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Via Electronic Delivery

Lisa Constancio, Director  
Charter Schools Division  
California Department of Education  
1430 N Street, Suite 5401  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Description of Changes to Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy Charter Petition**

Dear Director Constancio,

The Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy (“Booker Academy” or the “Charter School”) establishment charter petition was submitted to the San Francisco Unified School District (“SFUSD” or the “District”) on April 24, 2018. The District Board denied the charter petition on June 12, 2018.

The Charter School respectfully submits its establishment charter petition on appeal to the State Board of Education (the “SBE”). In accordance with Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 11967(b)(4), below is a list of the relevant and appropriate changes to the charter petition that are necessary to reflect the SBE as the chartering entity.

**1. Chartering Authority**

Any text referring to “San Francisco Unified School District,” “SFUSD” 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.

**2. Dispute Resolution**

The Dispute Resolution language in the charter petition (pages 156-157) will remain as is, and will be followed by the acknowledgement that the Charter School will:

- Recognize that, because it is not an LEA, 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.
- Recognize 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 EC 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.



- Recognize that the SBE cannot be pre-bound to a contractual obligation to split the costs of mediation or agree to mediation to resolve disputes.

### **3. Miscellaneous Provisions**

Insurance (page 160): This section in the charter petition will remain as is, except “District Board of Education” will be replaced with “State Board of Education” as an additional insured.

### **4. Technical Amendments**

Booker Academy is willing to consider incorporating into its charter any technical amendments deemed necessary and appropriate by the State Board of Education.

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We look forward to working with the SBE and the CDE during consideration of the charter petition. Please feel free to contact me via email [tdavis@mlbla.org](mailto:tdavis@mlbla.org) or phone (619) 569-0414 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TD' with a flourish, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Terrence Davis  
School Founder and Head of Schools  
Mary L. Booker Leadership Academy