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Norma Ledezma	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Buen día nuestra escuela debe permanecer abierta ya que es una excelente escuela el personal docente es muy bueno.mi hija a mejorado muchísimo después que llevo al plantel. Su educación es muy importante y se que en epiphany ella tendrá un buen futuro.aparte esta escuela nos brindo un buen apoyo durante la pandemia a toda la comunidad. Gracias por escucharnos.
Abby Lopez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	During my two years of working at Epiphany Prep Charter School, I have seen nothing but an organization that works tirelessly for the students and families of the Escondido community. EPCS is a school that believes in and prepares all students to become global citizens. At EPCS, students have a home away from home and are constantly being challenged to be their best selves. Families have access to community resources, and they also have a voice here. A renewal for EPCS is necessary for the Escondido community, who greatly depends and thrives from its existence. Today, I urge all board members to think of all people who will be affected by a closure. Epiphany Prep Charter School must be renewed today for the benefit of this community. Thank you..
Samuel Chung	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I want to strongly advocate for the renewal of Epiphany Prep Charter school. This school has provided a myriad of resources for the students and families within, things that would not be available elsewhere. The tremendous care that has been shown to the students and to the community, especially during this season, warrants a renewal and an opportunity to display continued growth as we progress as a society out of this pandemic. To deny the renewal will negatively impact the families and staff, creating an even bigger gap between the students here and their local school, especially when the means of comparison can be skewed with pandemic data. To deny the renewal would not be an equitable approach to a population that was already suffering from deficits, let alone this pandemic. Please strongly consider giving this school the opportunity to continue to prove itself out of these times. Thank you.
Arturo Olazaba	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I support Epiphany Prep Charter School in their charter renewal because I know Epiphany is essential to the Escondido Community. Events regularly welcome families and scholars to participate. Virtually and in person (pre-pandemic), Epiphany has always had the whole student in mind when welcoming families onto campus for carnivals, health and wellness fair, virtual Art, PE, and Math nights, and so many more. EPCS belongs in the Escondido community.
Kira Olazaba	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I support Epiphany Prep Charter School's renewal. Epiphany Prep is full of caring and dedicated teachers, staff, administration, and support. We belong in the Escondido community because we are known in the Escondido community. All adults (teachers, counselors, administrators, custodial and cafeteria staff) truly embody empathy and inclusion. Students come from various and challenging backgrounds and every teacher treats those students with respect and pushes them towards excellence. Academic growth is so dramatic because students know their success and hard work truly does pay off.
Debora Peresenda De Rios	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I support Epiphany Prep Charter renewal. EPCS is a school that serves the minorities in the Escondido community. It has a solid group of professionals committed to making a difference in the lives of the students. We work hard to provide our students with sound instruction and caring emotional support. EPCS works with the families in the community to educate and transform the lives of our younger generations in the hope of a brighter future. Today you must decide in favor of our school. Our community in Escondido will significantly benefit from it.
Mark Adato	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	In my work as an education technology consultant, I have often referred to Epiphany Prep as a model for how the pedagogy and the practice should look. They are an outstanding group of educators, and I fully support their charter getting renewed. The students and families they serve are luck to have them.

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Jesus Perez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I opposed to any action affecting Ephifany Prep, Ephifany is a great School where my daughter are learning not just academy but value I'm against to any action affecting Ephifany Prep
Magdalena	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Mis hijas y yo deseamos que la escuela renueve,para nosotros la escuela es como un segundo hogar hay una calidez con todo el personal que nos hace sentir tan a gusto como en familia.
Brisa	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	My base is brisa I am in 5th grade a student at Epiphnay prep chárter. I have been at Epihany prep for 5 years (since they open ) they have made me feel welcomed, I feel like we are family. Every teacher, staff (ect) are supper nice and make shure every student is thought the way they understand is it shut down I would never feel the way they make me feel in other schools
Maria Isabel Perez R	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	First of all I want to clear that I am against of any action affecting Epiphany Prep. As a parent I truly have seen my daughter's grow on their grades and on their knowledge. I really appreciate the teachers their are one of the best teachers in Epiphany Prep I can tell you that no public teacher explains science, math, history as well as them that's why I have been surprised on how my daughter's have grown throughout the years in Epiphany. Epiphany prep promote to community respect and love for everyone no matter what they look like they will help you on and they use the method on how to students can have confidence. Teaching children is importance of teamwork and with others I truly hope my voice can be heard and save Epiphany Prep thank you.
Josseline Perez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I as pupil in Epiphany prep I am against anything that can affect Epiphany prep. I know this school is one of the best schools that I have experienced. In Frist grade I went to a public school which was near my house and I didn't know how to read I was confused I didn't understand any sentence in any book I was lost I asked teachers for help but it didn't help and it went on for one more year until I got to third grade I went to Epiphany and it was one of the best schools I have been in they thought me how to read, write, and taught me math which I was very very bad at. It break's my heart that the school that taught me how to read has to close. I really do feel like it is my home away from home. It isn't just my school. It is absolutely my home away from home. I feel so comfortable there. My professors know me and I feel that I can easily communicate with them. I feel like they will do anything to help students succeed. I can always go to my professors. I like knowing that I have someone looking out for me. I truly hope this school goes one for many many more years because as far as I know it one of the best thank you for hearing me out.
Silviana Pablo	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Es muy importante que epiphany sigue abierto Para que mi estudiante sigue sus estudios esa escuela nos a ayudado mucho durante estos tiempos que mi estudiante está ahí gracias..
Oralia Velazquez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	This is by far the best education my daughter has had competed to my oldest that went to regular public school. I'm surprised that it's even an option to close such a good school.

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Christine Lopez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	THIS IS UNCALLED FOR!!!! My son Dominic Maurice Maldonado has been attending Epiphany Prep Charter School since they first opened their doors. Epiphany Prep has been like my sons second home and when we received news that the school could be potentially closing was devastating! Because of Epiphany Prep and their staff my son speaks and writes in 2 languages and has developed a well rounded perspective of him even wanting attend college just being in 4th grade. Epiphany Prep has even developed a pledge my son stands by that was embedded in him to honor respect and be loyal to every individual. Epiphany Prep is not just any school, but better yet it is a foudation in the school district that Escondido was lacking to have and needed to learn and develop from. Many children have come to know this school as even a safe haven due to the staff and all the resources they provide to our community. From uniting families for family night or holiday events to handing out food and school supplies during a public pandemic, is not even scratching the surface into what Epiphany has done for our community. Because of there before and after school program many children have established a profound admiration towards the staff. It has united children to develop sincere friendships in various activites and learn how to work as a communtiy, a community that is our future. Because of this program it has kept many kids off the streets from making consequential choices in life to making the best investments in themselves with support with extra tutoring to assit those that might be behind. The closure of this school would be astronomical impact to our students, staff, families and community. We have already suffered and been through to much in this past year. Please dont be another added burden to our lives.
Anayeli Rodriguez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I am writing to you as an educator and parent of a child who has seen first hand the positive impact that a dual language program has on the education path. Research has shown that a dual language program is the best instrument in closing the achievement gap between English Learners and Non-English Learners. Therefore, I urge you to please approve Epiphany Charter School to continue supporting our North County community. They have a dedicated leadership and staff whose goal is to teach the students to become great citizens, and future college graduates. Their curriculum is rigorous and the test results have shown that students are engaged and learning. My child is confident in both her English and Spanish language skills in speaking and writing. Her world is more enriched because she gets to learn about different cultures. Thank you for your continued support.
Norma Becerril	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Me gustaría que renovarán otros 5 años porqué a mis hijos los a Ayudado mucho y me gustaría que siguieran ayudando Los demás niños que lo necesitan.
Claudia Zepeda	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Dear Board Members, I am in support of the Epiphany Prep renewal. There are many reasons that make Epiphany Prep the best place for our students and families that need additional support and dedication. Here we learn about their story through Restorative Practices, that guide our work with our scholars/families by our 4 counselors. As a teacher of Epiphany Prep, I have developed my skills as an educator. We have PLC which enables us to collaborate with other teachers, as well as administators/counselors and others to sharpen our skills. This is unhear of in the educational world and especially during times when funding is very limited. Epiphany Prep is a safe and deserving school that needs time to continue their journey of growth as teachers/students and most importantly the Escondido Community. We can not and should not be compared to others that don't have the same demographics/strengths/weaknesses or starting point as EP. We need to understand that so much is a stake that if this place does not exist. Our students will suffer, their future's will suffer and most of all our comunity because these students and families will not have this opportunity that can only happen at Epiphany Prep. PLEASE SUPPORT EPIPHANY PREP'S RENEWAL FOR 5 YEARS.

