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| Yukiko Hakamada | #04. Non-Agenda Item | Approve | Dear members of the San Diego County Office of Education and Superintendent, I wanted to share that I found it interesting that SDCOE contracts with Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost to do their Special Education trainings. A parent had found on the NCCSE website that FFF was doing special ed training. Another parent happened to find FFF powerpoint slides on special education training when searching for their own OAH case on Google. Their OAH case was on the FFF slides as a case example and the interesting part was that this particular OAH case was litigated by a different law firm, not FFF.Doesn't FFF make enough money litigating against the special education students? Why are school districts and SDCOE investing so much money in law firms instead of students? Shouldn't we be investing in our students? Thank you. |
| Peter Attwood | #04. Non-Agenda Item | Approve | It has come to my notice that the Board is contracting with Fagen Friedman and FUlfrost, a firm whose mission is to litiate against special education students and the parents on behalf of agencies. There is enough strife in the worls of special education without training the Board and others in the viewpoint of those that litigate against them. The taxpayers' dollar would be better used, and less harm would be done to kids if the Board were to seek to get a balanced view of this area. It would be sign of the Board's interest in getting this right if it arranged for training in special education law from the perspective of parents and the students which the Board purports to be concerned with serving. |
| Y.E.M. | #04. Non-Agenda Item | Approve | Private law firms paid by our tax dollars are hired by Districts, County Offices through out CA who are profiting from students with Disabilities, such as dyslexia and other reading disabilities. There are reading programs and private schools for students who have a reading disability such as dyslexia. Most unduplicated count students families don't know that there are reading programs for students or they can't afford an advocate or attorney. Many in prison have followed the school pipeline to prison because they can't read and hated school. At the same time, the private law firms who are members of CSBA are fighting, not supporting students with disabilities. General education students parents don't need to pay out of pocket for advocate or attorney. They get the programs they need to close the adhievement gap. The law firms shareholders, partners are primarily white and know what it takes to get a student to read. More Teachers, Less Lawyers, Stop the School Pipeline to Prison. |
| David Hubbard | #08c: Transfer of Uninhabited Territory from Vista Unified School District to San Marcos Unified School District | Approve | I represent the applicants for the proposed transfer of uninhabited territory. We believe all legal requirements for the transfer have been met and we respectfully request approval of same. We would like to thank COE staff Aaron McCalmont especially for the excellent and responsive assistance they have provided during this process. |
| Heather Felmer | #09. Action to Renew JCS Manzanita Charter | Approve | My daughter is a kindergartener with JCS-Manzanitas and even just having hybrid or online schooling over the course of this school year, we can see the heart and determination the school and teachers have to make the learning experience what we desire for our children. It is not that my child wouldn't do well in traditional schooling but she is thriving in the JCS setting. |
| Karisa O'Neill | #09. Action to Renew JCS Manzanita Charter | Approve | My daughter is in 3rd grade and has been attending JCS Manzanita programs since kindergarten. Our family loves this school! The teachers and aids are so attentive to the students and their learning needs! My daughter had benefited greatly from this school! Please renew the JCS Manzanita School Charter! |
| Kamaal Martin | #09. Action to Renew JCS Manzanita Charter | Approve | On behalf of the California Charter School Association, we respectfully request the board to vote to approve the petition for renewal of JCS-Manzanita. Their unique programming and flexibility has served as a great example of the many ways San Diego County charter schools demonstrated "best practices" during the pandemic, specifically with very high-quality distance/virtual learning environments. |

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| Marisa Herrera | #09. Action to Renew JCS Manzanita Charter | Approve | Honorable Member of SDCOE: I am here to speak on behalf of Julian Charter School -Manzanita . Our family has been associated with JCS for the past 26 years , having graduated 5 children through the program and having one 8th grader currently in the program. Our 5 eldest children have gone on to become 1) a police officer serving a city in San Diego County 2) an electrician and large construction machine operator who volunteers her time to work on construction projects nationwide 3) a film teacher working at a school for autistic children 4) a supervisor working on city building projects and 5) a teacher working with the deaf and ASL community. Our 6th child, currently an 8th grader, has the goal of playing for the San Diego State Girl's Basketball Team while pursuing a career in science. Each of our children was very different, as any parent knows, yet each one, through JCS was able to explore their unique interests. If one struggled in math, their JCS educational facilitator would suggest we slow down, change curriculum, or add a tutor- no problem. If they loved a certain genre or scope of reading they were assigned unit studies to explore that and dig deeper and learn more. If the program was too easy, JCS challenged them and moved them up to a different math, reading, or science level. A few of my children even benefited by taking college courses concurrently in advanced math and sciences. In short, the education they received at JCS was tailor-made for each one of them. As a parent, I could not ask for more. There certainly is no "child left behind" in the story of JCS. Over the years, I have found that every educational facilitator my children have worked with has exhibited a positivity and passion for the work they do with all of the JCS students. They expand the horizons of each student, helping them not to see hurdles or limitations but to continue at their own unique pace, to wherever they want to go with their education. JCS opened up to them opportunities that I am certain would not have been there f |
| Mary Altbaum | #09. Action to Renew JCS Manzanita Charter | Approve | It is vital for the future of our city, state, nation, and world that all of our children receive an education that will inspire and support their unique skills and personalities. Every child has gifts to share with this world. But not every child processes learning in the same way. Charter schools are an amazing resource for brilliant kids who flourish when given the chance to be taught in a way that differs from public schools. My daughter, who felt lost in public school, is now shining at JCS Manzanita. She wishes the weekends away becuase she can't wait for school to start again (and that's even being online right now)! Please give every student a chance to make this world a better place by allowing their unique light to shine. Please renew the JCS charter and help change the lives of our kids and their futures, which is our future as well. |
| Emily Wahl | #10. and #11. Renewal of Literacy First Charter and Material Revision | Approve | I have been a teacher at LFCS for 13 years, and my children now attend this school. I stay as a teacher because I see the dedication the admin, office staff, teachers, and support staff have for our kids. They make me a better person, a better teacher, and a better mom. I recommend the charter renewal for 7 years, because the kids here thrive under the care of our teachers. I've seen children's and families' lives completely changed because of the values we've instilled in our students, and I know some of these families would have been broken and lost without the intervention and dedication of the teachers and administration. Please approve of the high school address, because these students need a high school that not only continues to provide the same values as the lower elementary school, but also provides the students with a new, state-of-the-art facility to accelerate their academic achievements and success. |
| Caleb Jappe | #10. and #11. Renewal of Literacy First Charter and Material Revision | Approve | Literacy First is an excellent school and they serve the community. Please renew their charter for 7 years and approve their plan to build a High School. |
| Linn Dunton | #10. and #11. Renewal of Literacy First Charter and Material Revision | Approve | I am asking you to please grant a 7 year Charter Renewal to a 2021 California Distinguished School-Literacy First Charter Schools. I am also asking you grant the Material revision and add the address of new high high school (to be built) into our Charter Renewal. |
| Nina Maroki | #10. and #11. Renewal of Literacy First Charter and Material Revision | Approve | Hi, the Lfcs schools are the best schools I suggest any child to go to. I one thousand percent approve the renewal of literacy charter school because I would rather send my son there than any other school. I have pride in this charter school and I feel comfortable sending my son here, it would be a dream come true for this message to approve. Thank you so much! |

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| Melissa Eddery | #10. and #11. Renewal of Literacy First Charter and Material Revision | Approve | I am writing to request that the board award Literacy First Charter Schools an award of a seven year charter term. The schools have continued to provide an excellent education for my children for the past 14 years. They have proven this and deserve to be rewarded for their excellence in education. I am also writing that the board approve the charter revision to add the address of the new high school yet to be built in El Cajon. I am excited for my children to continue their wonderful education at this new location. Thank you for your time. Melissa Eddery |
| Joan Martin | #10. and #11. Renewal of Literacy First Charter and Material Revision | Approve | Please approve the charter for Literacy First Schools. The school is a California Distinguished School and has a long track record of success in the community. I have taught at the school for 13 years and I can attest to the positive impact this school has had on students, families, and community members. Because of its position as a distinguished school, Literacy First deserves a seven year charter renewal. In addition, the material revision with the addition of the high school will provide families with a quality education kindergarten through twelfth grade. Thank you for allowing students and their families the opportunity of a free, quality public education. |
| Arianna Bogart | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | I've had the privilege to teach at LFCS for four years. I am now an LFCS parent of a Kindergartener. LFCS has had years of academic excellence because they care for each and every one of their students. The whole child is loved and taught and therefore successful. LFCS is a heart warming community of staff and parents working together to raise the next generation. Teachers are given the freedom to be creative and students are taught based on their needs. Kids love going to school because they are seen and heard. I am asking to please approve the new address for the high school as well as a 7 year charter term. Thank you! |
| Sharon Soto | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | Literacy First Charter School needs to have the 7 year charter term. This is a very responsible educational facility. My great grand daughter has been going here for eight years and I am expecting her to be able to attend for five more years. I was hoping for her to go to the new high school on Jamacha in another year. I am hoping to see the approval of the charter revision by adding the address for the high school, to be built, on Jamacha. Thank you. |
| Elizabeth Barker | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | 7 years of great education for the children of San Diego is not too much to ask with a school like lfcs and the great achievements in education we have made! Please also add the high school address. Thank you! |
| Dana Rounds | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | Literacy First Charter School has a proven track record of excellence in serving its students from K-12th grades. I have three children who have attended and graduated from the LFCS family with my fourth set to graduate in June from Liberty Charter High School. I believe in what this school stands for and am beyond thrilled with the way my children have been nurtured and encouraged in this environment, preparing them for college. I feel that it would be in the best interest in saving both time and money for the SDCOE to grant LFCS the 7 year renewal. In order for the continued growth of LCHS I ask for the approval of the material revision of the address for the new high school on Jamacha. This will provide a smaller high school opportunity for families wishing to continue with the LFCS education as well as potential new students wishing for a smaller campus environment. Thank you |
| Karen | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | I fully support the renewal of LFCS' charter - for 7 years because it is a high performing school and has been for 20 years! |
| Eva Bradley | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | LFCS has been providing excellent education to my son since the kindergarten, he is excelling above California average in all subjects and that is thanks to dedicated teachers and administrators of LFCS. I ask you to renew LFCS chapter for next 7 years as they have proven their commitment to outstanding education. |
| Jessica Delgado | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | Hello, My name is Jessica Delgado. I'm writing "In Favor" of renewing Literacy First Charter School. Both of my kids love Literacy First Charter School. My daughter has been attending since Kindergarten and is now in the 2 nd grade. My son is in the 5 th grade and has been attending LFCS since the beginning of 4 th grade. He was struggling socially at his previous school and was not receiving the support he needed. He is receiving the support he needs and has been thriving at LFCS. Not all schools are equal for all kids! At LFCS, the students are known, loved, taught grit, integrity, leadership & to be great members of their community. My husband and I are continually grateful that our kids are at LFCS. Everything they do, they work to do with excellence. Their long standing reputation is why they have a wait list for students & families who are wanting to attend our school. During these COVID times, the Administration, Teachers & Staff have & continue to work so hard to make it possible for our children to be in school. I ask that you would please renew our charter for another 7 years. Because, once again, not all schools are equal for all kids! Thank you for your time. |
| Nicole Allen | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | Literacy First Charter Schools have gone over and above for it's students every year, but especially this year. They are back in session and are following all guidelines. Because of this school, my three sons have had the opportunity of a great education. Most CA students have not been given this. Please renew Literacy First's charter for 7 years. They are and have always done what is best for students. More schools should follow their example. My sons have attended Literacy schools K-12. |
| Gail Stroben | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | I am asking that you approve a 7 year charter term for Literacy First Charter School. They have had great success as a school over the years, and their high test scores and attendance record prove that. I believe they have earned the seven year renewal time frame. |

