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## **Emails and Letters Submitted as Written Public Comment for Item 4**

The information on the subsequent pages represents emails and letters submitted though April 11, 2021, as written public comment for Item 4.

This information is displayed as:

**Name:**

**Comment:**

**Name:** Otto Ivan Cifuentes.o.cifuentes.hs@prepatec.org

**Comment:**

Dear Commission members.

My name is Otto Cifuentes, and I am a Spanish Teacher at Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School.

Prior to coming here I taught at a traditional high school. This school offers students more than just an education, we provide an enquiry based learning experience with ongoing support in an IB environment.

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.

Because of the concerted effort we provide all our students, many come back to say they, "never thought they'd make it, but they did because they knew we were committed to their success". Therefore, 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,

With much of respect,

Otto Ivan Cifuentes

**Name:** J. Reyes

**Comment:**

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

First off, I currently have a young relative at Prepa Tec LA High located in Bell, CA that was accepted to Duke, USC, Berkley, and Johns Hopkins, just to name a few schools. I am appalled that this school's charter will not be renewed due to teacher union pressure and financial technicalities during a world crisis.

I am a product of the LAUSD system that fell through the wide cracks only greed and cushy bad teacher jobs can create. Though it was many years ago, I still remember the teaching conditions when I went to school. Believe me when I say the initial (forced) approval of charter schools was a real game-changer for student opportunity since the early eighties. Prepa Tec LA High has the highest student graduation and college acceptance rate in the region, and you are closing it down. How in HELL can you sleep at night as educators!?

You are about to shut down an asset to the community!

You are also about to take me out of retirement to document your actions on film. That's right, I am an award-winning filmmaker, and you will be the stars of a documentary film investigated by the original group of people that took down the seven Bell city officials for graft and corruption in the late 2000s.

For me, the outcome is welcomed either way. If you renew the charter, the kids get a good education- the best in the region as it is a fact. If you don't renew the charter, I gladly come out of retirement and tarnish the reputation and hopefully jail anyone who succumbed to special interests against innocent kids' education.

I am confident you will do the right thing and will be on the right side of history. Hell, your reputation depends on it with me.

Prepa Tec High is a great educational option for students in the Bell community, and I urge you not to push us to extremes.

Sincerely,

J. Reyes

**Name:** Eduardo Diaz

**Comment:**

Good day to all

I am writing in behalf of Prepa-Tec High School

As a supporter of this school I ask that the High School be renewed, based on their commitment to our students

and community. The High School is a beacon to all who live around the school.

**Name:** Barry Baxter

**Comment:**

April 9, 2021

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I am pleased to write this letter of support of the charter renewal for 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. (Agenda item #4).

We continue as a society to say that the education of our children is a top priority. At Alta we say that successful education of society's future leaders demands top priority.

The Diploma Program that is offered by Prepa Tec High School for students of this community far outweighs the dismal district alternative in regards to success in reaching higher level education!

IBO research has shown that 92% of Low-Income DP students who graduated from high school in 2008 enrolled in university within a six-year period as compared to a 46% national average for Non-DP low-income students. DP students also had high four-year and six-year university graduation rates (83% for DP students, compared to 56% nationally).

Prepa Tec just graduated 89.3 % of its seniors which out-performed the same area district schools who averaged only 80.6%.

The purpose in designing Prepa Tec High School to include the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, was to allow students of an underserved community access to a proven gateway to success at the college level.

Without access to these researched and statistically proven approaches of the DP, the students of this community will continue to receive a typical district education that has unfortunately evidenced a lack of proper preparation for success in higher level education for the majority of students they serve.

The charter renewal must be approved to insure a successful pathway to higher education by way of the IBDP and IB Career options for students of this community.

Sincerely,

Barry Baxter  
Superintendent Ret.  
Alta Public Schools

**Name:** Cesar Reyes

**Comment:**

Los Reyes Clinica Medica  
2715 Santa Ana st.  
South Gate CA, 90280

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

My name is Cesar Reyes a parent of a current Prepa Tech High school student. I am writing this letter of support for the renewal of the Prepa Tec LA High School located in Bell, CA. We [the concerned parents and community members] will be advocating and supporting the financial renewal of our 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 graduations 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.

As a lifelong proud member of this community; growing up and thinking back in my school days I did not receive the education that Prepa Tech offers our community today. My daughter, a Prepa Tech High school senior has been prepared by this great school for her future. She is in the IB program that no other school nearby offers which prepares students to achieve more and further their studies by getting accepted to great colleges. My daughter has been accepted and waitlisted to many colleges and is in the process of making her final decision. She has been accepted to: Johns Hopkins University, Duke University, USC, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Berkley, UC Irvine, Pepperdine University, Pomona College and Cal Poly Pomona. She in a wait list for: Stanford University, UCLA and University of Pennsylvania.

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,

Cesar Reyes  
Proud Dad and Prepa Tech supporter

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

To whom this may concern my name is [REDACTED] a 9th grader from Prepa Tec high school, i am emailing to show support for my school which i great appreciate. I would like for the school to remain open because I really appreciate all the staff that is there, my teachers, I enjoy my classes. So please consider to renew my school.

**Name:** Robert Bates

**Comment:**

Dear Committee Members:

I am an International Baccalaureate (IB) Los Angeles Prepa Tec High School in Los Angeles teaching two year Diploma level courses for potential college credit in both

History (this is a global history class) and World Religions (an important course in teaching students about global and cultural diversity).

I wish to request the renewal of the school's charter for three reasons:

1) I have taught at two other high schools - one private and the other a traditional public school. I can attest to how our students rival, if not surpass, the efforts made by students in traditional AP programs at other schools. The IB diploma programme is comprehensive in nature requiring our students to excel in a broad range of subjects. Their interest and dedication of our students to the programme is evidenced by their consistent 90% plus daily attendance rates in the face of the challenges posed by remote learning for the past year. The school is now in the process of gradually reopening to those students who elect to return to in-class instruction. The students are given an opportunity of a quality IB educational structure within the context of the challenges of the urban community in which they live. I am particularly impressed by the number of our students obtaining admission to UC schools and quality private schools.

2) The administration and staff at our school has been far more supportive than I have witnessed in the two other high schools at which I have taught. Our well-coordinated professional development training is extensive - averaging six hours a week.

3) Our school encourages parent participation in the education of their child and promotes parental involvement in the process.

Best wishes,

Robert W. Bates

**Name:** Anna Trujillo

**Comment:**

Good morning,

To whom it may concern, my name is Anna Trujillo(parent). I'm send this email to ask for consideration of Prepa Tec High school to remain open. This school has and organizations , staff, and most of all the teacher have been and have made a great change in my childs life. Since he came from other schools were he was bullied and no one care to listen to him. But Prepa Tec staff and teacher have helped he greatly. Plus he love his classes. Please think of the children along with world pandemic and how it affects them with more unnecessary change; I feel would just bring him /them(students)and us(family) more stress.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours

Anna Trujillo. Parent of 9th grader.

**Name:** Esperanza Reyes

**Comment:**

Dear Honorable Board Members,

I am writing to support the motion of renewal for PTLAHS. As a parent of a 12th grader in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program at Prepa Tec High School, I can personally attest to the stellar work this school is doing to provide for All students. This is 1 of 3 IB Diploma school. These are very few and hard to find. The IB program is the level of rigor that students need in order to compete on merit, for the few spots at the top tier colleges.