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Leonardo Garcia	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Dear Board Members, I am writing this letter as a High school senior and son of a teacher of Epiphany Prep. I see the dedication and love that my mother has for Epiphany Prep. I have been in the classroom with her and have seen her in action as she is dealing with her students, I can see that the students would be greatly affected by them not having a safe and nourishing environment and education. If students go back to district schools they will be labeled and judged based on what they can do and not do because someone knows their story. Epiphany is something that needs to be in our Escondido Community. I approve the renewal of Epiphany Prep for 5 years, continue to listen to their journey.
Jesus Garcia-Zepeda	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Dear Board Members, I am writing to you as the son of a teacher that has given her all for her students and Epiphany Prep. She has worked hard to develop strong relationships with students and their families, I have heard the struggles that many of these kids go through. I have seen her cry, laugh and feel proud of her students, and I know that my mom is doing the right thing for these students of Epiphany Prep. Her dedication and love for her career is very evident in all that she does, she has placed the best interest of the students as her priority. I can only hope that you will read this letter and know that I love Epiphany Prep because it has given us a better home, and a better understanding of what it means to be doing what you love as a career.
Alma Murillo	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Para mí es importante la escuela Epiphany, porque desde que mi hijo ingreso en TK , ha tenido un notorio cambio en su actitud y ama su escuela, es un gran equipo y siempre al pendiente de lo que es mejor para los alumnos, mi hijo en Kinder , y aún con la pandemia ya sabe leer en español e inglés gracias a sus maestros y el empeño que ponen para dar lo mejor a sus alumnos.
Gloria Aguilar	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I would be very disappointed if the school closes because my children would not find another school where the well-being of the students is the most important part of education. As a child development advocate, I truly believe Epiphany Prep does an excellent job at meeting the needs of underserved communities such as Latinos and low-income families.
angel carrizoza	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	it will help oter people like work
Elizabeth	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	This school is important because the people here care about our education and they care about us.
Diego	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Oppose	a oppose this because epiphany is good school and i have learned so much here and have good friends here
Liliana aguilar	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	for me it is very important that they do not close my children's school because in the other public schools they do not pay as much attention as in this school my 8 and 7 year old children can read and write very well in English and Spanish they both like it a lot of math I think it's thanks to the help of the teachers
Samantha	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	i think it should stay open bc teachers will have to look for a new school and the kids will too and this school has helped familys

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Mariyah Olascoaga	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	this school should stay open because it has great teachers
Natalia Pina	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	As a student with a learning disability, I would be devastated if my school closes because I am very close to my teachers they understand my struggles and support my needs. I am very happy to be part of the Epiphany Family.
Maria Aguilar	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Esta escuela es para mi y mi familia es muy importante por que todos nuestros niños de mi familia asisten a ella, aunque vivamos en diferentes distritos escolares. Tambien nos gusta, por que en esa escuela todas las personas que trabajan hay son muy amables, a diferencia de una escuela publica delas qué mis hijos an asistido, ellos siempre pueden atenderme muy amablemente, me pueden resolver mis prentas aserca de mis hijos en ese momento, y no nesecito hace cita almenos que sea muy conpleja mi pregunta. Tambien me gusta por que asta los niños del grado 8, están acompañados y bigelados por 1 0 más adultos de la escuela y para mi como mamá me hace sentir más segura cuando los deajo en la escuela. Si cierran esta escuela ba a ser un impacto muy fuerte para toda mi familia.
Jorge Pina	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I am happy to be part of Epiphany Prep because the teachers contribute to my education and at the same time help me to connect with my community and value my heritage. It would be very challenging to find another school like Epiphany Prep.
Ruby Reyes	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Creo que Epiphany Prep es importante y debería estar abierta. Epiphany es una escuela que me ha ayudado a aprender inglés, quizás mis notas no sean tan buenas, pero mis maestras me ayudan a aprender tanto como pueden, me han ayudado mucho. Creo que esta escuela debería estar abierta porque es una escuela donde te ayudarán pase lo que pase, puedes ser tú mismo sin ser juzgado.
Norma Gonzalez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Mi nombre es Norma González soy la mamá de Jovanny y Brayan Orozco alumnos de Epiphany Prep. Nosotros estamos muy contentos que nuestros hijos tengan la oportunidad de asistir a esta escuela. Los profesores no solo se dedican ha enseñar, si no que también se preocupan porque nuestros hijos estén bien en todos los sentidos. La directora, las maestras y todo el personal es muy amable. Epiphany Prep enseña a nuestros hijos la importancia de tener una buena profesión y siempre buscan cómo motivarlos para que lo logren. Mis hijos saben leer y escribir español e inglés y siempre van felices y motivados, y les entristece el solo hecho de pensar que tendrían que cambiar de escuela. ----- My name is Norma González, I am the mother of Jovanny and Brayan Orozco, Epiphany Prep students. We are very happy that our children have the opportunity to attend this school. Teachers are not only dedicated to teaching, but they also care that our children are well in every way. The principal, teachers, and all staff are very friendly. Epiphany Prep teaches our children the importance of having a good career and they are always looking to motivate them to do so. My children can read and write Spanish and English and they are always happy and motivated, and they are saddened by the mere fact that they would have to change schools.
Evelyn Martinez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Es el mejor lugar para la educación de mis hijas difícilmente encontraría la calidad de educación en otro lugar , el horario y la atención son muy buenas , no se a donde las llevaría si no tuviéramos esta escuela.