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| Jennifer Burr | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | I am a parent of two students at Literacy First Charter School, and I ask that you please grant them charter renewal with a 7 year term. LFCS provides a wonderful education, which is supported by test scores, and also help the students to develop strong character. Students are challenged to do their best, and any who struggle are given the help they need to succeed. I am always impressed with the quality of education that my children receive, and with how well the teachers and staff know the students. No one gets lost in the crowd. My children have had a wonderful experience at LFCS, and I again ask that you approve their renewal with a 7 year term. Thank you for your consideration! |
| Steve Robinson | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | Please renew Literacy First Charter Schools' charter for the full 7 year term. |
| Jamie Robinson | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | Literacy First has been serving children in East County for almost 20 years. I have been an employee and both of my children attend LFCS. Literacy First is a stellar school. My children are known and are receiving an excellent education. I highly encourage the Board to approve the renewal of this high performing charter school for the max term of 7 years. |
| Linsey Wildey | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | LFCS has been faithful to provide excellent education for the past 20 years, please renew it's charter for another 7 years. Thank you. |
| Kasey Nickerson | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | I am truly blessed to have worked at Literacy First Charter School for the last two years. All of the staff and administration at these schools go above and beyond to provide the best education for all students. At this school, every student is known and we strive for greatness every day. I am asking for Literacy First to be approved for a seven year charter. |
| Kimberly Zierman | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | I respectfully urge the Board to approve the LFCS petition for renewal for the longest time allowed under AB 1505 - 7 years. As a top performing school in the state, please allow the administration of LFCS to have the time to do what they do best: Educate. Ignite. Empower. And create literate, lifelong learners and citizens. The 20 year history of LFCS clearly demonstrates their success and the longest renewal possible (7 years) will give them more time to focus on education. |
| Sarah Butler | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | We are asking for the renewal of Literacy First's Charter with a 7 year charter term. Being a school in the top 2% of all California schools, and the recent passing of AB1505 allowing 7 years, we don't see any reason why this would not be possible. This would allow all the manpower it takes for the renewal process to focus on the students for an additional two years, which is always the goal at LFCS! Thank you for your support! |
| Tina Wells | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | I have been a parent at LFCS/LCHS for nearly 12 years. This school is committed to excellence in developing the whole person, both academics and character. Because of their high performance and 20 year track record, I believe the school should be granted a 7 year charter and the addition of the new high school. |
| Sarah Fredricks | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | Hello, please approve a renewal for Literacy First Charter School for 7 year term. This school has been a great school for my kids and the community. Thank you. |
| Robert Peterson | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | I urge the Board to approve Literacy First Charter School a 7-year term in light of its outstanding reputation and rank in the top 2 percent of California schools. high performers should receive high marks and be rewarded for their efforts. |
| Kamaal Martin | #10. Renewal of the Charter for Literacy First Charter | Approve | The California Charter School Association is pleased endorse Literacy First Charter School for a 7-year renewal term. We look forward to our continued collaboration with SDCOE finding ways to showcase the great things organizations like LFCS are doing for students and families, creating opportunities for other schools and school districts to to build stronger learning communities that benefit public education within our county as a whole. |
| MYLA FIELDS | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Chase and Jamacha is already overly congested. 854 additional cars from a school in that location would be dangerous and harm our neighborhood which already has Valhalla High serving it close by. It will negatively impact our quality of life. |
| Karen | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | I support the material revision that will add the Jamacha address for the High School Campus (LCHS) as the building plans have been approved by the County. |
| Bette L. Pegas | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am a retired middle and high school teacher and a strong supporter of education. I am also a frequent driver on Chase Avenue in the morning and afternoonthe times when more than 100 students or their parents will be using the same road that I and countless commuters are using it. Please find another location for your school. |
| Mahir Alkatib | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic is already bad on Chase. It is only one lane. During school time, the traffic would be even more packed than it usually is. |
| Merna | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Location for the school is not a good idea. The size of the lot also isn't enough to build a school there. The intersection is already busy. |
| Angela Daly | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | The blood of children will be on your hands if you proceed with the construction of this school at this site!! This is an incredibly dangerous proposition, and you know it! If you truly valued children and not your ability to make a buck, you will find a safer location elsewhere! |

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| donald fields | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | 1. Safety is our major concern · Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. · During morning and afternoon school hours the traffic on eastbound Chase already backs up one quarter of a mile. · To this growth in traffic, LFCS will add an estimated 854 cars entering and exiting the school parking lot each day. The mitigation plan for ingress and egress into the school parking lot and drop off area is impossible to implement, even documented by their own traffic study. 2. There is a far superior alternative location · SOS2 has identified 8 possible other locations that are safer for pupils and community members. One in particular offers 79 acres for \$1.1 million (compared to the \$4.8 million of tax payer money that purchased the 8.4 acres on Chase Ave.) |
| Eva Bradley | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Please assign permanent address to new LFCS high school so we can move along with building new high school for our students. My son is in 4th grade and he is very excited of the possibility to continue with his education with LFCS in newly built HS. |
| Cynthia Bonsignore | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic already a nightmare. No to more traffic no to LFCS. |
| Kathy Giles | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I totally oppose this school being built on this very busy street!! I live right next to the site. It's not safe!!!! |
| Byron Johnston | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I'm appalled that this hasn't been vetted. There are several reasons for not approving. The traffic is terrible, congestion, safety of the kids, and noise pollution. |
| Jessica Delgado | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Hello, My name is Jessica Delgado. I'm writing "In Favor" of the Material Revision for Literacy First Charter School. Adding the new location for our high school on Jamacha will make it possible for many more students to continue the high quality education that they have been receiving since Kindergarten. The Jamacha location will be much closer to our K-8 campuses. Many families, including my own, have siblings who are several years apart from each other. Having our high school closer to the other campuses will make it easier for drop off and pickup from all of the campuses. Also, not all schools are the same for all kids. Some kids, including one of my own, have transferred from a different school to attend Literacy First Charter School, because they weren't receiving the help they needed at their previous school. Forcing them from a place where they are known & receiving the help they need when they are in high school would be detrimental. Thank you for your time. |
| Rex Gastrich | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. During morning and afternoon school hours the traffic on eastbound Chase already backs up one quarter of a mile. To this growth in traffic, LFCS will add an estimated 854 cars entering and exiting the school parking lot each day. The mitigation plan for ingress and egress into the school parking lot and drop off area is impossible to implement, even documented by their own traffic study. |
| Marina Hernandez | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Chase and Jamacha intersection is a very busy area especially during the rush hour mornings and evenings. During regular hours unfortunately drivers speed and drive thru that intersection adding a school on that particular corner will add to that issue. Traffic is already getting worse and adding to this will only add more unneeded driving concerns. I have seen kids and runners already dodging traffic and adding a school will be very unsafe. |
| Cathy Jezierski | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am opposed to the Literacy First Charter School at this location - Chase and Jamaica is already an overburdened intersection and a deadly thoroughfare with accidents almost daily. The traffic can back up 1/4 a mile everyday. There are two qualified public high schools within a short distance, one just down the street on Hillsdale. I am not against the school being built BUT somewhere else as it is will not serve the interest of the community. Thank you for your time. |
| Andra Stephens | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Literacy First Charter School (LFCS) fails to meet the criteria of the Education Code regarding material revisions: LFCS fails to serve the interests of the entire community Duplicates programs offered within the public school district and these programs are under enrolled. Demonstrably impossible for LFCS to develop a plan that assures the safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents and school employees to and from the school 2. Safety is our major concern Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. During morning and afternoon school hours the traffic on eastbound Chase already backs up one quarter of a mile. To this growth in traffic, LFCS will add an estimated 854 cars entering and exiting the school parking lot each day. The mitigation plan for ingress and egress into the school parking lot and drop off area is impossible to implement, even documented by their own traffic study. 3. There is a far superior alternative location SOS2 has identified 8 possible other locations that are safer for pupils and community members. One in particular offers 79 acres for \$1.1 million (compared to the \$4.8 million of tax payer money that purchased the 8.4 acres on Chase Ave.) 4. Board of Education's denial of the material revision will have NO impact on the renewal of LFCS's charter renewal We are not in opposition to the school itself and understand LFCS to be a quality school. We are opposed to ANY school built on the Chase Ave site. |
| Patricia Welling | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am a homeowner in this area. I oppose the proposal to have a charter high school close to the corner of Jamacha and Chase Avenue. This a very congested intersection with a so many accidents already occurring. I don't know why they want this site. This won't benefit the entire community. We already have several high schools in the area that are not at capacity. This is a terrible idea. Use common sense and turn this project down for the good of the neighborhood. |