It is because of Prepa Tec High that my daughter got accepted to top universities: Johns Hopkins University, Duke, USC, UC Berkeley etc. How would she know her capability if it was not for the teachers and staff pushing her to grow? Our economic and class level is already a hinderance. Let us have HOPE! Prepa Tec (PTLAHS) is that beacon of hope in our communities that do not have access to top level education. The school has the highest graduation rate in our area. Break throughs in the community are starting to happen because of this school- PTLAHS. Please find it in your heart to give PTLAHS renewal. I thank you in advance for your assistance in our communities.

Parent and supporter of PTLAHS,

Esperanza Soto

**Name:** Carlos Gualotuna

**Comment:**

My Name is Carlos Gualotuna and I'm writing regarding renewal for Prepa. Tec. High School.

Our students are important to us when it comes to furthering their education after high school as you know all our students graduate and go to a 4 year university. Our students have been successful and we want others to do the same.

Your Agenda Item # 4.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Carlos Gualotuna

**Name:** Laura Gualotuna

**Comment:**

Hello My Name is Laura Gualotuna, I'm writing to whom it may concern regarding renewal of Prep. Tec. High School. On your agenda item #4.

We would like to have you renew once again. Our students are outstanding (graduate) in high school and they go out to further their education by going to college and universities.

Thank You for your attention to this matter,

Laura Gualotuna

**Name:** Chavarria, Azucena

**Comment:**

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

As a Board Member of ALTA Public Schools, 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. Having come from a similar community, I understand the need for having choices when selecting a HS. Adding to the fact that this community was the hardest hit with COVID-19, the kids have already suffered enough trauma to last years. Many students need a more intimate environment to succeed and learn and Prepa Tec LA High School offers students the opportunity to excel. This school is a true asset in the community, one with the highest graduation and college acceptance rates in the region.

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,

Azucena Chavarria

**Name:** Asael Torres

**Comment:**

To whom it may concern,

My name is Asael Torres and I am a former member of Prepa Tec High School I am writing to urge you NOT to close Prepa Tec High School.

Please.

I grew up in the city of Huntington Park and I can assure you that without the support of the staff at PTHS I would not be enjoying my first year of college right now. It is an incredibly supportive environment, and I would like for more kids in the future , including my brothers and sisters, to experience what I did during my four years.

Sincerely,

Asael Torres

**Name:** Veronica Alcaraz

**Comment:**

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I am writing 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. I really hope you take this decision into great consideration as it will impact many families.

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 pandemic.

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,

Veronica Alcaraz  
President  
Fresh Start Healthy Meals, Inc

**Name:** Brandon Alvarez Farias

**Comment:**

Good afternoon,

My name is Brian Farias and I am a graduate of Prepa Tec High School. I strongly believe that PTHS prepared me for the real world, I was not the best student, but the lessons and guidance I received from the teachers and staff at PTHS allowed me to build the confidence to apply to college and obtain my first real job.

Please do not close this school, there are too many other young people that will benefit from the professional and supportive staff. Our community needs Prepa Tec High School, especially the students currently at the middle school, waiting for their chance to attend.

Sincerely,

B. Farias

**Name:** Verónica Xoletl

**Comment:**

Mi nombre es Verónica Xoletl soy la madre de una estudiante de la escuela secundaria prepa tec en el grado 9 les pido ala comisión asesora de escuelas chatter que escuchen nuestras peticiones la comunidad necesita está escuela porque tiene la taza de graduación más alta y uno de los porsentajes de ingreso ala universidad más altos en la región por favor hagan que el sueño de mi hija se haga realidad para que pueda graduarse y poder ir ala universidad .

**Name:** Lizeth Sanchez

**Comment:**

Good afternoon,

Hope this email finds you well.

My name is Lizeth Sanchez and I'm the office manager at Prepa Tec Los Angeles Middle School. I have been part of ALTA Public Schools for 3 years now but have known this amazing organization for more than 10 years. My son who is currently a 9th

grader at Prepa Tec High School and my daughter who is in the 2nd grade at Academia Moderna have been attending ALTA public school since Kindergarten.

I'm greatly pleased with all the dedicated teachers and professional staff members my children have had throughout the years. They are always going above and beyond to provide a quality of education not only for my children but to all the students in our organization.

I love that our schools not only provide our community unique programs like IB and DP but that Prepa Tec High School has the highest college entrance percentage in the region.

Therefore I ask if you can please take not only my children's future but all our students' future into consideration while making a decision for Prepa Tec High School renewal on April 13, 2021.

Thank you, our families and I will truly appreciate it.

**Name:** Jorge Amaya

**Comment:**

Good evening esteemed members of the Advisory Commission,

I would like to start by sharing that I am aware your job is not very easy. Indeed you need to make very difficult decisions regarding organizations that mean quite a bit to the people that created them and to those that work there as well, but in this case I think the decision is rather simple: Keep Prepa Tec High School Open.

Why?

I would argue because everything about our community is in flux, it is often new and novel, and takes time to grow roots and then branch out into a giant oak...!

In particular, it is the only school that offers the International Baccalaureate program, a program which I believe opened my eyes to the complexity of the world, and also to its promise if we act as group with a single voice. Action. Civic engagement. That is what I learned at Prepa Tec and that is what drives me to write this letter, I am proud of who I am today and I have Prepa Tec to thank.

Please take my words into consideration.

**Name:** Angel Araiza

**Comment:**

Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to you as a graduate of Prepa Tec High School and want to lend my voice to all the other alumni that you will be hearing from this week. I

feel strongly that Prepa Tec High School should remain open as a school for future generations to receive the same level of teacher support and guidance that I received. Prepa Tec High is more than just a school for the families involved, i is a family!

**Name:** Dervin Jermiah Arauz

**Comment:**

To the Advisory Commission,

My name is Dervin Arauz and I am a member of the first graduating class of Prepa Tec High School. I would like to share that I believe my decision to attend Prepa Tec High School was one of the best I ever made. In the city where I grew up there are several high schools and I have a friend for each school that graduated the same year, and our experiences were very different. The biggest difference was the individual attention I received , especially whenever I fell behind in a class. It was this kind of personal help that I received and that others did not, makes me believe there is something very special at PTHS, which should stay open for years to come.

Thank you,

Devins Arauz

**Name:** Rosa Cabrera

**Comment:**

“Hello Commission members. My name is Rosa Cabrera and I am a paréntesis at Prepa Tec High School. I don't know too 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 year because this school has given me and my family hope for a better future. The teachers are incredible and I look forward to have my sons graduating and going on totheir dream school USC. 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.

**Name:** Alondra Arellano

**Comment:**

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alondra Arellano and ever since I was in elementary school my dream was to become a teacher, Prepa Tec High has made that dream closer than ever before. Currently I am a student in college and taking classes to become a public school teacher This would not have been posible without PrepaTec, I can honestly say, that because of the education I received there, I am doing well in school now, and feel prepared for anything the future might hold.

Please do not close the school, it would be a big setback for our community.

**Name:** Sylvia Nicholson

**Comment:**

I am an employee of PrepaTec High School. What I have seen here at PrepaTec is so unbelievable our teacher encourages and advises our students to be the best they could be. Prepatec has the highest college entrance percentage in the region. I am asking to please approve our renewal. Our students need this highly educated school in our community. Our parents are always welcome to our school. We do not turn away any student. We take our time to help each and every student who attends our school. PrepaTec High school has a unique program. We are an IB school. It is highly valuable in our community like ours. There are no other schools in the region. Our families are very important to us and they love our programs we offer to our students. Please let PrepaTec continue to educate our students in our community. Please approve the renewal of PrepaTec High School. Our students need us.