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Juan Cruz	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Mis hijas estan muy bien con esta escuela , el nivel académico es muy bueno y no tendríamos o sabríamos de otra escuela para ellas con el mismo nivel académico.
Maria Martinez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Epiphany Prep Charter School has been a great support for my family. My children and I endured a terrible lost last year by losing my husband. My daughter was 5 yrs old and my son 8 yrs old. Epiphany Prep dedicated staff has been supporting us by helping us with counseling, extra academic assistance, care, and making us feel like part of family and community. They have gone above and beyond in efforts for my kids and I very happy and grateful for all their efforts and support. Thank you Epiphany Prep Charter.
leslie jauregui	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	i mean keep it open for the people who need it
Celeste Ortiz	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I would like this school to be open for another 5 years, the reason why is because this school has helped a lot in the matter of putting attention to each and every student and still helping them, when I first got into this school I had no idea of anything but once I got used to the schedule and the teachers helped me I have advanced a lot in thing I didn't know.
dulce garcia	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	i think it should be renewed because this school gives a lot of opportunities and because this school makes it feel like home with my friends and the teachers teach very good
Hugo Hernandez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	it shouldnt close forever bc children and families need this for their kids
jose ramirez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	So we do not miss school and have good grades
Guadalupe Carrizosa	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	En mi opinión quisiera que EplPHANY siga adelante por que ayuda mucho a sus alumnos a salir adelante con sus estudios y a nosotros como padres ayudarnos como ayudar a nuestros hijos entiendo que con la pandemia bajo mucho envíeles académico de muchos estudiantes pero EplPHANY tiene excelentes maestros y comité que puede salir adelante yo estoy de acuerdo que siga abierta en lo personal a mi si me afectaría que no siguiera abierta muchas gracias
Gabriela Ortiz	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Necesitamos la escuela para nuestros hijos y además las maestras son muy amables y profesionales y mis hijos están aprendiendo mucho a pesar que la pandemia nos trajo unas perdida familiares no queremos que la pandemia se lleve la escuela de nuestros hijos
Rosa Garcia	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I vote for Epiphany to be granted the renewal. Epiphany Prep hours are convenient for us parents that work eight hours or more. They have an after school program on site. My daughters kinder teachers are amazing, they are truly passionate about teaching/ students learning.
Brenda Carrizoza	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	No quisiera que la cerraran porque es la única escuela que han ayudado a mi hijo a subir de nivel y me gustaría que siguiera abierta gracias

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Bryan Campos	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	<p>Board Members of the San Diego County of Education, My name is Bryan Campos and I began working at Epiphany Prep in Escondido as a founding teacher in 2016. During this time I worked with scholars from Kindergarten through 8th grade levels, primarily in mathematics and exploration classes. As you deliberate amongst each other, I want to take an opportunity to showcase how Epiphany Prep is unique to other schools in our community. I urge each of you to please take a deep dive into what makes our school the right choice for all of our parents. An essential component of our math curriculum is our growth with Cognitive Guided Instruction (CGI). With the help from math consultants, our math department has developed lesson plans that have been far more effective than traditional procedural math approaches. CGI has allowed our scholars to engage in active and constructive lessons that allow them to apply their math lessons to real world situations while building on their past knowledge. We have seen scholars become excited about their assignments and take accountability towards their learning. Additionally, many teachers in the math department have been able to expand their CGI knowledge and reflect on our teaching through a partnership with CARE Network. CARE Network is associated with High Tech High and the UCSD Create organization and this network facilitates convenings with educators from a total of 15 schools participating from San Diego County, Orange County, and Riverside County. CARE Network aims "to increase the number of students who are Black, Latinx, Indigenous or from low-income backgrounds who have a strong academic identity and are on-track in 8th grade to graduate high school and successfully enter college and career." A primary focus is to reflect on ourselves as educators and our lessons to ensure we meet the needs of our scholars and provide them with equitable opportunities to be successful in their academics and in life. Our work with the CARE Network and use of CGI within our math curriculum is one of the many ways Epiphany Prep is unique from other schools in our community and shows our devotion to the scholars and families we serve. We continuously strive to better ourselves as educators and the growth that our scholars have achieved is a success that they were unable to achieve while attending other schools in our district. Not granting us a charter will be a disservice to everything our scholars have accomplished and will take away our families' right to choose the right school that is meeting their children's needs. As you review all information and make your decision, please take a moment to truly understand the journey of Epiphany Prep and our community. These scholars deserve a school that meets their needs. These scholars deserve a school that gives them a voice. These scholars deserve Epiphany Prep Charter School.</p> <p>Sincerely, Bryan A. Campos</p>
Viridiana Amaya	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	<p>Seeing my son grow academically while dealing with social-emotional challenges is the reason Epiphany Prep Charter School's petition should be renewed. I don't know what I would have done without the support of his teachers and counselors. Closing Epiphany will not only affect him academically but it will also affect his emotional development as well.</p>





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Margaret Novak	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	<p>I teach 7th grade science at Epiphany Prep Charter School and this is my third year with the school. Since day one, I have seen and been a part of the major positive impact that this school has on the community. Epiphany provides opportunities for students to participate in rigorous academic learning experiences, as well as real-life experiences around the community. Scholars are exposed to higher education by actually touring universities and local colleges. Epiphany provides unique opportunities for students from low-socioeconomic backgrounds to earn a spot at some of the most competitive high schools in the area. It is not fair to deny these students the opportunity to continue their education at Epiphany based on the distance from standard. Most of the students who have entered into Epiphany during the last 5 years have come in at below grade level. However, once joining Epiphany, they have made tremendous growth, which is reflected in our data, as our growth is well above the District and the State. Had these students continued to attend other schools, they most likely would have continued to fall further behind. However, Epiphany offered them the opportunity to fill those gaps and make progress to catch up with their grade level peers. To deny this opportunity to other students in the community would be a travesty. These kids deserve the opportunities we provide. During the pandemic, Epiphany has been a lifeline to our families and a respected pillar in the community. We have offered multiple points of access to continue educating students as well as providing food, family resources, and counseling services. We have made and continue to make a huge positive difference throughout unprecedented and impossible times. As teachers, we participate in weekly professional development, and our students directly benefit from this amount of professional growth. As a science teacher, I have been given resources to grow my teaching practice and implement Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in a 5E model, which provides opportunities for the students to pursue the growing STEM field. I am a better teacher because of Epiphany. Having taught at various other schools, I can say without a doubt that Epiphany is the school that has made the biggest impact on my life as a teacher. Epiphany cares about the students that get left behind and we fight to give them opportunities. Despite the uncertainty of my future employment due to the renewal process, I continue to stand by Epiphany because I believe in what we do and I fully support a charter renewal. These kids deserve the opportunity to grow that we can provide them like no other school can do. Thank you for your time.</p>
Violeta Gonzales	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	<p>As the Food Service Supervisor of the Nutrition Program at Epiphany Prep Charter School, I have direct interaction with our students. Our students exhibit very admirable behavior as they go through the lunch line. I have worked and managed the Nutrition Program for different school districts; Long Beach Unified School District for 5 years, Westminster School District for 2 years and I retired from San Diego Unified School District after 17 years. I have seen many students in my career but, I can tell you that the students at Epiphany Prep Charter School are the most well-mannered. Their behavior during mealtimes shows how they respect elders and how obedient they are. I also observed that they have very good interactions with their teacher and other students. Our school must have been doing something good for these students to stand-out and be exceptional compared to students in other school. I believe that Epiphany Prep Charter School is doing an excellent job in educating these students and creating a successful path for their future. Closing this school will negatively impact these students.</p>
Jessica Gaytan Hernandez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	<p>My name is Jessica and I want to tell you about my experience at Epiphany Prep. At Epiphany they prepare us for the future. They also welcome you and make you feel free to be yourself. At this school everyone is social and easy to make friends unlike other schools. I know this because I was at other schools in Escondido before my mom switched me to Epiphany. Teachers and Counselors help you get through anything you have problems with and make sure our voices are being heard. For these reasons this is why I recommend this school for everyone.</p>