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| Kyle Oliphant | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I have lived on Monument Hill Rd for 28 years. The amount of traffic has increased year over year. Everyone who is for this school should turn into Monument Hill Rd and try to leave it in the morning. It is quite common to have to wait for up to 10 minutes just to see a gap that might be large enough, but, since it is a blind turn, you just have to go and hope for the best. I have almost been hit numerous times by people speeding West bound on Chase. We already have a problem with accident when trying to turn into Monument Hill Rd when traveling East on Chase. There is no turn lane and when you have to sit in the middle of the road for 5 minutes waiting for an opening to turn into my street, its nerve racking to have all the people speeding down the hill, right towards the back of your car while you wait to turn into the street, all to have them swerve out of the way at the last minute and miss your car by inches. Then to have every car behind them do the exact same thing because they were all tailgating each other down the hill trying to go faster then a single line of cars will allow. It is irresponsible to put a school here when there are so many other locations that could handle the traffic increase without any problem. Why do you need to build the school HERE? |
| Gail Stroben | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | I am asking the board to approve the Literacy First Charter School charter revision by adding the address of the yet to be built high school on Jamacha Blvd. Liberty Charter High School is a wonderful school. The staff care about the students who attend and work hard to make them successful. The address will be a permanent home for this high school, where students will thrive and LCHS will be wonderful neighbors. |
| Kirsten Sisk | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Do NOT allow this school to be built in our back yard. You are being incredibly foolish to consider allowing the school to be built in an already, VERY congested area. That parcel has no business being turned into a school that will dramatically increase foot and car traffic. It will be an accident just WAITING to happenan accident that is easily avoidable by using commons sense and realizing it is a horrible location for a school to be built. |
| Jennifer Burr | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | I am a parent of two students at Literacy First Charter School, and I ask that you please allow them to add the address for the new high school to their charter. My older son is in 8th grade, and wants to go to Liberty High School. The new location would be a tremendous blessing to our family, as we live in El Cajon. The quality of education goes all the way through 12th grade, and students are given the tools they need to be successful. The majority of our families live in El Cajon, so the new high school location would help make transportation easier for many. Thank you for your consideration! |
| Jeverdaline Husome | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic is already congested. Hard to go in and out of shopping center |
| Wendy L. Tinsley Becker | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | The Valle de Oro Community Planning Group (VDOCPG) requests the SDCOE reject the charter modification. On three occasions the VDOCPG, as duly elected residents tasked with providing recommendations on planning and land use concerns, voted unanimously against the proposed high school project. More than 850 local residents formed an organization (SOS2: Save Our Students, Safety Over School) to oppose the planned high school. The Grossmont Union High School District also strongly opposes the location of the school. The project relies on flawed environmental / traffic analysis. Allowing construction of a new school, as part of the charter revision process, based on flawed and intentionally skewed data represents legitimate ethical and life safety concerns for SDCOE and students in the San Diego County region. Our own County Supervisor voted against the project. Essentially the only people who have spoken at our meetings in favor of building the school are parents, teachers, and students at the existing school; they are, for practical purposes, not residents or stakeholders of the Valle de Oro Community. Please refer to the distributed April 6, 2021 letter. Consistent with our voting record and concerns represented by area stakeholders, the members of the Valle de Oro Community Planning Group, as elected representatives of the community, we strongly request the SDCOE deny revision to the LFCS system charter. Our concern is with the placement of any school at the proposed location. The proposed LCHS will dramatically worsen an already unsafe road, will worsen quality of life for the existing residents, and will diminish capacity for available homes. |
| Steve Robinson | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Please vote to approve the material revision to Literacy First Charter Schools' charter. |

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| Suzanne W Easley Buck | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am almost a 50 year resident close to this intersection of Chase Ave and Jamacha. I have seen several accidents over the years take place at this intersection or within 2 blocks of it in directions going north or west. One many years ago prior to the congestion as it is now caused a fatality. Another one witnessed was the driver taking chances to get out on to Jamacha in between traffic coming from both north and south and this accident caused several injuries requiring emergency transportation to the hospital. Traffic today is so bad at that intersection I see drivers take chances all the time to speed through the red light at that intersection and by adding more cars driven by students and parents not familiar with the area there will be many more accidents. A high school should provide a safe area for students ingress and egress and this is definitely not a safe area with the amount of traffic speeding up and down Chase Ave. In past years the Val D'Oro planning board has beautifully kept areas safe for everyone and considered of utmost importance the views of the people who live in areas that would be compromised. Foremost in their decisions is always safety and not overpopulation of particular areas that would cause problems. Being in real estate I can see there are many other suitable areas that would not only produce less traffic for students, but also more acreage for expansion if desired. This choice to approve a high school for this small area will result instudents taking chances with their cars, other students once school is let out would take a quick run across the busy street to quickly grab refreshment from the 7-11 on the corner. I have witnessed more than once people trying to cross in front of oncoming traffic on Chase. Valhalla High School is so close and offers the same curriculum and already creates huge traffic in the early mornings as well as from 1-3 pm every school day. This project looks like someone is not thinking safety or effects on the surrounding community. Stop it now before th |
| Jamie Robinson | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Liberty Charter High School provides a fabulous education in a small comprehensive high school setting. My daughter currently attends as a freshman and enjoys the family environment and being known by teachers. The school's current location is a distance from our home but we drive to take her there. I highly encourage the Board to approve the material revision of adding the Jamacha Street address to the Literacy First Charter. |
| Linsey Wildey | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Please approve the LFCS Charter Revision to add the address of the yet-to-be-built high school on Jamacha. Thank you. |
| Vanessa Alexander | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | We are not in opposition to the school itself and understand LFCS to be a quality school. We are opposed to ANY school built on the Chase Ave site. |
| David Carter | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I live within a mile of the site and travel that road every day. Adding any school to an intersection that is already hugely impacted would have a very unsafe effect. There are so many accidents here already and there would be no way to manage the added burden on an already overtaxed intersection. I have nothing against the school and as a matter of fact, I know several families in the school and it's a wonderful environment for the kids. This location is my concern. Thank you for your time and consideration |
| Star Slipock | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Having lived one mile from the intersection of Chase and Jamacha Blvd., I have witnessed too many accidents on this crowded intersection. There is too much traffic and the parcel of land is way too small for a school which will only increase the traffic and congestion. Who on the Board of Supervisors thought this would be a good idea? |
| Gordon Krass | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Simply put, this location is unsafe to place a high school. Based on the current traffic along with adding the new school traffic there will be in unacceptable gridlock and several major accidents which the probability of serious injury or death is extremely high |
| Michael Rookus | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | We live on Chase Terrace and have been here for 34 years and a school of any sort at this location is wrong for the community. The proposed school increased traffic in a location that is already impacted by businesses, Valhalla HS and residence living off of Chase Ave and Jamacha Road. We request that Board Members vote no on the development of this school and for alternatives for this piece of property. thank you attention to this matter and your supporting our community. Michael Rookus |
| Mary Rookus | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I have lived in this area for 34 years and raised 3 children, whom attending Fuerte Elementary, Hillsdale Middle School and Valhalla HS. Chase Ave and Jamacha Road are heavily traveled and building a school here would definitely impact existing traffic congestions, creating an unsafe environment for the community and students of this school if it were to be built. I urge you to vote no on this school development. thanks you Mary Rookus |

