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May 19, 2017

VIA: HAND DELIVERY

Cindy Chan, Director
Judie Hall, Administrator
Charter Schools Division
California Department of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Description of Changes to the Olive Grove Charter School: Lompoc Charter Petition Necessary to Reflect the State Board of Education as the Authorizing Entity

Dear Director Chan and Ms. Hall:

The Olive Grove Charter School: Lompoc (“OGCS: Lompoc”) charter petition was denied by the Lompoc Unified School District Board of Trustees (“District” or “LUSD”) on April 7, 2017. OGCS: Lompoc appealed the District’s denial to the Santa Barbara County Board of Education (“County”), and the County Board voted to deny the charter on May 4, 2017.

OGCS: Lompoc respectfully submits its charter petition to the State Board of Education (“SBE”). In accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 11967(b)(4), we have listed below the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition that are necessary to reflect approval by the SBE:

1. Chartering Authority

Any text referring to the “Lompoc Unified School District,” “LUSD,” or the “District” as the chartering authority shall be revised to read “State Board of Education” or “SBE,” or the “California Department of Education” or “CDE” as the oversight agency, where appropriate.

2. Petition Element 14: Dispute Resolution Process (pp. 76-77)

OGCS: Lompoc recognizes that the SBE may choose to resolve a dispute directly instead of pursuing the dispute resolution process specified in the charter, provided that if the SBE intends 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.



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Further, OGCS: Lompoc recognizes that if the substance of a dispute is a matter that could result in the taking of appropriate action, including, but not limited to, revocation of the charter in accordance with Education Code Section 47604.5, the matter will be addressed at the SBE's discretion in accordance with that provision of law and any regulations pertaining thereto.

3. Technical Amendments

OGCS: Lompoc is willing to consider incorporating into its charter any technical amendments deemed necessary and appropriate by the SBE.

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

Sincerely,

Laura Mudge
Executive Director
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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 11967(b)(3)

A charter petition that has been previously denied by a school district governing board and county board of education may be submitted to the State Board of Education. (Education Code Section 47605(j)(1).) As per Education Code Section 47605(j)(5), the State Board of Education has adopted regulations implementing the provisions of Section 47605(j)(1). See Title 5, California Code of Regulations Section 11967. (5 CCR Section 11967.)

5 CCR Section 11967 requires that a charter school petition that has been previously denied by a school district governing board and a county board of education must be received by the State Board of Education not later than 180 calendar days after the denial. (5 CCR Section 11967(a).) If within 60 days of a county board of education's receipt of a petition appealing the denial to establish a charter school, the county board of education does not grant or deny the petition for the establishment of a charter school, the charter school may submit the petition for the establishment of a charter school to the State Board of Education. (5 CCR Section 11967(d).) In addition, 5 CCR Section 11967(b)(3) requires the charter petitioner to provide a "signed certification stating that petitioner(s) will comply with all applicable law" when submitting the denied petition to the State Board of Education.

The following certification is submitted in compliance with 5 CCR Section 11967(b)(3).

Certification

By signing below, I certify as follows:

1. That I am the authorized representative, and that I am competent and qualified to certify to the facts herein;
2. That, as the authorized representative, I have personal knowledge of the facts forming the basis of this certification;
3. That I make this certification for purposes of 5 CCR Section 11967(b)(3) only; and
4. That the charter petitioner(s) and the charter petition are in compliance with applicable law.

Name: Laura Mudge, Executive Director

Signature:

Date: May 15, 2017

School Name: Olive Grove Charter School: Lompoc