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Britney Sierra	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	My name is Britney and I want to tell you about my school I've been at for five years. The experience I've had from Epiphany Prep Charter school has been very good! They provide one of the best learning experiences a child could receive. I know this because I have friends at other schools in Escondido and they aren't challenged the way we are. I feel welcomed, loved and appreciated every day I come to school. I have also grown a lot and feel extremely confident in my math abilities. They have an incredible amount of inclusivity, and diversity at Epiphany. I support the renewal of my school Epiphany so that I can proudly graduate next year.
Kimberly Jimenez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	My name is Kimberly and I have been a part of Epiphany's family for 5 years. At this school the staff and teachers make sure to form a relationship with their students before anything else. They get to know us and form a tight bond. At my previous schools a lot of my teachers didn't worry as much about my mental health. At Epiphany, we have multiple counselors who are there at any time we need them. Our principal Dr. Lozano responds to any of our questions and makes sure our issues are resolved. She empowers us to stand up for ourselves and what we believe in. The staff makes sure that student voices are heard. Epiphany also offers leadership groups so that students can prepare for the future by learning many life skills. Epiphany Prep Charter School is a great school I can't imagine where I would be had I gone somewhere else. Thanks to my hard work and support I received from Epiphany, I will be attending Del Lago next year and couldn't be more proud that my hard work paid off.
Ximena Gonzalez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	My experience in Epiphany Prep has been great, especially the friends you get to make here. In my old school in Escondido it was very hard to make friends because everyone was very rude especially since I was one of the only kids who was Hispanic. At this school I have truly made a family with the people here because of how inclusive they are and how respected I feel. I have made so many memories with so many friendships I have built. The teachers also love to make bonds with their students. The counselors also give amazing opportunities for kids to get into clubs and voice their opinion in what they are passionate about. I've been in this community since they started which has now been 5 years! I support Epiphany Prep's renewal because I have been here for a long time and want to graduate from Epiphany next year. Overall, I think it's an amazing opportunity for kids to make school a little less depressing for kids who are giving up on their learning resources and to give the extra push to keep going like Epiphany does.
Andreas Melzer	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	The students at Epiphany Charter learn in a very nurturing and private setting, which for some students promotes learning. The students at Epiphany do not always achieve the life skills at an early age due to a variety of background factors. Epiphany Charter offers students a transition into public schools where they complete their education and become productive members of society. I urge you to approve the continued funding of Epiphany Charter School.
Daryl Jackson	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	As a resident of Escondido, I support Epiphany Prep's charter renewal. Epiphany is known in our community for the support they give their students that cannot be found in the district. They have four counselors for 750 students which is unheard of! I have neighbors and friends who have pulled their children from other schools to put them at Epiphany for the academics, social and emotional support, and the community and family feel. I can't imagine what will happen if the floor is ripped out from under these children's feet. They are already at a huge disadvantage and have been going through a pandemic, it is completely unfair and unethical to take their school, their safe space away from them. Do the right thing and renew Epiphany, our community and our kids need it.
Maria Resendiz	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	We need EPCS to stay

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Athena Sperry	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Epiphany Prep has been in my life the past 2 years and it was a school I had always hoped for. A school that stands by social-emotional learning, educates their staff through insightful professional development, and always reminds the students to "get comfortable with the uncomfortable." Epiphany Prep Charter School is a school that not only educates students on state standards, but educates them on emotional intelligence. With 4 school counselors, the students always have someone to talk to. These students are warriors and we are their tribe. Their trauma is our trauma, their successes are our successes. We are more than a school-we are a village raising children to be the best citizens they can be. Because of all this, there should be more schools like Epiphany Prep. More schools educating students on their their well-being, more schools educating staff on restorative practices, and more schools willing to do what it takes to support their students outside of the classroom.
Melissa	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	My two girls love this school and are doing amazing.
Cecilia jimenez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Yo pienso que es. Muy buena escuela y que los niños y los papás estamos muy a gusto y son muy amables las maestras y todo el personal y si la cerrarían los niños se sentirían muy tristes al no saber que va a pasar con su escuela .. estamos contestas pk con. Todo esta pandemia han hecho todo muy bien todo muy organizado .. y estamos muy contentos con esta escuela .. por favor sigan renovando el contrato para que no se cierre esta escuela gracias ..
Carla serna	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Para mi es muy importante seguir en esta escuela me da la oportunidad de dejar a mis hijos antes de trabajar y puedo ir por ellos después de escuela y podre estar al tanto de ellos porfavor consideren en dejar esta escuela abierta por que nos afectaría a muchos padres de familia
Juan Magallon	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	My daughter attends that school since it opened, now it is the only school she knows, her friends and family go there. I have seen how the teachers understand and take care of my daughter and I am very happy with all the staff, I hope it keeps open, now is an important part of our family.
Jovanny	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	My name is Jovanny and I think they should not close my school because they have really nice people and teachers and if they closed it I would be sad thank you.

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Pedro Orozco	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	<p>Hola mi nombre es Pedro Orozco padre de 2 niños jovanny y brayan orozco y ellos asisten a la escuela Epiphany Prep. Mientras han permanecido en esta escuela ellos han aprendiendo mucho en todos los aspectos educativos y sociales morales. De respecto, la escuela les ayuda a enfocar sus pensamientos en seguir estudiando y motiva a ser mejores. Me gusta esta escuela porque tiene sus metas enfocadas en ser mejores personas ser profesionales para ayudar a este gran país esta escuela tiene grandes maestros dedicados a los niños y atentos con cualquier duda que tengamos. Me da mucha tristeza e impotencia que llegaran a cerrar la escuela. Me preocupa el futuro de mis hijos ya que en esta escuela también les importa el futuro de ellos y los preparan para afrontarlos cualquier problema desde edad temprana. Ellos van con mucha alegría y a clases aún en estos tiempos ellos se levantan y hacen sus clases en línea felices sin ningún problema. Espero que al igual que esta escuela ustedes también piensen en el futuro de todos los alumnos y mis hijos que asisten ai en Epiphany Prep. Gracias. ----- Hello my name is Pedro Orozco father of 2 children jovanny and brayan orozco and they attend Epiphany Prep. While they have remained in this school they have learned a lot in all educational and social moral aspects. In respect, the school helps them focus their thoughts on continuing to study and motivates them to be better. I like this school because it has its goals focused on being better people, being professionals to help this great country. This school has great teachers dedicated to children and attentive to any questions we have. It makes me very sad and helpless if the school were to close. I am concerned about the future of my children since in this school they also care about their future and prepare them to face any problem from an early age. They go to classes with great joy and even in these times they get up and attend their online classes happy without any problem. I hope that like this school you will also think about the future of all the students and my children who attend Epiphany Prep. Thanks.</p>
Sinead Quinn	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I support Epiphany Prep Charter School for renewal because Epiphany is a family. The staff work hard and truly love working for their students and helping them improve academically socially and emotionally. Epiphany Prep Charter is a safe haven for many students.
Kari Wright	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Epiphany Prep has made a huge positive difference in the academic, social and emotional health of it's students. Please don't abandon all of the progress that these students have made. Many would not rebound from the devastating loss of the school family they have at Epiphany.
Rosa	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Para mi como madre de familia, seria muy mala desicion cerrar Epiphany Prep, pues mis ninos estan aprendiendo y son muy independendientes para trabajar,tienen Buenos programas, aun en la pandemia se organizaron de una manera efectiva para los estudiantes, eso me da confianza para confiar la educacion a mis hijos,Muy contentos con la escuela 
Daniel Loaiza	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	En lo personal, nos gusta la escuela, se ha dedicado a buscar eastrategias para los ninos antes y durante esta pandemia, para mi como padre de familia es importante buscar una escuela donde tengan programas efectivos y funcionales para mis hijos y en Epiphany Prep la he encontrado, queremos mantenerla activa 