Kind Regards,

Syvia Nicholson

**Name:** Margaret Godinez

**Comment:**

I am asking for your support of Prep Tec Los Angeles High School Charter Renewal for the next five years. Prep Tech High school offers a career prep program to an underserved community. It has the highest graduation rate that the students would otherwise attend, one of the highest college entrance percentages in the region. The instructional program is one of four 1B DP programs in Los Angeles Unified area.

Any further disruption to High school students would extremely damaging to youth and their families as a result of the Pandemic.

Please vote to keep Prepa Tec High School open to continue to serve our community of Bell.

**Name:** Cynthia Arrellin

**Comment:**

To the Advisory Board,

I am a recent graduate of Prepa Tec High School, I was the class of 2020, so naturally that makes me part of the first class to have graduated during the pandemic.

However, one story I hardly ever get to tell is how when the news of school closures first started to circulate, I remember thinking, "I'm glad I attend Prepa Tec".. I said this because the adults at any school operated by Alta Public Schools puts the students first.

And I can assure you that I was not alone on that day. The truth is that Prepa Tec is more than a school, it is a family. Please keep it open.

**Name:** Jesse Reyes

**Comment:**

To Commissioners in charge,

I'm writing this letter on behalf of Prepa Tech High School located in Bell, CA to recommend for renewal the support by the California State Board of Education.

This school has been a positive influence and support to the local neighborhoods.

Given the current situation of having the lowest high school graduating rates and lowest college entrance rates in the region, Prepa Tech High School matters to the region.

Last school year, the school graduated its first class and resulted with the highest graduating rate of any school the students otherwise would attend.

Additionally, the school presented the highest college entrance percentage of any schools in the region.

Our family has the first-hand experience and we are thankful for the dedication of the staff and leadership of this high school. My niece which is graduating this year from Prepa Tech High School, has been accepted to several UC schools, John Hopkins University, Cal States, Pomona University, and is on the waiting list for Penn and Stanford University. The acceptances to the various schools came with great effort from my niece and by the dedication and guidance from the school's staff.

I humbly request that you continue to support Prepa Tech High School for the future of the children in these communities. All these children deserve the same opportunity as my niece to attend and excel in college, and in life.

Yours truly,

Jesse Reyes

**Name:** Maria Hernandez

**Comment:**

Dear Department of education members,

My name is Maria Hernandez, a parent and staff of Prepa Tec High School.

Prepa Tec High School is an education institution that benefits hundreds of students in south east Los Angeles. Their closure will be devastating for the families in this area, last year our students had to adapt to distance learning due to Covid-19, our teachers and staff from one day to another provided new laptops, desks, chairs and materials for our students to continue with their education from home.

During this pandemic our students faced different challenges; they lost family members or were hospitalized due to Covid-19, their emotional development was affected by social distance or not being able to see their friends.

Now with a hybrid-distance learning model they have the opportunity to go back to our campus, socialize and the most important thing is get the education that they deserve.

Prepa Tec Los Angeles should remain open to continue with the mission to provide high quality education to underserved students of South East Los Angeles.

**Name:** Dean Higley

**Comment:**

To the members of the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools:

My name is Dean Higley, and I am a science teacher at Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School. I am writing regarding the renewal application of Prepa Tec High School which is item number four on the agenda.

It is with great enthusiasm that I urge that the Advisory Committee approve the charter school renewal of Prepa Tec High School.

I base my recommendation on two aspects of Prepa Tec High School. The first is the school culture. I have been in education for nearly fifteen years and I can honestly say that I have not seen a student body that treats each other and adults with the respect and kindness that I have seen at Prepa Tec (of course, shenanigans do occur). This culture does not occur by accident. One way the positive school culture is fostered is through the IB curriculum which is unique to Prepa Tec High School. The "learner profile" of the IB curriculum has many facets that encourage good citizenship. Foremost among these are being openminded, caring, principled, and reflective. In addition to the IB program, the usage of PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) and professional development focused on whole child instruction help in promoting an awesome school culture. The second reason I support Prepa Tec High School is the focus on improving student outcomes. There are many efforts that have been put into place to achieve this goal. Firstly, we have an advisory class (PAWS period) where students can seek additional support from their teachers and where lessons are focused on social/ emotional health and core academic skills. Also, weekly grade-level PLC meetings are extremely helpful in planning cross-curricular activities and for teachers to identify students who are having difficulties in multiple classes so as to offer them

intervention. Finally, administration is vigilant in sharing data so that the staff knows which areas to target their instruction.

While there is more I could write, I will leave it at these two points for the sake of brevity. I implore you to vote for renewal of this great community asset in Southeast Los Angeles. If you have any questions regarding my support of this school, please call me at (210) 663-1269.

Kind Regards,

Dean Higley

**Name:** Matthew Ellis

**Comment:**

Hello Commission members,

My name is Matthew Ellis and I am a teacher at Prepa Tec High School. I am writing to request that you approve our petition for renewal. Prepa Tec HS is a world school, and we are training our students to be world class citizens and participants on a global scale. You can only say this for a handful of schools in the area. We have a unique instructional program that seeks to prepare our students for college, and as a result of this, they will be more prepared than 80% of the college bound seniors compared to other schools in the area.

I have seen first hand how the Diploma Programme curriculum can transform students into responsible, hard workers. The rigorous curriculum does exactly as it is intended to, leading students through college level analytical skills, and most importantly, allowing students to apply their knowledge to applications for the real world.

We have a dedicated, committed staff at the school, as well as an administrative group that supports us and trusts us to do the right thing by our students. Please don't deprive our students of a world-class education. They may not be able to find it anywhere else.

**Name:** Linda Leyva

**Comment:**

To Whom it may Concern , My Daughter is a Freshman at Prepa Tech High School. She has been a student in Alta since Middle School. Our Community need Alta Schools where are Children receive not only growth in their education but as a Individual. We're they are taught that they can Strive to be a Better Adult to reach goals and have a strong supportive backing by staff and feel safe while at school . My Daughter entered as a shy student , However she has been encourage to use her voice . She participates and I feel it's because of the Staff at Prepa Tech ..Plz give my daughter the opportunity to continue to get what I believe is the best education.

**Name:** Manuel De La Torre

**Comment:**

Hello Commision members,

We have the opportunity to allow our child to attend an International Baccalaureate School. The ability afforded to my child and many other children in our community cannot be taken away. Curriculum this challenging and rewarding is not found locally, only found in schools where more affluent families reside. This competitive edge given to children in our community is something that is cherished and valued by all who attend. Prepa Tech High School is not only preparing my child for today, but rather a lifetime of achievement and for that we will be forever grateful.

Thank you.

**Name:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:**

Hi good to meet you my name is [REDACTED] a member of Prepatec High School. I want to share some experiences I had with the school. I been really happy with the school and the system helping me with extra classes for my English and having the capability to help more and better myself. Unfortunately this school does not provide sports we need to go into another school to be able to play sports and this affected most students because the college Resume didn't look good as we wanted. All the teachers are amazing at doing their jobs, but sometimes they expect us to learn through books and worksheets this issue is with Mr. Quiñones I been struggling to learn and being able to understand the real understanding of Theory of Knowledge. We had an essay due and a presentation apparently I didn't have any assistance and was struggling on myself asking my friends for help because the teacher clearly said " I am not able to help you or give you assistance". Before the second semester started I ask my counselor if I could drop up because I was not a IB student and was having a lot of stress and not understanding the class at all without help he just told me I couldn't and I am struggling a lot. Overall this is the only bad experience I had clearly this are issues the school could fix, but we also provide a IB system for students and also normal classes teaching students some IB classes also not sure why?