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| Avis Thomas | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please understand that I am not opposed to Liberty Charter or any educational organization. I believe it most likely offers a quality education. However, the corner of Jamacha and Chase is NOT the place to put any school. I have been a resident of East County for 32 years. I find it interesting that a school would risk putting their students in harms way but wanting to build their new site at this location. My guess is the parents from Liberty have no idea of the traffic MESS that is daily at this intersection. Possibly, the parents feel that they can just 'deal with the traffic and safety mess' for the few years that their child attends Liberty IF the site is approved, but the ACTUAL RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITY will have to 'deal with it' for decades. I understand that schools create traffic but the traffic in this quadrant of less than an eighth of a mile is high all day long WITHOUT a school on the CORNER of this safety hazard. For example, Chase Elementary School which is on Chase less than 2 miles west of the proposed location backs up twice a day, both east and west, halting traffic for four blocks. There is no space or lanes to back up and wait at the corner of Chase and Jamacha. So it is obvious that kids will choose to run/dart through moving and stopped cars across Chase to be picked up at the 7-11. Please listen and consider the residents of the community who have watched this area grow exponentially without new infrastructure and watch daily accidents at this 1/4 mile radius. We do not need another 450 students and 900 + daily trips to add to this congested location. And parking will be a disaster. No way is 161 parking spaces adequate. The two small strip malls adjacent to this proposed location are FULL each and every day, all day (I walk this area daily). The business there do not need cars from the school taking away their customers parking. There is no parking on Chase or Jamacha except these two small strip malls. These business owners deserve our support as well. Thank you for your time and fo |
| Cheryl Willis | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I have been a resident of east county for over 30 years. My main concern for the building of any school at the corner of Jamacha and Chase is Traffic Safety. The area is already congested and unsafe, not to mention how it could even digest another almost 400 - 500 students. (Have any of you driven east at 7:30 - 8:00 am on Chase? The sun is beyond blinding!!!Sorry but I have 3 kids in their late 20's and driving them to Valhalla was always risky. I hated them driving into the sunrise). Anyway, CHASE is an utter death trap as it is and speed zone. Last year I was driving east on Chase by the pottery/landscape nursery that is on the north side of Chase and I was passed on the RIGHT SHOULDER!! It was about 5:15 pm and I was in the section of Chase where it is only 2 lanes (one lane eastbound and one lane westbound). I was traveling 45 miles an hour and had a passenger in my car who was beyond startled as the shoulder does not have enough room for a car. Please listen to us residents and know that we are here in opposition only because of safety issues that will affect our students, our elderly and the general population. The pure volume of traffic in this 1 - 2 miles radius has increased so much in the last two years that we need to pay attention to the statistics. Contact Mario Sanchez from the City of El Cajon (msanchez@cityofelcajon.us) and you might be surprised at how many accidents are logged in this area. Thank you for your time reviewing my letter. |
| Dan Thomas | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | My name is Dan Thomas and I am a local resident here in East County. I live 1 mile from the proposed location of the building of liberty charter high school in the proposed location. My property line runs parallel to Chase as you head east on Chase after you pass through the light at old Chase and Anza and the road narrows from two lanes to one lane. Essentially, we are almost directly across Chase from Planter Paradise. My wife and I have constantly informed the county board of supervisors, the El Cajon police department and the county sheriffs to have attention paid to this half mile strip of land where speeding and volume of traffic is a constant issue. This section is less than a mile on Chase from the proposed site of liberty charter. Our 400 foot long fence on that section of Chase has been knocked down or ran through five times in the last year and a half. It is all due to volume of automobile traffic and speed As a result of our email campaign, the county has altered and reconfigured where the lanes of traffic heading east transition from 2 lanes to 1 lane, moving it farther west by about 500 yards. We hope that this will help solve our fence from being crashed into on a regular basis. But the jury is still out now having at a minimum 900 more car trips a day on that 1 mile section of Chase. The decision of building Liberty Charter in this section of El Cajon, specifically on Chase and Jamacha is very unsafe, makes zero sense and does not appear that it has been thoroughly vetted from a safety or traffic standpoint. Thank you for your time and attention to my opposition. |
| Richard L. Fossett | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I'm very concerned that this site was chosen for building a new high school. It is a very busy intersection every day and the additional traffic would only make it a lot worse than it already is. I live 1/4 mile away and use Chase Avenue every day to access the Interstate 8 freeway. The eastbound side of Chase Avenue as it approaches Jamacha Road is constantly backed up with traffic and placing an entrance/exit to a high school on the same side of the road is bound to create a lot more traffic and will become a safety hazard. Please find a different location. |
| Lynn Howard | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | To Whom it May Concern, My Husband and I STRONGLY OPPOSE Building Any School on this Chase Avenue property. The Traffic at this intersection is Extremely Busy and Dangerous. Traffic studies have shown this to be a Problem and adding MORE drivers will make it worse for the community. Now Liberty HS wants to increase the number of student!! Please DO NOT Allow this. It will impact the entire community in a Very Negative way. There are Better sites for this school. We already have 2 high schools, one a charter Steele Canyon with in afew miles, Valhalla is walking distance! Thank You for hearing our concerns. Please Vote NO!! Patrick and Lynn Howard |
| Kari Schultz | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened with heavy and dangerous traffic. Accidents are happening almost daily and a new high school will only add to the regularity of these accidents. Morning and afternoon traffic will be horrible. Please do not add a school to this location!!!! |

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| James Miller Jr | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am a long time resident of the area where the charter school is proposed. I am also an elected board memeber to the Cajon Valley Union School District. My comments are my own. I oppose this site for the proposed school. There is no feasible way to clear the increase in traffic. There are 3 Cajon Valley Elementary schools in the immediate area plus Hillsdale Middle School, the largest Middle school in the district. On top of that you have Valhalla high school, Steele Canyon, Granite Hills and Christian High that all draw from the immediate area. Take into account for morning commuters going to work and there are no time periods that can be adjusted or road expansion that will accommodate this proposed school. I have spoken to former county planners that looked at this project, themselves living in the area, and they dislike the proposal. Any "recommendations" to proceed were beyond their contrary opinions. For all of the stated reasons this proposal needs to be rejected. Very truly, Jame P. Miller, Jr., Esq. |
| Daniel Shoemaker | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | My name is Daniel Shoemaker and I strongly oppose this request to relocate Literacy First Charter School to the Chase Avenue lot. I have lived on Chase Ave between Fuerte and Jamacha for over 25 years. I am a graduate of Valhalla High School and before I could drive, I rode my bike to and from school up and down Chase multiple times a day past that lot for years. Even back then, it was a dangerous road. Like me, every friend I had who biked that path had stories of close calls and near misses with traffic. From speeders taking the corner too quickly to traffic using the bike lane as their own personal turn lane, we all cheated serious injury more times than we like to think about. When I got my license and started driving, I was waiting to turn into my driveway early in the evening. A distracted driver in an SUV rear-ended me into oncoming traffic where a pickup hit me again. This occurred not 200' from where the proposed school driveway is located. My car was totaled, but I was alive. The paramedics on site told me they were expecting a fatality when they saw my car. Today, my bedroom looks out onto the intersection and my windows are usually open. I can hear every time a car's breaks lock up. I can hear every time that some showboater flaunts the speed limit and flys through the intersection. This area was not safe for pedestrians and bicyclists when I was in high school. It is not safe for them now and it absolutely is not safe for 400 future kids in this area. Please listen to the people who live here. Please listen to the Valle de Oro planning commission who originally denied this project and please do not grant this request for a school to be relocated here. Thank you. |
| Linda Shoemaker | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the material revision request from Literacy First Charter School. The location they are suggesting is not safe for the students. There is already way to much traffic on Chase Ave on Jamacha Rd. due to the proximity of Valhalla High School, Hillsdale Middle School and Fuerte Elementary School in that immediate area. The additional traffic that 450 students and staff members would generate would overburden this highly used road. LFCS also fails to serve the interests of the entire community as the 850+ members of SOS2, The Valley de Oro Planning Commission, Grossmont Union High School district and others oppose LFCS being built in this location. There are other alternative locations that SOS2 has identified that would be WAY safer for the students at LFCS. Please do not approve this material revision request. Thank you. |
| Kimberly Zierman | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | I strongly urge the Board to support and approve the "material change" to the LFCS charter to include the address of the property located on Jamacha. The high school is in need of a permanent home and this property will allow for that. The school is not asking for an additional location but, essentially, a change of address. Please approve the change and allow the new high school to be built! |
| James Wells | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | I am a neighbor to the proposed high school site and whole heartedly endorse and support the granting of a 7 year renewal of Charter and the addition of the proposed High School location at Jamacha & Chase. The schools outstanding academic record will be an asset to the children in our community. In addition, the proposed plans to improve the intersection is an asset to our local community. The School's proposal will greatly improve traffic flow in this area. In addition, as an adjacent property owner, I welcome the addition of a great school in lieu of another strip mall or multi level residences that will cause more traffic issues. |
| Patricia Perot | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Chase and Jamacha are busy roads lots of traffic. Not to mention accidents of people going to fast. Chase is only a single street 1 lane per way. I do not want a school in there. |
| Tom and Claire Kelly | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | We strongly oppose the building of the Literacy First Charter School in an form. First and foremost is the safety factor. Chase and Jamacha is already maxed out and overburdened. Deadlyf fatality accidents have occurred at least 5 times in the past 9 months. The traffic study submitted for this is totally outdated. I would bet the majority of the supervisor that voted in favor of this have not even been to this intersection to observe the daily onslaught of traffice. Secondly, there are currently 5 high schools within 5 miles of this purposed site. One being a charter school. These schools are currently under enrolled and there is no immediate need for an additional school. Grossmont School District has denied Alpine to build a school as there is not need at this time. The addition of 854 cars entering and exiting the school is endanger all who use this road. It is not safe for the existing traffic or to the students that would be trying to enter this school on a daily basis. The mitigation plan submitted ivy LFCS is would be impossible given the high traffic on this road on a daily basis. Please do no approve this misguided project that is not filling any need at this time for the area. |