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Claudia Ramirez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	To whom it may concern, When it comes to advocating for students who are economically and socially disadvantaged, leadership needs to be taken into action. Approving Epiphany Prep Contract renewal will allow all students and families to have a voice. Allowing students and parents to have a school of their choice will allow academic benefits in the future to our students. Epiphany prep serves students from kinder through 8th grade. Throughout the grade levels, we have 4 amazing counselors who are always there for our students given that they have a traumatic life background. Students at Epiphany prepare always able to have the trust to approach any adult on campus to advocate for them and understand them. Aside from student services, teachers are also constantly on PLC meetings on a daily basis to further discuss ways in which we can better serve our students. The elongated PLC hours that teachers attend allow us to learn more about the families and students we work with in order to better plan for the near future. At Epiphany all students know that they belong, that we believe in 2nd chances, we laugh together and we never give up. In the classroom, students are given the opportunity to become active technology users, active collaborators, and great communicators to help shape hem for the future. Given that the school has a majority of latinx community of students, the school staff is also 70% of latinx population of teachers and staff allowing for student representation and understanding. If Epiphany Prep Charter School contract renewal is not approved, the students will continue to fall into the cracks lowering the possibilities of a successful future for the economically and socially disadvantaged population.
Maria Del Socorro Gomez Vargas	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Por favor necesitamos que la escuela siga habierta ya que de ella dependen nuestros hijos que son bilingües, ya que actualmente es la única escuela en el distrito que nos brinda la oportunidad de que nuestros hijos hablen español y sobre todo que contamos con el apoyo de sus maestros
Irineo hernanadez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Mi nombre es irineo hernandez papa de camila hernandez una estudiante muy brillante por el gran trabajo delos maestros que a tenido en esta escuela por eso quiero apoyar ala escuela a renovarse epiphany esla mejor escuela para su aprendizaje y la ayudara a alcanzar sus grandes sueños . Gracias
Emily Kyle	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	As an educator at another local charter school (High Tech High), I firmly believe in the value of charter schools. My students had the opportunity to exhibit their work alongside that of Epiphany Prep Charter School students at a wellness fair hosted by Epiphany last year. It was a beautiful moment of collaboration and community outreach made possible by Epiphany’s efforts. This last year, educators have had to work exceptionally hard to adapt and make the most of an educational school year through the Covid pandemic. The teachers I know at Epiphany have put in so much creativity and effort into this year to make learning the best it can be for all kids. I believe Epiphany deserves to continue operating and serving the Escondido community. Thank you.

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Abigail Perez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I as a student in Epiphany Prep I am against of any actions against Epiphany Prep. Epiphany Prep is one of the best school districts that I have ever been. Thanks to them they taught me many things to many that made me who I am toady I am an educated student and thanks to them that helped me through the most not so happy days. The teachers taught me how to have confidence on who I might be in they future. what I am saying is that no teacher will give you the same courage as them no teacher will care if you feel sad or not like them no teacher has the same respect and love as them they love all love of us for who we are and it breaks my heart that they want to close the school when they have the best teachers, staff, councilor's ( sorry for any miss spelling) how come they don't close the public schools I have no hate on them but why close Epiphany when they have taught me how to read, write, math and many more there are no words to describe how wonderful is Epiphany Prep thank you for hearing me out.
Norma Samano	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Mi nombre es Norma y mi hijo se llama felix y está en el quinto grado en Epiphany. Estamos muy contentos mi hijo y yo en la escuela. Mi hijo tenía problemas en la otra escuela y cuando empezó a ir a Epiphany cambió mucho tanto en su comportamiento como en los estudios. En Epiphany nos sentimos más como familia. Los maestros están muy al pendiente de los alumnos. Todos conocen a los maestros y los alumnos tienen mucha conexión con los maestros. Eso es lo que me gusta de esta escuela. Si algún alumno va atrasado, desde la directora hasta el maestro tratan de darle toda la ayuda que necesitan. La comunicación entre padre y maestros es excelente. Por eso les pido que nos ayuden a que la escuela siga abierta. Gracias de antemano por escucharnos.
Arsenio Baltazar	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Dear Board Members, my name is Arsenio Baltazar and I approve the 5 year renewal of Epiphany Prep Charter School. My mom is a teacher at Epiphany Prep Charter School, I have witnessed the long arduous hours that she puts in day in and day out with her students and her student's families. During the COVID 19 Pandemic Epiphany Prep was the only school that was delivering meals to the families homes. These are families that were tremendously affected by the pandemic and Epiphany Prep was supportive of them from day one. This speaks volumes to the dedication and love that Epiphany Prep has for the community, not only that, but Epiphany Prep was the first school offering online classes. These are just some examples of what Epiphany Prep has done for the community and it would be unfair to take the school away from the community that it has helped during these tough times. Respectfully, Arsenio Baltazar.
Yajaira Gomez Gomez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Please allow this school to stay open! It has helped my kids in more than one way academically.
Sergio Campos	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Porque es una escuela muy completa las maestras y el personal muy amables y tenemos mucho apoyo de todos y mi hija esta muy contenta y pienso que le afectaria ya no asistir pk su maestra le ah ayudado mucho y ah aprendido mucho asi que por favor les pido que vuelvan a renovar el contrato pk si no muchos niños saldrian afectados muchas gracias ..y por favor escuchennos .. sal
Candy Salas	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Once again we would like to inform what a great job Epiphany has done and the positive impact, environment they have given our family. The dedication they have given not just to my daughters education if unbelievable. They really do care for there students, family & staff. I can't imagine the thought of the impact of the non renewal would have on our daughter & all the families that Choose to have our children attend. Thank you The Salas Family

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Tucker Stine	PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	<p>We live in a very different world than last year. COVID has placed stressors and challenges on thousands of families, including ours, and what brings hope and balance to them is this resilient community of Epiphany Prep, which is the backbone of opportunity, growth, education, health and emotional wellbeing. There is no other kind of educational experience and curriculum that can support these bright scholars like we have been able to. If we are denied, all of this simply vanishes. And in a time like we are in today, how could we possibly tell them they no longer have the heart and soul of this school to guide their children, mentor them to become future leaders and reinforce the confidence they receive each day they step onto that campus? Heartbreaking and seemingly unethical comes to my mind. I recently had the privilege of rewriting our school mission statement which reads as follows: At Epiphany Prep, we are change makers who nurture all students and staff, restore growing families and unite the soul of our community through a core belief that we are all born for greatness. We are a powerful organization with a transformative school at the heart of it. That's what makes us soar! So denying our renewal removes the wind from underneath their wings, threatens the very proven growth that they have been making for years now and sets a new kind of example that politics and misinformed legal interpretation win over education and humanity. What does that say about the governing bodies that are supposed to protect them and nurture them through accessible education? You get to help make that decision today! I am asking that you heavily consider the hearts and minds of these children and their families when you cast your vote for renewal. They have counted on us for their success so far, and now they are counting on you. Epiphany Prep is what makes them soar and it's in your hands to give them the wind to fly into the future. Please do the right thing, especially when their livelihood and community are at stake. Thank you for your time.</p>
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Karmen Rosales	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	<p>Hola yo soy una madre yo estoy muy satisfecha con la escuela Epiphany prep porque es un plantel muy responsables con los alumnos saben escuchar tantos como a los niños y a padres y en otras escuelas no pasa y estoy muy molesta que no quieran darnos oportunidades ala comunidad decidir en que escuela queremos que Eduquen a nuestros hijos en Epiphany los niños no se estresan porque ellos tiene muchas ayuda por favor les pido de corazón no destrullan sueños negando la renovación por otros años mas.</p>