**Name:** Giulia Longo

**Comment:**

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Giulia Longo and I strongly recommend the State Board of Education approve the charter school renewal appeal of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School.

After teaching in Los Angeles and Compton for 7 years, I joined Prepa Tec as science teacher and am currently the Diploma Programme Coordinator. In this position I oversee the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum that sets Prepa Tec apart from most schools.

Prepa Tec utilizes the IB curriculum to provide underserved youth in the area the opportunity to access rigorous, inquiry-based instruction that is balanced by a social emotional approach to better prepare them for life after school. The approach is a more holistic one than aggregated AP or traditional classes. Embedded in the IB program and courses we teach is a concurrent focus on skills students need to succeed such as self-management, research, social, communication and thinking. Throughout a student's education at Prepa Tec they are also explicitly taught how to be reflective, open-minded, risk-takers, caring, balanced, principled, knowledgeable, inquirers, communicators and thinkers.

Students engage in long term service projects within their own or the larger, global community and direct some of their own learning with supervised research essays. These activities prepare students for the rigors of college, where IB students are accepted at a higher rate than their counterparts, often with accelerated credits. Unlike many IB schools, all students are eligible for admission to the program and all associated fees are funded entirely by PTLAHS.

Please help us support the communities of South and Southeast Los Angeles by voting for the renewal of this exceptional school. If you have any questions regarding my support of this school, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

**Name:** Carlos Saucedo

**Comment:**

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I am writing 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. I really hope you take this decision into great consideration as it will impact many families.

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 pandemic.

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

Juan Carlos Saucedo  
Founder and CEO  
K12 school Services

**Name:** Edgar Reyes

**Comment:**

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I am delighted to participate with a letter of support for the renewal of the Prepa Tec LA High School in Bell, California. I am joining the many petitioners advocating for Prepa Tec's renewal this Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Prepa Tec LA High School and its affiliates have taken considerable time and effort to ensure that the renewal petition conforms to legal, educational, and physical requirements for acceptance. I am writing this letter because I feel strongly that the school is a true asset to the community. Prepa Tec has one of the highest graduation and college acceptance rates in the region. One must commend the staff and faculty at Prepa Tec LA High School for adjusting and maintaining their high level of education while keeping everyone safe during this unprecedented Covid pandemic.

I am confident that Prepa Tec LA High School will always offer the well-rounded, high-quality education South East Los Angeles's students and community deserve. As one of the few IB World Schools, we need to support by any means necessary positive institutions like Prepa Tec. I know this firsthand growing up in the local neighborhoods and receiving public school education. As a family clinician in the community, I witness the positive comments and results from my patient's parents and students who attend Prep Tec.

I am one small voice in a large community that is proud to see the success of forward-thinking being done at Prepa Tec. The educational options given to the community haven't been taken for granted; the parent's and students' rapport shows it. This is why the community urges you and your colleagues to keep a good thing going; please consider their renewal for another five years; it will only get better.

Sincerely,

Edgar Reyes, PA, MA  
Los Reyes Clinica Medica Inc.

**Name:** Cristina Campos

**Comment:**

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of a supporter of Prepa Tec LA High School in Bell, California. We hope that you will take the time to consider our request, I am joining the many petitioners advocating for Prepa Tec's renewal this Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Prepa Tec LA High School, is a small school in a large community with the educational opportunity for many young, and eager students thriving to achieve high quality education.

I am confident that the faculty and administration are a valuable asset to their students and the community. They both showcase exceptional leadership skills, and demonstrate positive track record with affiliates that have taken considerable time and effort to ensure that the renewal petition conforms to legal, educational, and physical requirements for acceptance.

I am writing this letter because I feel strongly that the school is a true asset to the community. Prepa Tec has one of the highest graduation and college acceptance rates in the region. It is very exciting as a parent to see the opportunity that Prepa Tec LA High School has to offer our future leaders. I am confident that Prepa Tec LA High School will always offer the well-rounded, high-quality education South East Los Angeles's students and community deserve. As one of the few IB World Schools, we need to support by any means necessary positive institutions like Prepa Tec.

We feel certain that you will agree with us all. The community urges you and your colleagues to keep a good thing going; please consider their renewal for another five years; it will only get better.

Kind Regards,

Cristina Campos

**Name:** Victor Aguirre

**Comment:**

Request a Yes vote on Agenda Item 4: Approval of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School Charter Petition

Dear Board of Advisory Commission on Charter Schools,

As the Principal of PREPA TEC LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL (PTLAHS) since mid 2018, I am keenly aware of the progress our school has made over the years to meet the needs of the students and families in the community. We are the only free public educational organization to provide International Baccalaureate (IB)- Diploma Programme in the area and we are certain our IB-Middle Years Programme Authorization visit this Spring will be successful. In spite of the Covid Pandemic, The school experienced the highest graduation rate in the area and a high college acceptance rate. PTLAHS has also employed teachers and staff from the community.

Therefore, I humbly request your yes vote on Agenda Item 4: Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School Charter Renewal.

Respectfully,

Victor B. Aguirre, Principal

**Name:** Joshua Chung

**Comment:**

Dear Commission Members,

My name is Joshua Chung, and I am the Social Science/Individuals & Societies teacher at Prepa Tec High School. I have been in the education field since 2011 and I have never been anywhere as dedicated and caring for the students as Prepa Tec High School. Teaching is my passion and I was one of the few that found my calling in the 9th grade. My dream was to give back to the community and mold the finds of the future, and I found the perfect place here at Prepa Tec High School. What this school officers do to the community is irreplaceable and priceless. The IB Program teaches the students how to be independent and learn about the world around them. It prepares them for the future and in my two years here, I have already heard countless comments from my seniors about how Prepa Tec High School gave them a chance and opportunity out of a low-income neighborhood and a chance at a brighter future. Prepa Tec High School is dedicated to bring the students the best education possible and the best experience possible. I would ask you to approve the charter for another five years because I can guarantee that PTHS will only continue to grow, improve its program, and continue providing a bright future for the students who pass through our doors. It is such an honor to teach here and I feel so blessed to have been able to call this my school. The students feel the same and this IB School is unique. I can't see myself teaching anywhere else but here and continuing to help these students find a future out of a system that has been holding them back and down. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joshua Chung

**Name:** Emily Coutant

**Comment:**

Hello Commission members.

My name is Emily Coutant, and I am a Visual Art Teacher at Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School.

I have been a teacher at this school since 2019. The school offers students the opportunity to be part of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

I would ask you to approve the charter for another five years because of this unique opportunity given to the students. The program has embedded experiences that our students do not have access to in other settings.

Because of the program and the focus on an IB education in general, I have seen so many students gain confidence and a deeper understanding not only of the subjects, but of themselves.

This year I am talking to students getting accepted to four year universities and feeling truly prepared because of the fact that they have had to research and write a 4000 word extended essay and create presentations for their Theory of Knowledge class.

The level of inquiry and independent thinking that this environment fosters is unlike that of a traditional high school and I am seeing the benefit of it in each and every student that comes through the program.