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| John H Borja | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic mediation is inadequate for that particular location for the expected number of students enrolled. Furthermore, there is inadequate parking zones for school special events. Additionally, the intersection of Chase Avenue and Jamacha Road(S.R. 54) is heavily traveled during the day with heavy truck traffic. That traffic often frustrates fast moving vehicles that often use Jamacha Road as a freeway. So, speeds are both low and high. Jamacha Road is a County of San Diego road and it is inadequately monitored by the County Sheriff's Department nor by the California Highway Patrol. Chase Avenue, a San Diego County Road narrows westbound as it approaches the City of El Cajon City Limits. The City of El Cajon has not submitted mitigation plans for Chase Avenue. A traffic increase at Chase Avenue and Jamacha Road along with family cars would create an unnecessary log jam of cars. There is inadequate access for the handicap, student pedestrians, and pedal bicycle usage. Plans for this school are inadequate as they pertain to traffic and parking for school staff and students. |
| Julee Lashley | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | LFCS fails to serve the entire community, Duplicates programs currently offered within the public school district which are currently under enrolled. Safety is a major concern: LFCS cannot and has not developed a plan that assures safe ingress and egress of students, parents and school employees to and from school grounds. Jamacha and Chase intersection and streets already over burdened and deadly thoroughfares. Accidents are a daily common occurrence on both of these avenues and will not provide safety for students and teachers alike as well as the public and surrounding communities. I strongly encourage you to deny the building of any school at the proposed location. |
| Nancy Elliott | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | In order to access Chase Avenue from our residence on Shadow Knolls, we turn either right or left onto Fuerte and enter Chase Avenue either at its intersection with Chase Lane or Fuerte Drive. We must allow from five to fifteen minutes extra time to get onto Chase Avenue to go either east or west. The morning or afternoon time is even longer. Getting onto Chase Avenue with more traffic than we already have is unimaginable. In addition, the current traffic situation at Chase and Jamacha in all directions is extremely dangerous. Accidents occur almost weekly. Respectfully submitted, Nancy Elliott |
| Melinda Oliver | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | The corner of Chase and Jamacha is a heavily traveled area. The congestion that will be caused by adding a school to this corner will be great. There are currently 4 schools (k-12) that traverse this area and what is NOT needed is another school! This is a residential area and we the residents do NOT want more traffic. Thank you for your consideration. |
| Teresa ONeill | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | As a home owner in the area, safety is my primary concern. I travel the Chase and Jamacha intersection daily. It is already overburdened with heavy traffic; accidents occur frequently. Increased traffic will only add to this already dangerous intersection. For the safety of ALL, I strongly oppose this sight for a school. |
| Joyce EDGAR | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I have lived almost 1/2 mile from the proposed school site for 20 years and witnessed the back up of traffic during peak school start/end hours. In the afternoons especially it is difficult for me to exit my street onto east Chase Ave due to the solid lines of traffic. This is not a safe location for a school and another school in this neighborhood isn't needed due to the underutilization of existing district high schools in the area. Please do not allow the material revision of Literacy First's charter. |
| David EDGAR | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | t Oppose | I appeal to the Board to DENY the material revision Literacy first Charter School is requesting to move their school to Chase Ave just west of Jamacha Blvd. #1 it is a grossly unsafe location due to existing traffic congestion and will be made worse by proposed "mitigation" primarily adding a w/b left turn lane (narrowing w/b traffic lane) and blocking access for e/b right turning vehicles to form a lane where the school driveways access chase. Both changes will increase the chance of gridlock at current traffic levels even without the additional traffic the school itself will bring to the area. #2 reason you should DENY is the proximity to existing businesses selling alcoholic beverages. #3 reason to DENY this request is it is fiscally irresponsible to add another high school to an area with several high schools (including the Steel Canyon Charter school) with similar programs that are not fully utilized. |
| marty | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am concerned about the safety of the added cars/pupils on such a busy intersection. • Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. • During morning and afternoon school hours the traffic on eastbound Chase already backs up one quarter of a mile. • To this growth in traffic, LFCS will add an estimated 854 cars entering and exiting the school parking lot each day. The mitigation plan for ingress and egress into the school parking lot and drop off area is impossible to implement, even documented by their own traffic study. |
| Nicole Allen | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | My children have had great access to a wonderful High School because of LCHS. The unfortunate part is that so many students cannot physically get to the High School even though they would like to continue their education K-12. The high school needs to be in the same area as it's K-8 schools. LCHS serves all students in small class sizes and with the full High School experience, like sports and clubs. No other school in the area does this. We need to be able to build the HS on the land that was already allocated for a school years ago and that was bought in good faith. LCHS has done the research, made the traffic plans, etc. LCHS should be allowed to serve their students in the area the students live. Please allow this school it's material revision. |
| Michael Haley | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | t Oppose | The traffic on Chase Ave at Jamacha Blvd is already ridiculous each day. My son was hit by a driver who was attempting to avoid the traffic back up and violating the current traffic controls. On a weekly basis there is some kind of traffic collision. Additionally, drivers who are frustrated violate the traffic controls in the area. This school will just exacerbate the current problems and put more people and kids specifically at risk. |

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| Amy Harleman | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I strongly oppose this project. This is a huge safety issue for the neighborhood. The location is not appropriate for a school. SOS2 has identified 8 possible other locations that are safer for pupils and community members. Please select one of those instead. |
| Thanasi Preovolos | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is the main concern. The area is already overburdened, traffic routinely backs up daily for over a quarter mile, There is no mitigation plan for safe ingress and egress into the school and for handling the additional traffic. |
| Charles Giles | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I oppose the building of the Literary First Charter School at the proposed site. The intersection of Chase Avenue and Jamacha Blvd. is a very busy corridor. The building of a school at this area will create much more traffic congestion and safety hazards. Chase Ave. is a narrow street with no road shoulders or side walks on either side of the street. With the increase in traffic congestion caused by a school being built at the site, emergency vehicles will be delayed in trying to get to their destinations. |
| Chuck & Judy Campbell | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | We are homeowners on Fairglen Road, within a couple hundred yards of the proposed building of this campus. We have lived at this home since August of 1974. We have seen many changes in our area over these yearsbut, never a proposed change as "ALARMING" & "potentially" DANGEROUS as this one, regarding the building of the Liberty Charter School campus on Chase Avenue. We do not believe that Chase Avenue is capable of SAFELY handling the additional traffic that this campus will bring to our area. We STRONGLY OPPOSE those in County government "pushing" this change upon us. |
| Rick powel | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety safety and impact on local business |
| Jennifer Dowd Furlong | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I oppose the building of any school at the proposed site due to increase in traffic and decrease in safety. |
| David Furlong | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I oppose the building of the charter school, although I think the school is an excellent school. This will generate too much traffic and adversely impact the local businesses int he area. |
| henry j beauloye | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | We live right up the street and allready have trouble leaving the driveway with all the traffic. They speed on this street making it impossible to get out. |
| Anna Furlong | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Too much traffic and there are so many high schools nearby already. ISn't there a better place for this high school? |
| Mairin Furlong | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Seems like a small place for a high school. There is already so much traffic at this intersection. I like schools but there seems like there should be another space better suited for a school. There are several high schools all within a few miles. |
| Vickie | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I have been living on Jamacha Road close to Chase Avenue for the last 32 years this is a very busy Street many people use it to get to Highway 8 West I myself witnessed many car accidents and twice I've witnessed two car accidents less than a mile away from each other at the same time, statistically drivers age 16 217 years old continue to have the highest rate of Crash involvement and injuries to themselves and others. Environment issues wise we don't need more car emission and this area I am not against Belding schools but this is the wrong spot |
| Erika V | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | There's already lots of Traffic n the intersection of Jamacha and Chase on peak hrs. Hot space for car accidents. |
| Douglas West | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I live within 1 mile of Chase and Jamacha and have noticed this intersection is overburdened and has become a deadly intersection and accidents happen on a daily occuurrance. We do not need a school built in this area, ithe ingress and egress will only make this intersection more dangerous not only to the daily commuters but to the students that would be attending this school. |
| Andrew Zelt | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Though I can sympathize with Literacy First trying to find a good location for their school, this is not it. It is a horrible location for a school. Chase is the major artery leading into the Rancho San Diego area from El Cajon and from the 8 freeway into Rancho. A school in that location will back up traffic horribly. With horrible traffic comes bad driving and people just trying to get around other cars. Add this presents a danger to the kids of the school. It is a high school and you will be adding inexperienced young drivers into a constant traffic jam mess. It's a receipt for disaster. |
| Tasha Leibel | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | LFCS fails to serve the interests of the entire community, it duplicates programs offered in local public schools systems which are currently under enrolled. LFCS is not able to develop a clear plan insuring safe campus ingress and egress for students and employees because the proposed location of Chase and Jamacha is already heavily impacted on traffic overload. This is a train wreck in the planning stages leading to serious bodily injury or loss of life. |