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Aidan Quintero	6.PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I think epiphany should stay open because it has one of the best communities everyone gets along so good it's like we're a family. Also Epiphany is a very great school because they have an after school program that is really good because parents work and it's good for their kid to be in the program because the staff is very supportive for us to work hard. I think it should also stay open because they help special needs kids there and the teachers who work with the special needs kids know them because they've been working together and I don't see the special needs kids in a different classroom. We all get along with them and interact with them like a family and also because the Techear's would motivate you and say that you could do it and to not give up. Also I don't really feel the support in my new school as I would at epiphany I'm a 5th grader now and I left epiphany last year but my 4th grade Techer at epiphany would say I will become a great person and to never give up and focus on what I want to be and because of her i give it my 100 everyday I still keep in touch with her she's my motivation but in my new school I don't really hear that from anybody I go to a Escondido district school now but it's not like epiphany I dont feel like il belong with that said Aidan thank you
Jenny Arellano	6.PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Although Escondido is a beautiful city, those who don't grow up in Escondido wouldn't understand the obstacles there are as a child/teenager growing up in our city. Being a part of Epiphany has made me believe that we are doing something greater for the community. I have proudly worked at Epiphany Prep since the beginning and I don't regret any second of it. Through the years this school has challenged me continuously to become the confident person that I am today. If a school can make an adult feel empowered and accomplished, imagine the impact we have on our students? When you mention that our closure wouldn't cause irreparable damage I beg to differ. Our school is dedicated to helping out our families and community when we are able too. For example, we were one of the first schools in Escondido to quickly adapt our nutrition program when the pandemic started and provide food bags through a drive through service for our students and even non-students. Not only were we providing this service but for those who were unable to leave home we would personally deliver weekly food for families who were affected by this pandemic. We are also the only school in Escondido that offers the 8:00-4:00 schedule and offers the afterschool program which immensely helps out a lot of our parents. When you build a school from nothing, 5 years isn't enough to show what we are truly capable of. I urge you to please reconsider closing down our school and providing us with a better opportunity to show you the difference we can make.
Ana	6.PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I am a parent of a student at Epiphany prep.My son has been there since kinder and he loves the school.The teachers at epiphany not only teach my son core subject but they teach him life values and how to be a successful young man.The reason I wanted my son to attend Epiphany prep was because they offer a dual language program as a native spanish speaker this was an important factor to my decision to enroll my son.He is now is 3rd grade and he can read fluently not only in english but in spanish too.That is a big accomplishment.My son has ADHD so he has trouble with focusing on his work thanks to the flexibility of the teachers and counselors they were able to come up with a plan for him so he could be successful in class.Now thanks to all the help he is successful in his class.If you choose to deny the renewal my son would be tremendously impacted by that.Not only he would lose the school that he loves you would also be taking the safe space that the teachers and staff have created for him and many other kids.So I ask you to look at all the data and think about all the kids that would be affected with this decision.Kids like my son that need that extra help.

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Kathy Hacker	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I am a local educator and have worked with teachers and the principal at Epiphany Prep. I observed staff that truly cares about their students and families, and took initiative to bring innovative educational programming to the school. Specifically, one teacher has spearheaded a Career Technical Education program for stormwater pollution prevention (SWPPP Internship) for the past three years and when her students were asked to give a presentation to Escondido city officials, not only did her students meet the challenge, but the principal and administrators walked the entire 5th grade to City Hall to watch. One student, after delivering her speech at the podium, said that she "felt like the president." Epiphany Prep works to lift students up and inspires them to succeed. I support the renewal of Epiphany Prep's Charter petition. Thank you.
Nora Hernandez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	In Support of the Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School I am in favor of the renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. Epiphany Prep Charter School demonstrates community and staff support. As a veteran teacher with 30 years of experience, I strongly believe Epiphany Prep is academically sound and is an effective and viable organization. Epiphany Prep has made substantial progress and has collected strong data to support the most celebrated growth. Here at Epiphany Prep, our community population and our particular students need more than just academics. Our team is fully equipped to provide assistance for well rounded support, providing high academic expectations, as well as physical, emotional, and social support. Renewing our charter will allow our community to continue to thrive and have an opportunity for a bright future. Thank you for all your support.
Clare Crawford	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Oppose	I am writing today on behalf of In The Public Interest in opposition to the appeal for the renewal of the Epiphany Prep Charter School. The San Diego County Office of Education staff report evaluating the renewal petition lays out significant findings that support the denial of this charter petition under multiple provisions of charter law. Of particular concern are the issues raised in both the Escondido Union School District findings and the SDCOE staff report regarding Students with Disabilities and other issues related to discriminatory practices and outcomes at the school. The school enrolls disproportionately fewer students with disabilities than the district, the EUSD staff report cited a credible complaint from a former teacher regarding services provided to students with disabilities, and the SDCOE staff report details that students with disabilities have "made either no progress, or low progress throughout the charter term." The staff report also notes that the school included no specific plan for academic improvement for students with disabilities in their submission. A very basic requirement for charter schools is to post on their website the Charter School Complaint form as required by Ed Code section 47605(e)(4). The SDCOE staff report indicates that, as of April 16, 2021, the required form has not been posted to the school's website. Despite this being highlighted in the staff report, the school has still not added a link to this form on their website as of 11:30am today. In addition to the academic findings that warrant denial, the SDCOE also makes significant fiscal finding that indicate that the school will be unable to successfully implement the educational program. We encourage the Board to deny this renewal petition.
Jody Haskins	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Hello Distinguished Board Members, I have been the speech-language pathologist at Epiphany Prep for two wonderful years. I love this amazing school because we're more than a school; we're a family. Our team believes in educating the whole child as we recognize and nurture the individual talents of each scholar and provide support through counseling, 1:1 and small group instruction when needed. Our team is dedicated to providing not only an enriching learning environment, but a place where our scholars feel safe and their voices are heard. We genuinely care about our scholars and have established relationships that will last a lifetime. We provide multiple opportunities for our scholars to thrive by guaranteeing a strong, stable foundation that emphasizes the crucial role of the family in ensuring academic success. We increase access to the essential support families need, so that we are not merely educating our scholars but the entire community we serve. Our scholars, their families, and the Escondido community need us and more especially, WE NEED THEM!! Please SAVE Epiphany Prep!! Thank you for your time, Jody Haskins CCC-SLP

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Jerry H. Van Leeuwen	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I serve as the Executive Director of the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. Epiphany Prep has been associated with the Center since it's inception, even use our campus for the beginning of their programs when their facilities were not quite ready. We continue an ongoing relationship with them, providing arts education programs. We have certain a strongly positive reaction to the school from the community and we are impressed with their commitment to educating students who are economically and socially disadvantaged. We urge you to approve their appeal.
Katalina Chavero	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Let me start off by say this is the first year my child moved to this school and since the beginning by far they have been every step of the way helping us cope with the pandemic giving us resources to learn how to cope with certain circumstances then we have had a few unexpected losses due to covid so I know at this moment of our life my daughter would be heart broken shattered if she didn't continue receiving the support she gets at this school. My other child goes to a eusd school and let me tell I reached out for help or resources to help me with my preteen then never reached back. By far epiphany prep has changed our life's and I am thankful and grateful
Laura Howard	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Epiphany Prep charter school help and support each student in my community of Escondido, us part of Escondido community I see the emotional and academic of each student on campus , The performance and the motivation that each staff member of the school epiphany prep has for our students in our community is incredible , I thing and I'm worried about all the student who will not continue to have this support what is going to happen with them Who is going to help them ? Please
Jose Luis ortega	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	This is my daughters first year at this school. It has taught me so much how teamwork and patience go hand in hand please renew our petition and watch us succeed
Osvaldo Soto	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Epiphany Prep Charter School is a part of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded CARE Network. The network aims to help schools identify and address root causes of 8th grade "off-trackedness" by gathering/analyzing student and teacher-level data, creating and testing change ideas and improving instruction in mathematics through lesson study. In this work, I have had the pleasure of facilitating a lesson study team from Epiphany Prep Charter School during the pandemic. I would like to report that their school and department are in alignment. My experience of the EPCS Math teachers and administration is that they go above and beyond to get to know, and meet the needs of, the whole child as a human being; not just as a math learner. I don't see this kind of commitment to students and student learning at all sites I visit. In my capacity as the director of the UC San Diego Math Project, I work in several school districts throughout San Diego county. I hope my observations and experiences will be noted as you think about the future of EPCS. While limited, these experience indicate that some exceptional things are happening at EPCS that might not be captured by standard metrics. I don't pretend to know the entirety of the situation, but can only speak to my experience of a segment of the staff - a group of teachers who go beyond expectations to learn about and help studnets.
Benoni Pantoja	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I am in support of Epiphany Charter School and plead that you consider the positive impact it has made to the community. I understand that charter schools have become some political buzz word, but if you truly believe in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and a one-size education model does not fit all then please vote YES to approve the petition. The diverse form of education and the demographic it serves is truly about including opportunities for all. The student and parent support along with their academic growth prove they are making a positive impact. Keep the positive momentum going by voting YES to approve the petition! Respectfully, Benoni Pantoja community supporter