Please vote to keep the school open.

Thank you.

**From:** [Stephanie Farland](#)  
**To:** [Makenna Huey](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] ALTA PTLAH: Appeal to the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools  
**Date:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 10:03:17 AM  
**Attachments:** [Alta PTLAH Charter Request.pdf](#)

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**From:** Robert Urteaga <[robert@santamariagroup.com](mailto:robert@santamariagroup.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 4:12 PM  
**To:** Stephanie Farland <[SFarland@cde.ca.gov](mailto:SFarland@cde.ca.gov)>  
**Cc:** Angelica D'Egidio <[angelica@santamariagroup.com](mailto:angelica@santamariagroup.com)>; Robert Urteaga <[Robert@santamariagroup.com](mailto:Robert@santamariagroup.com)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ALTA PTLAH: Appeal to the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools

Alta Public Schools (Alta) humbly submits this request for support of the renewal for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High (PTLAH) to the Advisory Committee on Charter Schools (ACCS). Alta has cultivated a good faith working relationship with our charter authorizers over the years, and we look forward to continuing that relationship with whomever the ACCS deems appropriate.

It is more important now than ever to come together as a community, consider our common goals, and do what is best for students. PTLAH offers a rigorous and innovative high school program in Southeast Los Angeles that is not otherwise available to our families. We firmly believe that the following demonstrates the need and justification for an approved charter request on behalf of PTLAH:

1. PTLAH increases the success of our predominantly underserved student body. The students at PTLAH is among the most historically underserved pupils in the State: 98.5% are LatinX, 91.5% are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and 24.7% are English learners. Through our efforts, PTLAH students are nonetheless increasing their academic achievement year-over-year based on PTLAH's NWEA MAP data, with 89% graduating and 61.1% attending college—both of which are higher than four-year adjusted cohort rates for students in LAUSD schools.
2. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, PTLAH provided the necessary technology to students for them to access our program virtually during school closures, in addition to desks and chairs so families could set up appropriate learning environments at home. We believe these provisions contributed to students' steady growth in NWEA MAP scores, high attendance rate of 95% (versus 86% at LAUSD schools), and zero learning loss since the start of the pandemic—with many students even outperforming their expected growth under normal circumstances notwithstanding the school closures.
3. PTLAH is financially feasible and has changed significantly over the last two quarters in regards to our viability from a budgetary standpoint. Following the construction of PTLAH, we carefully curated a plan to ensure the school's budget is balanced and fiscally prepared to serve students.

Based on the above, we respectfully request that ACCS recommend approval of the PTLAH charter request. Enclosed with this email is a letter to ACCS demonstrating both the need and justification for the approval of PTLAH's charter request. Thank you very much

for your time and consideration. We are eager to discuss any issues, questions, or concerns, so please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Best Regards,

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Robert Urteaga

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March 31, 2021

Advisory Commission on Charter Schools  
1430 N Street, Suite 5401  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

**Re: Charter Request Appeal for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School**

Dear Commissioners of the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools:

Alta Public Schools (“Alta”) humbly submits this appeal of the denied charter renewal for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High (“PTLAH”) to the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS) for review and approval pursuant to 5 C.C.R. section 11966.6. Enclosed with this letter are all of the documents required for a charter request appeal, and in the format we understand is required by the California Department of Education (“CDE”). Alta has cultivated a good faith working relationship with our charter authorizers over the years, and we look forward to continuing that relationship with whomever the SBE deems appropriate.

At PTLAH, we are working every day to provide a safe, effective learning community that supports our students and their families during unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is more important now than ever to come together as a community, to consider our common goals, and to do what is best for students. Renewing PTLAH’s charter—so that our students have an educational home to come back to—is in the best interest of students. Even though the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”) Board of Education denied PTLAH’s charter, LAUSD adopted findings that such nonrenewal is not the best decision for students:

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

(Exhibit 6, p. 22 [emphasis added].)<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> After LAUSD adopted its findings for denial on December 8, 2020, PTLAH received a letter from LAUSD staff dated December 22, 2020 with an attachment characterized as “a summary of the LAUSD Board of Education’s Written Findings of Fact.” (Exhibit 7.) Staff’s summary did not exist at the time of LAUSD’s meeting and was not adopted by the Board of Education. Both the meeting transcript generated by LAUSD (Exhibit 8) and the Board of Education Report and Findings that were adopted by the Board (Exhibit 6) contradict the “findings” in the *ex post*

PTLAH offers a rigorous and innovative high school program in Southeast Los Angeles that is not otherwise available to our families. PTLAH is one of only four authorized public schools in Los Angeles that offers the IB Diploma Programme, which helps develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who are motivated to succeed. Our students are among the most historically underserved pupils in the State: 98.5% of students at PTLAH are LatinX, 91.5% are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and 24.7% are English learners. These students are increasing their academic achievement year-over-year based on PTLAH's NWEA MAP data and graduating at a higher rate than students in LAUSD schools. We believe that all students have the ability to succeed when placed in the right environment with the right level of tailored instruction and intervention, and we are even accomplishing this during COVID-19. In addition to checking out the necessary technology to students for them to access our program virtually during school closures, PTLAH also provided desks and chairs so families could set up appropriate learning environments at home.

Our mission is to provide a world-class education to every student through an inquiry and investigation school model that will prepare students to meet the challenges of a global 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our small community school provides a positive environment where every person is treated like family. Many of our families see PTLAH as their first source of reliable information and resources, and we are constantly looking for ways to support them. Our students recently organized events to collect food, household goods, and Christmas trees, which were delivered to families in-need over the Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. Our community outreach team has also delivered food and resources to families in isolation due to COVID-19 exposure.

For our students, seeing is believing. PTLAH provides students with real-world experiences, such as visiting colleges and universities or attending trade shows, to ignite their passions so they can see themselves finding success beyond high school, whether in college or a career pathway of their choice. We are still a new school, but in just four years, we are already meeting the needs of our community and seeing results:

- ✓ Our students have experienced steady growth in NWEA MAP scores in ELA and Math in each year of the current charter term.
- ✓ 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's four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate in 2020 was 89%.
- ✓ 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.

In these unprecedented times not only in public education but in each of our student's lives, it would be an injustice to close our school. For every PTLAH family, facing the closure of their child(ren)'s school would further exacerbate the stresses and anxiety that our students

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*facto* summary.

and their families are facing each day, including just yesterday when deadly violence erupted at our nation's Capitol Building. It is important to recognize that our students want to attend PTLAH, even during these challenging times. During the pandemic, PTLAH has maintained an attendance rate above 95% in Fall 2020, which is higher than LAUSD's first-day-of-school attendance rate of 86%.<sup>2</sup> Our students and staff remain engaged, and PTLAH is a place where students are learning how to be ready to tackle all the challenges before them.

It is difficult during a pandemic to communicate how this small school is so important to so many people, but we are enclosing letters from various families and other community members who enthusiastically support our school. (Exhibit 12.) PTLAH's #1 priority is and always has been our students. Our Board, administration team, and our entire community is willing to do what it takes to keep our school open. Despite having only one year of Dashboard data, we have provided verifiable data evidencing that our program has made great strides for our students academically. (Exhibit 6, pp. 72-231.) We welcome the opportunity to discuss and resolve any issues raised by the SBE or CDE.

