” or “SBE,” or the “California Department of Education” or “CDE” as the oversight agency.

2. Special Education

The Charter School shall operate as its own local educational agency (“LEA”) for purposes of special education, as described in the charter, and will not operate as a public school of the authorizer.

3. Dispute Resolution

The Dispute Resolution language in the charter petition will be followed by the paragraph below:

“The Charter School recognizes that, because the SBE is not a local educational agency, the State Board of Education may choose to resolve a dispute directly instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter, it must first hold a public hearing to consider arguments for and against the direct resolution of the dispute instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter.”

4. Technical Amendments

The Charter School will comply with any and all technical amendments to its charter as required by the SBE and the California Department of Education (“CDE”).

We will make every effort to submit any supplemental documentation that the SBE or CDE may request in a timely manner.

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We look forward to working with the SBE and the CDE during consideration of the charter petition. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Simmons, Executive Director