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| Norbert Leibel | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | This is an exclusive fenced and gated single purpose school which fails to serve the interests of the entire community and it duplicates programs offered in nearby public schools systems which happen to be Under Enrolled causing a huge short fall in funding for our already established schools. LFCS is unable to develop a safe plan for campus ingress and egress for students and employees because the location is already overly impacted with constant traffic. Jamacha and Chase is no place for a school. Schools need to be located in a quiet setting away from main roads for the health and safety of kids and teachers and all employees. Jamacha and Chase is one big pressure cooker already. Add a school with lots of kids in and out and you are asking for worse traffic jams and back ups over a mile, angry residents and shop owners who will lose what little parking they have to school affiliates, and ultimately injury and loss of life in the inevitable vehicle accidents. |
| Dott Leibel | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | This is a bad location for a school. There's way too much traffic already. Sometimes it takes 3 lights changing to finally get through the intersection. I've seen some bad accidents at this corner of Jamacha and chase. This is a very bad idea to put a school on this corner. There's another high school nearby. Valhalla and Granite Hills. We don't need another high school on this postage stamp piece of land. Bad idea. |
| JOHN hUNTER | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Terrible location, too much traffic already. greedy land owner wants to profit off of all of us. No No No |
| Mona Leibel | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Bad idea to put 1k people and their vehicles on that out of control car over run corner. BTW this BOE response format is not democratic or inclusive. I am writing a line of words that disappear as I type and I can't go back to look at what I've written. Cannot edit my writing. This format created by the owner of the form according to the Microsoft footnote here is illustrating the ANTITHESIS of Literacy First! Because writing without constant review produces gibberish. So disappointed in this BOE quasi response form. |
| Nadine Allo | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is one of the major concerns making us oppose the project. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. During morning and afternoon school hours the traffic on eastbound Chase already backs up for at least half a mile. Also, this school will be less than 300 feet away from a liquor, massage, vape, and hookah stores, which is a law violation on its own. |
| Craig de Beaumont | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I have lived in the Hillsdale Ranch community for 18 years. I have personally seen multiple accidents including high speed accidents at and near the intersection of Chase and Jamaica over those years. I have also experiences the steadily increasing traffic burden, particularly on Chase. I can't imagine there is an honest traffic assessment that would ever conclude that it would be safe for students and residents to put a school of any sort, nonetheless a high school with a larger number of young drivers at this location. It is literally many accidents waiting to happen. Pedestrian safety must also be considered as well as the traffic burden on residents. |
| richard shoemaker | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the request for the material revision by LFCS because the significant traffic issues associated with the new site will make the new location unsafe for Kids and contribute to an already congested roadway |
| Laurie Mack | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | As a long-time homeowner near the intersection of Fuerte and Chase I strongly oppose the proposed site for Literacy First Charter School (LFCS). I am not opposed to the school itself but am opposed to ANY school on the Chase Avenue site. Safety is the utmost concern with existing evidence of traffic congestion, collisions and unfortunate deaths in this already busy intersection. This is escalated during morning and afternoon hours with schools already rooted in the surrounding areas. Adding over 850 cars that will arrive and depart LFCS only adds to this safety issue as their mitigation plan is impossible to implement as documented by their own traffic study. There are far superior locations identified by SOS2 that are safer for the school and community members, serves the interests of the entire community, ensures safe entry and exit plans and are even available at a fraction of the \$4.8 million cost paid by tax payers. Sincerely, Laurie Mack (619) 871-8287 |
| Hanah Allo | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is one of our concerns. I'm a retired educator, and I cannot believe that the school district are willing to put the kids through such a substantial risking their safety and well being in this location. |
| Samuel Allo | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Literacy First Charter School (LFCS) fails to meet the criteria of the Education Code regarding material revisions: -LFCS fails to serve the interests of the entire communityDuplicates programs offered within the public school district and these programs are under enrolledDemonstrably impossible for LFCS to develop a plan that assures the safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents and school employees to and from the school. |
| Sarah Allo | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Student safety is our concern. Alternative locations can serve the students, school, and the community a lot more than this specific location on Chase Ave. SOS2 has identified 8 possible other locations that are safer for pupils and community members. One in particular offers 79 acres for \$1.1 million (compared to the \$4.8 million of tax payer money that purchased the 8.4 acres on Chase Ave.) |

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| Virgil Hilliard, MD | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Dear BOE, I have been a resident of East County SD since 1999, and have lived near the intersection of Chase Ave/Jamacha Road since 2005. During that time, the traffic congestion has increased significantly, especially during the school months, worse and most dangerously in the early mornings and evenings. During the weekday mornings and early evenings, the intersection is extremely congested with commuters to and from work, turning into the 7/11 to get gas or coffee, stopping at the 2 strip malls and teenagers walking across the street walking to and from Valhalla High School. Included in the traffic are Semi-Tracker Trailer trucks from the local quarry. Less than a 1/2 mile to the east is Vista Grande Elementary School which bring addition congestion to the intersection. These conditions have produced several severe accidents at the Chase Ave./Jamacha Road intersection, some occurring during the early morning and evenings of the day. It is my sincere opinion that additional congestion produced by the Liberty Charter High School would be extremely UNSAFE for our community, the commuters and the children of East County San Diego. |
| Judy Seeger | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | This is no place for a schoolhave you seen all the traffic now? |
| Angela Hilliard | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Dear Board of Education, Thank you for allowing me to address the concerns that I have regarding the location of Liberty Charter School. The location of a high school at Chase and Jamacha is unsafe for the students of Liberty Charter High School and for the numerous cars that drive by there every day. I travel through that intersection multiple times a day so I am very familiar with the traffic patterns. Having a school there, with parents dropping off and picking up, as well as students driving themselves to school, will produce additional traffic, accidents and back ups at a location that already has back ups every day. I am concerned that students will be dropped off across the street and attempt to cross in the middle of traffic to get to school on time. Now the there is an attempt to admit 100 or more students to this school. This location is a 2 lane road with no places to stop. There are numerous schools nearby that cause traffic back up where the road is 4 lanes across. Additionally, there are other more suitable locations for this school. I am asking that the board deny the request for a school at Chase and Jamacha. For the safety of students and motorists, a more appropriate and safer location can be identified for Liberty Charter High School. Thank you~ |
| Willi Seeger | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | 1. Literacy First Charter School (LFCS) fails to meet the criteria of the Education Code regarding material revisions: • LFCS fails to serve the interests of the entire community • Duplicates programs offered within the public school district and these programs are under enrolled. • Demonstrably impossible for LFCS to develop a plan that assures the safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents and school employees to and from the school • Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. • During morning and afternoon school hours the traffic on eastbound Chase already backs up one quarter of a mile. • To this growth in traffic, LFCS will add an estimated 854 cars entering and exiting the school parking lot each day. The mitigation plan for ingress and egress into the school parking lot and drop off area is impossible to implement, even documented by their own traffic study. • SOS2 has identified 8 possible other locations that are safer for pupils and community members. One in particular offers 79 acres for \$1.1 million (compared to the \$4.8 million of tax payer money that purchased the 8.4 acres on Chase Ave.) • We are not in opposition to the school itself and understand LFCS to be a quality school. We are opposed to ANY school built on the Chase Ave site. |
| Waseem sarah | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Chase and jamacha already overburdened / traffic/ chase already backs up |
| Sarah Butler | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Please approve the new address of our high school in this material revision for Literacy First Charter School. The students that attend this school are students with great character that would be welcomed in any neighborhood! |
| Tina Wells | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | I live within a mile of the proposed site of Liberty Charter High School. It is an asset to our community to have this high performing school in our neighborhood. LCHS is graduating intelligent, thoughtful citizens. The school's building plans include improvements to the current traffic issues. |
| Monroy Ana Karina | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Location Not safe for students. Traffic conditions will worsen. |
| Gerardo Barraza | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Is not safe for students and traffic will worsent |
| Nisreen Allo | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety of the kids and our community is our concern. Almost every single day, there's an accident in this intersection. Cars speed up to almost 60 MPH when approaching the Chase - Jamacha intersection to the point that makes it dangerous to cross the street. I've witnessed 2 accidents in one week while crossing the street. In addition, during peak hours, the traffic backs up for more than a quarter mile down eastbound Chase Ave. Adding additional 500 cars from the school project to the current traffic that currently exists will just block and delays any first responders' ability to respond to an emergency happening in the area or even in the school. |

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| Mable Wigfall | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I strongly oppose Literacy Charter School being built at this site, because it is an unsafe area for a school. I believe in safety over sorry. There are ten school in the immediate area primary and secondary. Parents using busy Chase Ave. and Jamacha Blvd. in transporting their students to and from school. The neighborhood does not oppose of the Charter School being built. just not on this site. for those of you who has to make this important decision, please visit this location and see why we oppose. Thank you so very much. |
| Herbert Milley | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | This school would be an unmitigated traffic disaster. Just getting out of the parking lot of the businesses on that corner Is already a nightmare. You have to go south on Jamacha and turn around somehow if going south is not the way you need to go. Please put a stop to this terrible plan. |
| Maysoon Esshaki | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I live in the neighborhood and know very well how deadly car accidents are. This intersection of Chase and Jamacha is dangerous to have high school traffic added to it!! |
| Nawal A. | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I oppose the growth of traffic and having teens walking or crossing across Chase for whatever reason, to buy lunch or snack from the neighboring stores. Very alarming and dangerous to have a school on this site. |
| Raad E. | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am not against building a school at all, but against building a school on this specific zone. Please consider other locations. I own a business in the plaza next to this site and totally disagree to have extra traffic coming down Chase Ave. Please consider finding a safer location. |
| Ghassan A. | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please keep the area less cluttered and jammed with traffic and accidents! We have witnessed so many sad and fatal accidents over the years. Lets not risk more lives!! |
| Zane E. | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | If I was a student attending this high school, I would have hesitated about getting in and out of the school. I live 5 minutes away and walk on Chase Ave all the time. Cars came down from up the hill as its a race zone. Chase has double lines in the middle, its narrow and hard to avoid a possibility of an accident. Despite all that, cars still come down extremely fast. So why making things worse especially when adding driving teenager's traffic?. |
| Yasmeen | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please reconsider another safer location. I can't imagine how 7:30 am and 3:00 pm would look like on Chase and Jamacha! Worst idea ever!! I approve the idea of building schools but not on the Chase Ave. site! Thank you |
| Steve Dillingham | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Submission too large, please see email sent to Kristin.armatis@sdcoe.net and Cpaguilar@sdcoe.net |
| Greg Daunoras | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. During morning and afternoon school hours the traffic on eastbound Chase already backs up one quarter of a mile. To this growth in traffic, LFCS will add an estimated 854 cars entering and exiting the school parking lot each day. The mitigation plan for ingress and egress into the school parking lot and drop off area is impossible to implement, even documented by their own traffic study. |
| Frank J. Stella | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | For the last 9 years I have been taking my 3 grandsons to various schools in the mornings. It is necessary for me to turn left from Penasco Road onto Jamacha Road. One block to the south is the intersection of Chase and Jamacha which has traphic lights. At least one the time in the morning I am unable to turn left onto Jamacha because of the density of auto traffic. I must turn right and then hope that I can make a u-turn to get back to southbound Jamacha. This is already an unsafe situation. Adding another school will increase the traffic burden to make the whole area of Jamacha and Chase even more unsafe. Approval of this school would have a negative safety impact on travel in this area, especially in the morning hours. I oppose the building of the new school in the proposed location. Frank J. Stella M.D. |
| Sarah Fredricks | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Hello, please approve the building of Liberty Charter High School. Our kids are still in elementary year at Literacy First Charter School and we are planning to continue their education until high school at Liberty Charter High School. The have proven themselves as a great school and we are hoping to have a permanent building here in El Cajon that our commute will be close by. Thank you for your kind consideration to approve this. |
| Paulette Milley | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic is always congested when school is in session at Vallahla High School, and you think that by adding a new school on that corner will be OK what about emergency vehicles trying to take a left from Jamacha to Chase avenue, such as Fire trucks, ambulances, police cars etc how do you think they will be able to get through when even now they have a difficult time, with so many parents dropping children off and children driving themselves to school???? Plus how many children do you think will pay attention to the lights when their parents drop them off for school. Where will all the people park when there is a sports game in progress, no street parking that I know of and very little parking at the small mall in front of the proposed school. I really think no one took the time to address these issues when the land was purchased. Thank you Paulette Milley |
| Michelle Kister | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I ask that you deny the Liberty Charter Material Revision because LFCS proposed site is less then 1/4 mile from Valhalla High School. This is duplicated programs that are already provided by Valhalla. The intersection of Chase and Jamacha is already a very dangerous intersection. Please a school at this intersection with a proposed left hand turn into the site will leave to accidents. LCHS has stated many times that their campus will be closed to the community. Therefore there is no benefit to our community for this school to be built at Chase and Jamacha. 94% of there students do not live in the area of Rancho San Diego, therefore they will all be driving in from the El Cajon. Please listen to the community. Please deny the material revision. Thank you, Michelle Kister |