The PTLAH charter renewal petition meets all of the legal requirements for approval, including the new academic achievement criteria for schools in the "Middle Performing" track under Education Code section 47607.2(b):

- 47605(c)(1) ✓ ***The PTLAH charter presents a sound educational program.*** Even though PTLAH is in its first charter term, Alta has been serving students in the Southeast Los Angeles community for over a decade. Our rigorous academic program is research-based, standards-aligned, and proven successful. The school's leadership team has the experience and knowledge to continue successfully serving our unique student population. Alta's Superintendent of Instruction has a Doctoral Degree in Education and a clear Administrative Services Credential, and he has experience working as a high school principal in the Soledad Unified School District and an Assistant Superintendent in the Monterey County Office of Education, among other relevant qualifications and experience. PTLAH has only one year of CAASPP data due to the pandemic but there are many other positive data points showing that our students are engaged, preparing for college or a career, and experiencing growth in academic achievement. We are always looking for ways to improve our program so that our students will continue performing at a high level, and we have utilized the school's CAASPP and other data to develop an improvement plan. (Exhibit 11.) We have already begun implementing these tailored academic improvements, even during COVID-19, and will continue to do so over the renewal term.
- 47605(c)(2) ✓ ***Petitioners are demonstrably likely to successfully implement the sound educational program set forth in the PTLAH charter petition.*** PTLAH is led by experienced, passionate, and qualified individuals with decades of cumulative experience in charter schools and public education. PTLAH continues to attract hundreds of students each year who are interested in our

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<sup>2</sup> According to an Los Angeles Times article dated August 28, 2020: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-28/pandemic-school-attendance-rules-eased>.

rigorous and unique IB Diploma Programme—one of only four authorized public schools in Los Angeles. The financial and operational plans for PTLAH’s renewal term are solid. PTLAH is projecting to end FY21 with a positive fund balance and continue posting positive net income each year thereafter, even despite the upcoming funding deferrals. PTLAH is operationally successful and is on a positive trajectory.

- 47605(c)(4) ✓ ***The charter petition contains an affirmation of each of the conditions required by law.*** This is a cut-and-dry legal requirement that our charter meets. PTLAH is fully committed to continue operating lawfully, transparently, and in the best interests of our students and families. LAUSD found that our charter meets this requirement.
- 47605(c)(5) ✓ ***The PTLAH charter contains reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all required elements.*** Our comprehensive charter contains more than the minimum that is required by law, including all of the substantive information specific to our program and all aspects of each charter element required under the Charter Schools Act. LAUSD found that our charter meets this requirement.
- 47605(c)(6) ✓ ***The PTLAH charter contains a declaration that the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the school for purposes of the Educational Employment Relations Act.*** LAUSD found that our charter meets this requirement.
- 47607.2(b)(6) ✓ ***Renewing PTLAH’s charter is in the best interest of students.*** Now is not the time to close a school and force our IB Programme students back into the very non-IB programs that they chose to leave, all during a time when it is unclear when schools will be able to resume normal in-person high school instruction. PTLAH provides a safe, engaging environment for our families and students, and our academic achievement data is trending upward. LAUSD agreed that closing our school is not in the best interest of students.

Based on the above, we respectfully request that CDE staff recommend approval of, and that the SBE approve the PTLAH charter.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We are eager to discuss any issues, questions, or concerns, so please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

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Xavier Reyes  
Founder and CEO  
Alta Public Schools

**Adelante Educational Services, Inc.**

April 8, 2021

Re: April 13, 2021, PTLAHS Petition ITEM #4

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I submit this letter of support for the renewal of the Prepa Tec LA High School (PTLAHS) located in Bell, CA. PTLAHS is advocating for the renewal of their school this coming Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

The Prepa Tec LA High School's team has the capacity, commitment and competence to support high-quality student learning and ongoing school improvement. The PTLAHS team also has dedicated considerable time and effort to tell the school's story and make sure that its renewal petition conforms to the legal, educational, and fiscal requirements for renewal. PTLAHS is an asset in our community as it has 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 the weight of the COVID-19 and its affect on their families and our community. While the spread of COVID-19 has slowed, it does not erase the devastating health and economic impact it has had on our community and it is going to take all of us to band together to address and survive this educational, historic economic and health crisis.

There is compelling evidence that Prepa Tec LA High School will continue to offer a well rounded, high quality student learning, and the implementation, monitoring and accomplishment of a schoolwide action plan, which includes addressing critical areas with targeted follow-up for successful student academic achievement in the Southeast Los Angeles community. PTLAHS is among the few IB World School in our state; it deserves our support to get more Latino/Minority students and economically disadvantaged to and through college bringing much needed changes to our community.

Again, I highly support Prepa Tec LA High School's efforts to bring a high quality educational option for students in our community and urge you and your fellow Commissioners to consider their renewal for another five years.

Should you have questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me at [Adelante.inc@gmail.com](mailto:Adelante.inc@gmail.com) or (626) 536-1564. Thank you in advance fore your consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

Christina Martinez Duran, Ed.D.

Executive Director

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April 9, 2021

Advisory Commission on Charter Schools  
State Board of Education  
California Department of Education  
1430 N Street, Room 1101  
Sacramento, CA 95814-6029

RE: Item 4. SUPPORT Petition for Renewal of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your leadership in public education. I'm writing today in support of the charter renewal for Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School. 360 Accelerator equips leaders with the resources, connections, and support they need to do their best work and accelerate student learning. The lead petitioner, Xavier Reyes, has participated in our Los Angeles area cohort.

Prepa Tech meets nearly every criteria for renewing a charter school. The school has the highest graduation rate compared to schools students would otherwise attend; and one of the highest college entrance percentages in the region. While there are areas in need of improvement, the leadership has made many substantial changes from the 2018-2019 academic year that will improve outcomes for ELL students and bring financial stability to the organization--all while they balanced the care and rigor for students, families, and staff during an incredibly difficult 2020 year.

A vote to grant PTLA the opportunity to continue their current course of implementing extensive improvements to its programs and operations far outweighs the considerable damage that closing the school heaps upon an already underserved community during a time of unprecedented trauma to student learning.

For that reason, we strongly urge you to vote in favor of renewing the Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School petition.

If you have any questions you can email me at [jeff@360accelerator.org](mailto:jeff@360accelerator.org), or text/call directly at 559.250.0877.

Sincerely,



Jeff Sands  
CEO/PRESIDENT  
360 ACCELERATOR EDUCATION PARTNER

A Charter  
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April 9, 2021

Elsa Ochoa  
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Bell CA 90201

Regarding Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School Renewal, Agenda Item 4

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

As the Assistant Head of School at Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School, it is an honor to recommend for our charter school renewal. My name is Elsa Ochoa and I have worked at Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School (PTLAHS) for a year and a half. Last academic year, I was employed as the 11th and 12th grade Spanish Teacher. In that year, I learned more about my craft of teaching than I had in my previous 7 years in education. Our instructional program challenged the ineffective traditional strategies and techniques often utilized in the field of education. I transformed my practices in order to better educate my students. The educators on this team are lifelong learners and innovators in this field.

At Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School, we provide a quality education in the heart of Bell, California. Our instructional model consists of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme for ninth and tenth graders and Diploma Programme for eleventh and twelfth graders. This alignment to IB ensures that educators explicitly and implicitly teach communication, self management, thinking, social, and research skills for our students to be successful in their future endeavors. It is our objective to build the IB Learner Profile traits in our students through inquiry based and international minded units for their professional and personal development. I am confident that our students are learning and thriving in our classrooms. Our students graduate equipped to navigate and impact our local and global communities.

At Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School, we are committed to educating the whole child. We provide resources and support to meet the needs of our students. Our resources and practices include: mental health services for students and families, positive behavioral interventions and supports, restorative practices, trauma informed care, and autonomy supportive instruction. We have a culture of care that is captured in our assemblies, school events, and relationships with our students and their families. Ultimately, we care about our students holistically. We are making a difference in our students' life trajectories every single day.

We are relentless in serving our youth at PTLAHS. I strongly recommend that the Advisory Committee on Charter Schools approve our charter school renewal.

Sincerely,

*Elsa Ochoa*

Assistant Head of School  
Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School



April 9, 2021

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Samara Hernandez

HR & Business Development Coordinator

The Aptus Group, Inc.



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Nguyet Galaz, MSW

Human Resources

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Cynthia Vodanovich

Director

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Hugo Alonso

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April 9, 2021

Chair Mike Walsh and Commissioners  
Advisory Commission on Charter Schools  
1430 N Street, Suite 5111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Walsh and Commissioners:

We are writing on behalf of the California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) regarding an item on the April agenda: Item 4 - Consideration of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High, which was denied by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

CCSA is a statewide, non-profit, membership-based organization representing 1310 charter public schools across California, and the 675,374 students and families they serve. We urge the commission to recommend approval of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High to the State Board of Education. In these early stages of implementing AB 1505, it is absolutely critical for students across the state that we implement the law in a way that matches the letter and intent of the law.

AB 1505 *allows approval* upon findings that the criteria for renewal have been met. Those criteria for schools in the middle track are that (1) the school is taking “meaningful steps to address the underlying cause of low performance, as reflected in a written plan, and (2) there is clear and convincing data that the school achieved measurable increases in academic achievement or strong postsecondary outcomes. The school has provided data demonstrating that they meet this threshold and the California Department of Education’s item before the commission reflects academic growth.

Additionally, in light of the state’s fiscal challenges over the past year this school and all public schools were forced to figure out how meet the challenge of deferrals. It is the norm, not the exception for charter schools to engage in short-term financing in an effort to keep their programs running. Prepa Tec Los Angeles High has provided a detailed plan related to their financial plan that shows a positive ending balance and the required cash reserve after this year.

CCSA appreciates your consideration on this item. If you have any further questions about this item, please do not hesitate to contact me at Romel Antoine at (916) 584-0064 or [rantoine@ccsa.org](mailto:rantoine@ccsa.org).

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Romel Antoine  
Director  
Policy & Regulatory Affairs



April 8, 2021

Re: April 13, 2021, PTLAHS Petition ITEM #4

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

I submit this letter of support for the renewal of the Prepa Tec LA High School and take this opportunity to lay out some reasons that keeping this school open is in the best interest of the families that we serve in the community.

1. Prepa Tec LA High School students are graduating at a higher rate than any other traditional public school our students would otherwise attend (<https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/dqcensus/CohRate.aspx?agglevel=school&year=2019-20&cds=19769920133900> ). And, we have one of the top college-going and college acceptance rates than any other school in the region.
2. Closing their school during this pandemic will compound even more trauma into the lives of all of our students and families at this time. Our school is located in one of the hardest hit areas in Los Angeles with COVID-19. As a matter of fact, approximately 4% of our students have had COVID-19 and a much higher number of our students have had someone in the family that has been affected by COVID-19.
3. Prepa Tec LA High School is solvent. The school has had a balanced budget with a reserve every year. Prepa Tec LA High School invested early in its history on a facility worthy of our student's and IB program's needs, approximately \$800,000, and has had a plan to pay this debt off over time with our yearly reserves. Our current reserves are close to 3% at the end of the year and our plan is to completely pay this debt off this year and begin establishing our statutory reserve of 4% after this year. Unfortunately, the pandemic hit us hard, and we had to continue utilizing some of our reserves above the federal dollars sent to every school in the country. We've spent additional dollars on computers, hot spots for students without connectivity, counselors, SEL consultants, connectivity for teachers and revamping our internet websites as the California Code of Regulations, Title 5 (5 CCR), Section 15450, states that Reserves shall be *"(1) Available... for Economic Uncertainties and the Unassigned/Unappropriated accounts in the General Fund and the Special Reserve Fund for Other Than Capital Outlay Projects. Available reserves will be reduced by any negative ending balances in restricted resources in the General Fund."*

We agree with the CDE Review Form, Key Information of School document that the "PTLAH petition does, overall, provide the required information and financial projections; however, the language can be strengthened to specifically state the

manner in which administrative services of the school are to be provided (Attachment 3, p. 373 and Attachment 4).”

4. The Prepa Tec LA High School’s team has the capacity to support high-quality student learning and ongoing school improvement. The evidence is clear, Prepa Tec LA High School has and will continue to offer a well-rounded, high quality educational program to all PTLAHS students. The high school is among the few IB World School in our state and the only one that serves more Latino students and economically disadvantaged than most IB school in the state – all of this within four years of existence.

Thank you for your attention. Should you have questions or need additional information please feel free to contact me at [x.reyes@altaps.org](mailto:x.reyes@altaps.org) or (323) 839-3286. Thank you in advance for your consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

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Xavier Reyes, Founder and CEO

**From:** [Rachel Villalobos](#)  
**To:** [CHARTERS](#)  
**Cc:** [Xavier Reyes](#); [Victor Aguirre](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] ACCS 4.13.202-Item 4: PTLAHS Reauthorization  
**Date:** Friday, April 9, 2021 3:56:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [Item 4 - PTLAHS - 2021 - 2025 \(2\).pdf](#)

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Good Afternoon Advisory Commission on Charter Schools,  
I humbly request you accept my letter of support to reauthorize Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School on April 13th's meeting.

The letter states the reasons for which I believe the school should be reauthorized:

- The rigor in our one of a kind free public International Baccalaureate education and preparation for post secondary education and career
- Graduation rate is higher than the surrounding schools our students would otherwise attend
- Career and college readiness is higher than the surrounding schools our students would otherwise attend
- College acceptance rate is higher for our first graduating class than the surrounding schools
- Our students seek a safe learning environment as many who enroll in our schools express they sought different school because of the bullying and/or cyber bullying
- Parents are have repeatedly expressed their gratitude for what Prepa Tec Los Angeles has done for their students and them as parents/caregivers

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Villalobos-Kowalski

Best Regards,  
Rachel Villalobos-Kowalski  
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*Creating a Culture of Care*

*"If kids come to us from strong, healthy functioning families, it makes our job easier. If they do not come to us from strong, healthy, functioning families, it makes our job more important". - Barbara Coloroso*

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April 9, 2021

*Via: Electronic Submittal:* [charters@cde.ca.gov](mailto:charters@cde.ca.gov)  
Advisory Commission on Charter Schools  
Chair, Advisory Commission on Charter Schools  
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Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

**Re: Approval of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School**

**Position: Support**

Dear Board of Advisory Commission on Charter Schools,

On behalf of the PREPA TEC LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL (PTLAHS), I am writing to express support for the renewal approval of Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School, which would address the needs of the community such as the only free public educational organization to provide International International Baccalaureate (IB)- Diploma Programme in the area and is undergoing their first IB-Middle Years Programme Authorization. The school provides the highest graduation rate and college acceptance to students' school of residence where they would otherwise attend. PTLAHS also provides employment to the community and after school activities and educational support at no cost to the families.