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Rosa Duggan	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Dear Board Members, Epiphany Prep Charter School is a special place for me and I support its five year charter renewal. Epiphany Prep Charter School is a special place for many families who choose to have their children in this safe, secure and caring environment. The education at Epiphany is encouraging all students to believe in themselves because they were born for greatness. The teachers and staff from Epiphany Prep Charter School are able to build a strong foundation with the students' parents because we meet them in their house where they can express themselves and meet the teachers. Our relationship with the parents of our students is so strong that we feel like part of their family and vice versa. Please consider our renewal because we are making a difference in the lives of the students and their families.
Viviana Perez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Hello, my name is Viviana Perez, and I am the school counseling intern at Epiphany Prep Charter. As someone who is new to the Epiphany Prep family, it did not take long to notice how supportive, caring, and united this community stands. The teachers, counselors, and administrators take the time to know their students and build rapport that is so crucial for their social, emotional, and academic success. As part of the counseling team, I have witnessed how much effort the counselors put into meeting their student's individual needs. Whether those are classroom lessons, intervention groups, family visitations, and continuous check-ins. I could not have chosen a better school to learn from, be guided, and be mentored by. I ask that the Board of education allow Epiphany Prep Charter to continue to serve their students and families.
Amanda Long	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I am writing in support of Epiphany Prep Charter School. For five years, the school has opened its doors to students striving to overcome barriers in their lives to become successful academically. Epiphany Prep provides students with counseling supports that they would not otherwise receive at their home schools. For 700 students, Epiphany Prep employs a school psychologist and four counselors leading to a counselor-student ratio much lower than any other local school. The counselors and staff went above and beyond to support our students during the pandemic. The San Diego Union-Tribune featured Epiphany Prep in an April 2020 article, which detailed our food delivery program and the lengths that staff would go to ensure families had support during the pandemic. I implore you to take a moment and think of the 700 students that will be affected if you vote to close Epiphany Prep. Those students and their families chose to attend Epiphany Prep, and with a no vote, you effectively take away their school choice. I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.
Kamaal Martin	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	We do NOT want to pit families against families or charter schools against traditional district schools –there is ONE public school system, and charter schools, by meeting individual student needs are strengthening our community and the public school system. Epiphany Prep has clearly shown positive growth on dashboard metrics in 2018 and 2019 on Math and ELA, outpacing both state and district averages. The proverbial elephant in the room is what is to be done with schools like Epiphany who've enrolled students who are often many years below grade-level standards when they arrive, and demonstrate progress and improvement. Unfortunately the overall scores of the school can still fall below standards precisely because of the students they enroll and challenge to succeed and grow. If equity is in fact a priority, how can those students be expected to return to the exact environments that weren't conducive to their success? We'd be remiss to point out that it is far too often some of our community's most vulnerable students, Black and Brown students, English Learners, students from lower socio-economic backgrounds who are left on these margins. Epiphany's low-track status notwithstanding, the law affords you the discretion to approve their renewal, and CCSA respectfully asks you to vote to support the students they serve by allowing Epiphany to continue to operate. We implore you to find creative ways to execute your oversight functions in authorizing Epiphany and pour into their organization SDCOE's vast array of resources and innovations. We should not punish an organization for having the courage and commitment to serve all students regardless of race, ethnicity, income or ability level.

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Claudia	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Distinguished Board Members Gonzalez, Robinson, Munoz, Shea, and Donnellon: When it comes to advocating for students who are economically and socially disadvantaged, leadership needs to be taken into action. Approving Epiphany Prep's renewal will allow all over 700 students and families to have a voice. Allowing students and parents to have a school of their choice will allow academic benefits in the future to our students. Epiphany prep serves students from TK through 8th grade. Throughout the grade levels, we have 4 amazing counselors who are always there for our students in order to help support their social and emotional needs. Students at Epiphany Prep are always able to have the trust to approach any adult on campus to advocate for them and understand them. Aside from student services, teachers are also constantly in PLC meetings on a daily basis to further discuss ways in which we can better serve our students. The PLC hours that teachers attend allow us to learn more about the families and students we work with in order to better plan for the near future. At Epiphany all students know that they belong, that we believe in 2nd chances, we laugh together and we never give up. In the classroom, students are given the opportunity to become active technology users, active collaborators, and great communicators to help shape them for the future. If Epiphany Prep Charter School's renewal is not approved, our students will continue to fall into the cracks lowering the possibilities of a successful future for the economically and socially disadvantaged
Edith Pimentel	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Good evening, I am in support for the renewal of Epiphany Prep Charter School. I have worked for Epiphany Prep from the very beginning when it was just an idea to bring the mission and vision to life in Escondido. I believe firmly in social emotional learning and have seen the benefits of introducing these skills to students in the classroom and how the skills are practiced by our scholars outside the class as well. I was very passionate about sharing the mission and encouraging parents to learn about having a choice when it comes to their children's education and that it is just as important to nurture the emotional aspect as it is the academic, that it is the child as a whole that we look at and not just a number. We bring this self worth to our scholars and educate our parents on a system that is not always fair. This is why I continue to be part of Epiphany Prep because it is a place where students like myself are told that they belong and are shown the skills needed to succeed not just as a student but as a person.
Alex Alls	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I have never seen a school support their students the way Epiphany Prep supports theirs. Every student receives equal attention and guidance. For example, every week, Epiphany Prep staff hold PLC meetings for each grade addressing student progress, which students need support, and how those needs can be met. Epiphany also holds events that encourage extracurricular activities such as Art night, P.E. night, and other community building activities. Epiphany Prep's character is not only felt by the students, but it is felt by the community. Schools like Epiphany are so impactful and influential. This school represents what education should be providing, from knowledge to personal growth to supporting one's community.
Esperanza Refugio	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I as a supporter in Epiphany prep I am against of any actions against Epiphany Prep. I know that many students have learned from Epiphany in fact my niece goes their and I have seen the growth in her and I must say that I am impressed. Their are many schools but not all schools have the same education as Epiphany. I may not know Epiphany so well but I know they have respect and love they try their hardest everyday and not all schools do. Many schools don't care about student education they just do their job and get paid but I know Epiphany is different they care as much as parents do thank you for hearing me out.
Alicia Rojo	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	This school has been a great help to my son this year. This school provides great teacher and the opportunity of educating students to become bilinguals, its extremely important. The school has great counselors that take the time to stay connected with the students. Overall the support this school has provided the students and parents this year has been outstanding, and I hope to see them doing the excellent work for many years more.