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| David Kister | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am opposed to a school to be built at Chase and Jamacha. Our community already has an outstanding school in Valhalla less this 1/4 of a mile away from this proposed site. This is an abuse of our community resources. Please deny the material revision. |
| Elisa Brandes | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I oppose the construction of any school at Chase and Jamacha. Each school morning it takes me five minutes to make a right turn from my drive onto Chase toward Jamacha a left turn is impossible. The proposed school would send me directly the bottleneck of traffic the school will undoubtedly create. The school's proposed solution: add a third lane to what is already a three lane road. Staggering the start time with Valhalla High School by 10 to 20 minutes will likewise do little to mitigate the problem. In the last 18 years, my mailbox located on Chase has been replaced three times because of cars running off the road and hitting it. The last time, the post office unsuccessfully tried to find an alternative location because it was concerned for the safety of the postman stopping on Chase to deliver the mail. As the number of accidents should indicate, Chase cannot safely handle the existing traffic. Adding a couple of hundred cars each morning and afternoon is a recipe for disaster |
| Elsie Spencer | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the material revision for Liberty Charter High school proposed location at Jamach and Chase. This is a very busy intersection. It will be very dangerous to community, students travelling through the intersection of Chase and Jamacha to Valhalla High School, Vista Grande Elementary, Fuerte Elementary, Rancho San Diego Elementary, Cuyamaca College. Not to mention that the intersection of Chase and Jamacha is the primary roadway to access the 8 freeway West. Please listen to people that live in this community. I live less then 1/2 from this intersection. The risk of accidents and possible death is too great to place a school at this location. Therefore I ask that you please deny the material revision for Liberty High School |
| Lucien Kister | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I ask the Board of Education to deny the material revision for Liberty Charter high school proposed location at Chase and Jamacha. I am a 18 year old Senior at Valhalla High School. Traffic is already very busy and stressful at Chase and Jamacha. Putting another high school less then 1/4 miles from Valhalla High School makes zero sense. Please I ask you to deny the material revision for Liberty High School |
| Caleb Kister | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I implore you to deny the material revision. Our community doesn't need another high school. I know that Lemon Grove only has Liberty Charter High School in their community, it needs to remain there. The students for Liberty High School do not live in the area of Rancho San Diego so it makes no sense to move it to the intersection of Chase and Jamacha. Please deny the material revision. |
| Zoe Kister | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the material revision for Liberty Charter to build a high school at Chase & Jamacha. LCHS says they will start school at 8:30 am. Valhalla has 2 start time 7:25 and 8:20 the exact same time Liberty High would start. School traffic at this intersection is already very busy, In the morning and afternoon cars are already backed up past Fuerte Drive. Add over 800 more cars to Chase is absurd. The addition of a left turn lane on Chase into the Liberty High School is beyond dangerous. A student was killed at Westhills for exactly the same reason, a left hand turn near the high school. Are you willing to risk the lives of high school students and community members by trying to jam a high school into this already over crowded intersection. None of these student even live in this area, none of the teachers live in this area. Please deny the material revision to Liberty Charter. Our lives depend on it. |
| Robert Peterson | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Please approve the material revision tot he charter for Literacy First Charter School so that the high school can continue to thrive by having its first permanent home. So many lives have been changed for the better. Thanks for considering this important matter. |
| Ashwaq Hermes | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic is our issue. We have our business at the strip mall close the the proposed site. Currently, the traffic is backed up at peak hours that makes it difficult for our clients to come to us. How would the traffic will look like when adding at least an additional 450 cars to this street? It's unfair for the community to suffer more than what they're already going through right now. Thank you |
| Hani Hermes | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic and safety are our issues. I have our business at the strip mall close the the proposed site. Currently, it takes me around 7-10 minutes to get through the traffic to get into my office. the traffic is almost always backed up either by cars trying to get to the surrounding schools or the supply trucks that has to park on Chase to off load. How would the traffic will look like when adding at least an additional 450 cars to this street? It's unfair for the community to suffer more than what they're already going through right now. Thank you |
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| JP Hermes | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | traffic is almost always backed up either by cars trying to get to the surrounding schools or the supply trucks that has to park on Chase to off load. How would the traffic will look like when adding at least an additional 450 cars to this street? |

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| Cynthia English | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | There is Valhalla High School within a mile of this pending charter school and we do not need another school so close. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and thoroughfares with accidents occurring daily. For students and parents dropping off their students they will have to come onto Chase going East to enter the school and leave making only a right hand turn. If they wish to return East there is no way other than making a left turn and trying to U turn in the center of Jamacha which would be illegal. Morning and afternoon school hours would back up on Chase which is already a nightmare at that time backing up more than a quarter mile now. There has to be another place to build a school as this is a poor location for traffic and students to be safe. |
| Joy Hermes | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic is horrible on Chase Ave near Jamacha Rd. Adding a school there will not improve the situation nor the suggested road changes will enhance it. This is a recipe for a giant disaster that the school district will regret because the kids safety will not be guaranteed by any way, shape or form. Please help STOP this non sense project. |
| Nick Kenaya | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. |
| Barbara Kenaya | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern. My wife got hit when coming back home right at the intersection of Chase & Jamacha 3 months ago! Thankfully she had minor injuries but this happened when students were on break, how would the traffic look like when school is in session with at least 450 cars added? Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. |
| Brett Clapham | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | This area has an appropriate number of schools today to serve the community. Valhalla, Steele Canyon, Grossmont and Granite Hills are all options families can take advantage of today. We don't need another option. The location of this school would be unsafe for the community. Specifically the traffic in this location would be very bad at times that already have problems. The location of this school is adjacent to existing liquor store, and smoking lounges. |
| Ayad Jardaq | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. |
| Ghada Hayali | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. |
| Sara Jardaq | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | the traffic is almost always backed up either by cars trying to get to the surrounding schools or the supply trucks that has to park on Chase to off load. How would the traffic will look like when adding at least an additional 450 cars to this street? It's unfair for the community to suffer more than what they're already going through right now. Thank you |
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| Dale Kriebel | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | The traffic and safety issues caused by squeezing a project of this scope into this already heavily impacted traffic zone would set an irresponsible precedent of the prioritizing of outside interests that do not serve the local community who will be forced to suffer the consequences for decades. |
| Waleed Albashiki | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. |
| Kirstin Clapham | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | The intersection of Jamacha and Chase is already busy and not pedestrian-friendly. The traffic on Chase itself is always a struggle and next to impossible to maneuver in a safe and timely manner during regular school drop off hours. The traffic control for this section is already challenged with juggling commuters to and from Valhalla, Rancho SD Elementary, and Hillsdale that I find it hard to believe that anyone is even considering adding another school to the mix. Not to mention that the corner merchants include a liquor store and a vape shop. How is that kid friendly? Who's brilliant idea was this and why is the push for this location continuing? Please find another location! |