This school has provided social emotional learning for students, mental health and nutrition support for students and families, as well as academic preparation to successfully complete their high school requirements, foundation skills to prepare them for postsecondary success.

For these reasons and the fact that our parents and caregivers are happy with the results we help produce, I am humbly asking that you support the community we serve and vote yes on reauthorizing PREPA TEC LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL.

Sincerely,

*Rachel Villalobos*

Rachel Villalobos  
Interim Superintendent of Instruction  
Cc: Advisory Commission on Charter Schools

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

As a local resident living in the area since 1973 and an elder from a local Christian congregation I am pleased to write this letter of support for the renewal of Prepa Tec LA High School located in the City of 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, aducational, 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 effort to bring a great aducational option for students in the community and urge you and your fellow Commissioners to consider their renewal for another five years.

Sincerely,

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April 9, 2021

Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond  
State Board President  
California State Board of Education  
1430 N. Street, Room 5111  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
916.319.0827

Re: Prepa Tec High School Renewal, Agenda Item Number 4

Dear President Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond,

I am a participating Stakeholder of Alta Public Schools (APS) and Prepa Tec Los Angeles High School (PTLAHS). As the principal of Academia Moderna Charter School, Alta Public Schools' elementary school and a sister school of PTLAHS, I would like to offer my recommendation with enthusiasm for PTLAHS' charter renewal from the State Board of Education.

Renewing PTLAHS' charter will allow the continuation of APS' ability to offer the International Baccalaureate program at all levels, the Primary Years Program, Middle Years Program, and Diploma Program, creating a unique academic choice for families. Our high-quality programme of international education centers around the whole-learner, helps students develop the attitudes and skills necessary for academic and social success, assists students with understanding global cultures, ideas, and issues, and balances a conceptual program that allows students to explore their interests. Our continuum approach of an international program provides students with a rewarding coordinated and consistent educational experience that will prepare them to be college and career ready.

At APS we have a "familia" belief that offers families another type of continuum. Multiple families have their students across grade-spans and started with us at the elementary level. Last year, PTLAHS had its first graduating class which included students who joined APS when they were in elementary school. That number is expected to grow as each graduating class culminates. Many students at my school are seeing their siblings, cousins, and family friends at our middle school and PTLAHS and want to follow in their footsteps. We have cross-school activities to foster our "familia" attitude, such as picnics and Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) academic activities where PTLAHS students create books and read them to Academia Moderna Charter School students.

I am proud to belong to APS' administration team, where we work collaboratively and support all academic and social endeavors at each school. PTLAHS is a valuable community resource for those families and students living in the South and Southeast portions of Los Angeles. Please renew PTLAHS' charter. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please call me at 323.923.0383.

Sincerely,

Adam S. Warren  
Head of School

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,

*Mary Porras*

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April 9, 2021

Subject: Regarding Prepa Tech High School Renewal

Agenda Item #4.

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

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

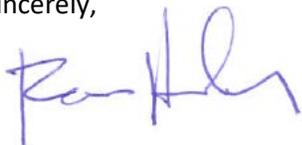
As a parent, I know the value that Prepa Tech brings to our students. My son, an alumnus, benefited greatly from the educational value the Prepa Tech delivers to our kids by opening up more options and offering a challenging curriculum with engaging teachers. The school is an authentic asset in the community.

Furthermore, keeping a needed school of choice open during the Covid-19 pandemic is highly commendable. Many of the kids the school serves have been severely impacted to a degree unmatched by other L.A. County areas, with some losing parents or other family members. Keeping Prepa Tech open amidst this pandemic and personal loss will help to shore up a student's confidence with a solid base of normal continuity.

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 Schools 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 an excellent educational option for students in the community and urge you and your fellow Commissioners to consider their renewal for another five years.

Sincerely,



Ramon Hernandez

Father of former PrepaTech Student

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April 9, 2021

Subject: Prepa Tec High School Renewal

Agenda Numero 4.

Estimados miembros de la commission de ACCS,

Humildemente les escribo para expresar mi apoyo al cien por ciento por el tema de la renovacion de permiso en torno al plantel escolar de Prepa Tec High School en la ciudad de Bell.

Con su permiso, quiero enfatizar que mi hijo fue alumno de Prepa Tec. Gracias al esfuerzo y dedicacion de sus maestros, mi hijo supero varias materias, y mejoro su forma de expresion escrita y verbal de tal manera que va bien preparado y en camino para ingresar a su universidad preferida.

En mi humilde opinion, el plantel escolar de Prepa Tec debe de mantenerse en pie para que nuestros hijos aprovechen las excelents oportunidades que brindan sus maestros. La dirigencia y los maestros nos aceptaron con brazos abiertos y nos hicieron sentir como si yo y my hijo fueramos parte integral de esta comunidad educativa.

Les suplico que por favor consideren nuestros sentimientos y el poder, las esperanzas y la verdadera dedicacion que los maestros de Prepa Tec le brindan a nuestros hijos.

Tengo entendido que el curriculo educativo ya ha dado fruto, ya que Prepa Tec tiene cifras aun mucho mayor que las escuelas cercanas en porcentaje de graduados que siguen carrera universitaria. Este hecho me da mucho aliento al saber de que algo bueno se esta haciendo alli en Prepa Tec.

Aplaudo a Prepa Tec por su esfuerzo, primeramente por tener la vision de instalarse en nuestra comunidad al servicio educativo de nuestros hijos, y por su exito en cumplir la dificil tarea de emprenderlos en caminos que los lleve a la Universidad. Les suplico a ustedes respetables miembros de la comision que por favor consideren muy seriamente nuestra peticion y otorguen la renovacion a nuestra escuela Prepa Tec. La superacion de nuestros hijos no solamente es superacion personal, es superacion de nuestra comunidad y de nuestra ciudad.

Sinceramente,



Cecilia Hernandez

(madre de alumno de Prepa Tec)

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April 9, 2021

California State Board of Education  
Advisory Commission on Charter Schools

*Via email: [charters@cde.ca.gov](mailto:charters@cde.ca.gov)*

**Re: Prepa Tec LA High School renewal petition – April 13, 2021 Item #4**

Dear ACCS Commissioners,

As the current Alta Public Schools Board Chair, I am pleased to write this letter of support of the renewal petition of Prepa Tec LA High School located in Bell, California which is adjacent to the City of Los Angeles. The petitioners and others will be advocating for the renewal of the 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. I believe that they have exceeded those requirements.

More importantly, the school is a true asset to the community as it boasts one of the highest graduation and college acceptance rates in the region. One of many examples of our students' exceptionalism in that regard is the granting of a full four-year scholarship to Johns Hopkins University to one of our senior students. She is a member of the class of 2021 and she expects to go on from Johns Hopkins eventually to obtain an MD and specialize in cardiology as a heart surgeon.

As you may be aware, the community that our school serves in the southeast part of Los Angeles, has been hit exceptionally hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. Likewise, this has impacted our students and their families. Under these unprecedented circumstances, more than anything else, our high school students need stability and continuity of education to facilitate their highest goals. In that regard, I would hope that you would consider the positive effects on our students the renewal of the petition would have.

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 Schools 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 I urge each of you as ACCS Commissioners favorably to consider the renewal for an additional five years.

**Re: Prepa Tec LA High School renewal petition – April 13, 2021 Item #4**  
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Thank you so much for your consideration of the renewal petition.

Very truly yours,

THE TANNER FIRM, APC

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