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Pedro Refugio	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I as supporter in Epiphany Prep I am against of any action against Epiphany Prep. I as a parent I know what kind of schools their are. There schools that actually care about students education and other that they don't care and Epiphany yeah sure its a school but its more than that it is family they help one another my nicece goes thier and she is on top I have seen her grow in knowlegde and I dont think thier is a reson to close the school thier teachers are the best thier staff their councilors what more do they want what is the reason their education is the best thank you for hearing me out.
jessica zavala	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	If Epiphany Prep closes it will impact my child because the past year has been difficult for our family because of everything going on and all the changes. Epiphany prep has been a stable and supportive part of our daughter's life through this time. Our daughter comes home every day telling us stories about how much fun it is to be in classroom. Her teachers put in so much than 9-5 work hours . They've shown commitment and support for our child and put in so much of their our time and effort .
daryn melzer	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I urge you to approve the continued funding for Epiphany Charter School. The community service that Epiphany provides helping educate students that require extra attention is a vital resource for the Escondido School system. The students at Epiphany receive one on one instruction not typically available at all schools and does an excellent job of preparing students to complete a high school degree.
Kira Olazaba	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	As an employee of the Epiphany Prep Charter School, I strongly support the renewal of the charter. I know that it could appear that many of the staff appealing for this renewal are simply in it to save our own skin. I assure you that is not the case. Epiphany employees are some of the most caring individuals I have had the opportunity of working alongside as a collective. We strive to engage, educate, and include our students at every opportunity, from math class to PE class, to walking to the bathroom past the front office staff or encounters with the custodial staff. Students grow because the environment at the school is welcoming. There are challenges as there are with any school but I firmly believe that Epiphany is catering to students within our demographic as well if not better than surrounding schools simply due to the dedication I see every day among the staff. I stand beside Epiphany Prep in their renewal and hope that you will support our school as we continue to champion students toward success.
Yekaterina	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	"Knowledge emerges only through invention and reinvention, the restless, impatient, continuing, hopeful inquiry beings pursue with the world and with others." Paulo Freire There are many teachers, schools, and organizations working to improve mathematics instruction and learning experiences for students across California. I have been working with the math department as an instructional coach for the past 3 years. Each year we have been focusing on how to improve our instruction to center students' thinking in the classroom. Research clearly shows that quality teaching matters for student learning (Rowan, et al., 2002; Wright, Horn, & Sanders, 1997) and Epiphany prep math department has shown continued dedication to improving their practice through inventions and reinvention. Epiphany prep centers students and families in everything they do. Having a school like that is an incredible asset to the community that it serves. Would the board be willing to consider renewing Epiphany Prep's Charter as closing the school would negatively impact the students and families it has been serving?



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Chelsea Daniels Friedman	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I support Epiphany Preps petition renewal because they approach their students as a whole child experience. They understand the social emotional needs that our community faces and how those need to be addressed before students can academically grow. Their dedication to the whole child education approach has lead to exponential academic growth in an otherwise marginalized group of students. Often the students at Epiphany come to this school in desperate need of a different approach to learning since they are multiple grade levels behind. They need to feel respected, supported, while being held to high expectations. Epiphany uniquely targets this whole child approach and makes sure every student is taken care of in every way. This dedication to the whole child has allowed for students to take ownership of their learning and their futures which has lead the students back to a love of learning which is evident in their academic growth.
Sujeith Ordonez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	There is a great sense of community at EPCS. Teachers and administrators work closely with students to ensure their success. One of the highlights of this school is the strong and dedicated counseling team. Counselors go above and beyond to help their students thrive; students learn strategies and life skills in group settings and through individual sessions. Counselors, teachers, and administrators make themselves available for students and their families. Additionally, there are leadership opportunities and several instances throughout the school year when students are recognized for their accomplishments. All in all, EPCS is successfully serving their community and they are making a difference. It is undeniable that the EPCS team is passionate about their work and committed to their scholars.
Ana Mendez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I would like the Epiphany prep charter school to be open because I have to daughters on the school and this school has I lot of opportunities for them.
Ana Mata	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Having experienced Epiphany Prep Charter first hand I can say that their focus on the students as a whole has been a breath of fresh air, especially having come from a public school background; where students tend to be nothing other than data. Students here are seen as a person, with multiple layers and are valued. Epiphany prides themselves on the connections that they have with student, families, and the community. Every student has a person who they have made a connection with that they feel they could come to about anything and everything. Which is why I feel that the biggest tragedy that would come from this petition being denied, would be the loss and distress that it would impact our families; especially during these uncertain times, were we all just want to feel safe and that we belong.
Brigitte Ponce	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	For Epiphany to not get renewed would mean that our students will be forced to go to another school. A school that does not provide the same resources that Epiphany has to offer such as our FOUR counselors we have on site, home visits and our extended day, is there another school in the nearby district that provides that? the answer is no! . The board needs to take into consideration how they will negatively impact 700 plus students if Epiphany were not to get renewed. I ask the board to put themselves in the shoes of our students and think of how you would feel being told that your school will no longer be there, that you have to start over and make new connections .

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Miriam Hernandez	Renovación de la escuela	Approve	Hola Mi Nombre es Miriam Hernández estoy escribiendo estas palabras para explicar cómo la escuela Epiphany a ayudado con el aprendizaje de mis hijas, pero no tengo tantas palabras para explicar cómo los Maestros, El equipo de consejeros y la Directora ayudan a cada estudiante y en este caso a mis hijas, mis hijas leen, hablan, y escriben los dos idiomas español a la perfección porque aparte de lo académico los valores que tiene la escuela son muy buenos y enseña a los niños a ser amables a ser respetuosos con sus compañeros y con otros adultos estoy segura de que mis hijas van a ser buenos ciudadanos para esta comunidad de escondido, estoy muy orgullosa de la Escuela Epiphany y deseo que permanezca en nuestra comunidad por mucho años más y ayude a muchos niños más como lo hicieron con mis hijas; "Gracias Epiphany"
Aurora Soriano	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Our kids have been attending school since it open, They feel happy in the school it will Affect them so much on their education if you close it down because the teachers are amazing and well trained. There dedication to the school and the students is above many others teaches my kids had have in the past.
Jocelyn Resendez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I support Epiphany Prep Charter School renewal because we provide the academic and social emotional support that our students, parents, and community need. Our students have made many strong and positive relationships with our staff that have helped them grow throughout their school years at Epiphany Prep.
catalina lazaro	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	The school's release time allows me to work and provide for my family. The school is great help and if it weren't for this school I don't know where me and my kids would be today.
Iraís Cortez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Hola buenas tardes. Me gustaría que aprueben la renovación de la escuela Epiphany Prep a mi me gusta el trato de los maestros hacia los estudiantes, como les enseñan, el horario. Pero sobre todo que nos podemos comunicar con la Directora y con todo el personal son todos amables y también me gusta ser voluntaria. A mi hija le gusta mucho la escuela. Por eso les pido que por favor aprueben la renovación de nuestra escuela Epiphany Prep.
Zacarias Refugio	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	I as a supporter in Epiphany Prep I am against of any actions against Epiphany prep. I as a parent didn't grow up with with any education and now that my niece has a chance to get a better education. Their education is the best I know because I have seen it not many schools have the same education and values as Epiphany thank you for hearing me out.
Maria Saldivar	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School	Approve	Hola soy mamá de tres niños. Para mi es muy importante que la escuela siga brindándonos apoyo con nuestros hijos. Ellos como alumnos están preocupados por lo que pasará pero yo le digo a mis hijos dios está con ustedes como alumnos sabe lo importante que es que ustedes tengan una educación para su futuro. Oremos para que todo esté bien y los niños sigan con su aprendizaje ya sea en casa o en la escuela.