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| Ibraheem Kas Khalil Matti | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Traffic is horrible on Chase Ave near Jamacha Rd. Adding a school there will not improve the situation nor the suggested road changes will enhance it. This is a recipe for a giant disaster that the school district will regret because the kids safety will not be guaranteed by any way, shape or form. Please STOP this non sense project. |
| Nad Kas Khalil | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. |
| Fadi Kas Khalil | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. |
| Karlos Kas Khalil | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern. Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. |
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| Kathleen Hedberg, President of GMIA | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Dear Board of Trustees: The Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association (GMIA) is an 83 year old 501C(4) non-profit public benefit organization that represents approximately 7,000 single family homes with 20,000 residents in our community. Our mission is to preserve and enhance the character and quality of our region. GMIA is opposed to the new location of the Liberty Charter School as the siting is in the absence of an updated EIR and traffic study and conflict with the General Plan. The General Plan for the property calls for Semi-Rural Residential, or one dwelling unit per 0.5 acres. The community impact of having no more than 15 houses on the 7.7-acre property is far less than a school that will house 450 students and 33 faculty and staff members. Of particular concern is the daily traffic that the school will generate on Chase Avenue, a two-lane road. The road has already been the site of numerous traffic accidents, and adding 585 new daily trips a day will dramatically increase congestion on the road – particularly during the peak morning and afternoon school drop-off and pick-up times. When GMIA wrote to the Planning Department about this project in January 2020, we urged that a full Environmental Impact Report be conducted to study the traffic issues. We reiterate those concerns now. The school's proposed widening of Chase Avenue and providing a westbound left-turn lane is not sufficient to mitigate the traffic issues that the school will cause. At this time GMIA does not recommend approval of the Liberty Charter High School proposed location at 1530 Jamacha Road in El Cajon. Thank you, Kathleen Hedberg, PE, MPH GMIA President 619.994.6900 |
| Trent Riker | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I have lived in this area for 20 years. Take my word for it, the chosen location for the school is one of the worst locations that can be choosen. It is bad for the community and the school age children mainly because of the dangerous traffic. Not only is it congested, but that road is a speedway. I have seen many fatal accidents on that road. There is a 7-11 and burger shop across the street. Kids will be tempted to J-walk to get there. This combined with the bad traffic is a recipe for disaster. It is the job of our leaders to protect those who cannot protect themselves. In addition, there is a vast amount of wild life in that area which is one of their last havens to go to. Coyotes and other animals roam that area at night. They are likely to go into the neighborhoods looking for food if you build on that precious land that should be preserved at all costs. |
| Sharon Thorstenson | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety is our major concern •@hase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents almost a daily occurrence. •@buring morning and afternoon school hours the traffic on eastbound Chase already backs up one quarter of a mile. •@b this growth in traffic, LFCS will add an estimated 854 cars entering and exiting the school parking lot each day. The mitigation plan for ingress and egress into the school parking lot and drop off area is impossible to implement, even documented by their own traffic study. |
| Tom Thorstenson | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | There is a far superior alternative location • SOS2 has identified 8 possible other locations that are safer for pupils and community members. One in particular offers 79 acres for \$1.1 million (compared to the \$4.8 million of tax payer money that purchased the 8.4 acres on Chase Ave.) |
| Russ Hunsaker | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | The proposed school site does not have the surrounding infrastructure to safely support the traffic and congestion a school of this scope and size will bring. |

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| Christie Haigh | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I strongly oppose the build of Liberty High School at the corner of Chase and Jamacha. This is an area where the number of children are declining. We do not fill up our great current school options, which include multiple charter schools, so this additional potential school does not serve this community. In fact, Valhalla High School is less than a mile from this location. Only 4% of current Liberty students live in this community, so everyone else is adding to the already horrible traffic. And the traffic here is exceptionally horrific. This is a very heavy traffic corridor where way to many drivers go way too fast. It is already a danger. Adding Liberty High drivers would further exacerbate the problem and make it difficult for community members to get to their schools and work. There are business right next to the proposed build, including restaurants with bars/alcohol and a liquor store. Some of these businesses have supported our community for decades. Sheriffs do not patrol this area very often, so the onus will be on the business owners to keep Liberty family cars out of their small parking lots. When the business owners want to retire, they will not be able to sell their businesses because the new owners will not be able to get liquor licenses next to a school. |
| Jo Alegria | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Recently I was provided details regarding the already the county's already approved Liberty High School project potentially near the corner of Chase and Jamacha. Being that I am native to the area, growing up off of Fuerte Dr. and am very familiar with the nearby intersection, it has a tendency to be very congested at all times of the day. Weighing in on this project, I am not in favor of a high school at this location. |
| Janie Nordlicht | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety - Chase and Jamacha are already overburdened and deadly thoroughfares and accidents occur almost daily. |
| Milad | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | |
| Beth Duncan | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the request for a material revision by LFCS. This is not a safe location for any school. The is substantial traffic at the purposed location every day and accidents are a frequent occurrence. |
| Amy Pitotti | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the request for a material revision by LFCS. This location is unsafe for the students. There are alternatives that would be much safer than the location they wish to use. I am not in support of putting students at risk. |
| Bryan Pitotti | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Do NOT approve the request by LFCS for a material revision. This location is very unsafe for any student and under no circumstance should a school be built here. The traffic is terrible and student's lives would be in danger. |
| Mary K. Sieckman | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Locating a high school near the intersection of Chase avenue and Jamacha Road is unsafe. Traffic is heavy and accidents are common. The 2016 Gap Study is outdated. I enter and exit my home from Penasco Road onto Jamacha Road and rely on gaps in the traffic to do so. Traffic is heavier and gaps fewer. I have waited through three signal lights just to make a left turn onto Jamacha. There were no gaps. It is not uncommon for Chase to be backed up too. |
| Emily Gilson | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please do NOT approve a material revision for LFCS. I grew up in this area and attended Valhalla High School. The traffic on Chase and Jamacha is awful, and getting worse. There is NO way a school should be built in this location. |
| Peter Gilson | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am not in favor of a material revision by LFCS. It is impossible for LFCS to develop a plan that assures the safe ingress and egress of pupils, parents and school employees to and from the school. Many accidents occur in this location, almost on a daily basis. It is NOT safe for any student. |
| Matt Shoemaker | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the material revision by LFCS. This location is unsafe for any school. The traffic here is horrible. There is already traffic from several nearby schools, including Valhalla High School which is less than 1 mile away from the proposed site. LFCS will add an estimated 854 cars each day to this congested area. It is the wrong place to put a school. |
| TierneyEileen | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Safety First should trump Literacy First, and I sincerely hope the County Board of Education agrees. The traffic congestion each morning is already a nightmare and major traffic hazard on Chase and Jamacha and the last thing this community needs is a school at that proposed site. Both Chase and Jamaica are connectors to Hwy 94 and Hwy 8, so both are extremely congested This poses a major safety issue for all students going to school and family members going to work. This proposed site would literally put lives in danger. Please, Please do not allow Literacy Charter to build on this land. Please keep our children and community safe.! our childre |
| Taylor Shoemaker | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I ask that you deny the request for a material revision by LFCS. LFCS fails to meet the criteria of the Education Code regarding material revisions because it does not serve the interests of the entire community. Community members, business owners in the area, the GUHSD and Valley de Oro planning commission are all against the school being built in this location. Please see that this location is unsafe and encourage LFCS to find an alternative site. Thank you |

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| Judy Carter | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the request for a material revision by LFCS. Liberty First Charter School does not meet the criteria for material revisions because there are duplicate programs offered withing the public school district and these programs are under enrolled. 2 schools in the GUHSD, Chaparral and IDEA are withing 3 miles of the proposed LFCS site and are meeting the needs of students that don't succeed in traditional public high schools. The proposed site is also in an area that I drive daily. It is already congested, there are frequent traffic accidents that occur and I feel it would be an unsafe for any school. Thank you for your consideration. |
| George Mike Johnson | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | The placement of a school in this location will be an unmanageable and unaccountable traffic nightmare. There is no way the school can enforce parking lot and traffic compliance with their proposed traffic monitoring plan. By the time law enforcement responds to perpetrators, they will have left the area. I feel that the safety of the children and the people driving in this congested space during these busy hours would be a threat to the safety for all and if you allow this charter school to be placed in this location it will have a negative impact on the children's education, the community and the general well-being for everyone. Please do not let the school be constructed here, but somewhere more suitable to meet the needs of the school and children. Respectfully submitted. Thank you. |
| Scott Duncan | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I ask that you deny the material revision for LCHS. My father is a retired firefighter in the area. He witnessed many serious accidents at Chase Ave and Jamacha Rd. This is an unsafe location. No school should be built here. Thank you. |
| Kaitlyn Duncan | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Please deny the material revision for LFCS. This location is unsafe. No school should be built here. Thank you. |
| Eric Jaynes | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | I am not in favor of a material revision for LFCS. There are other options that the school could build on that are safer for the students. This is the wrong site for any school. |
| Tommy Duncan | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Oppose | Do NOT approve the materials revision for LFCS. The location they want to build on is NOT safe. Thank you. |
| Ginny Valles | #11. Material revision Literacy First Charter School | Approve | Liberty Charter High School (of Literacy First Charter Schools) must relocate due to the Lemon Grove School District needing back the current facility. The school has had to move periodically since it started as it has always rented, but has now purchased land. There has been great thought and effort put into this new future school with the goal of serving the students well. I ask that you approve their move to this new location so that they can continue helping students to do great things. The school truly makes a difference in the lives of so many students. Their state testing scores are excellent. The students have one of only two competitive FRC Robotics teams in east county. The students are known. |
| Celica Garcia-Plascencia | #12 PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School | Approve | It is with pleasure I submit this comment in support of the renewal of EPCS. My daughter has thrived not only academically but socioemotionally during her short time. She started her journey in the fall of 2020, however was supported even through summer. The school she was originally attending for kindergarten was ready to ride her off with no support. I was told she was behind at the 2 month parent teacher conference and told by the teacher she should be evaluated for ADD. When I mentioned to the school my daughter was being bullied, absolutely no one took the time to support my daughter. This is when I started looking for other academic avenues. I was and am extremely impressed with EPCS, within 2 weeks everyone knew my daughters name and greeted her with a smile. Even with distance learning she has been blossoming with her math, reading and letter recognition. She has been getting one on one support to bring her up to speed with the other kids and has never been made to feel ashamed. The team entire team at EPCS take the time to get to know not only the student but the family so that they can support everyone. Throughout this unforeseen times EPCS has been able to maintain a sense of community with their scholars and parents alike. |
| Graetel Flores | #12 PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School | Approve | These is my child's second year at Epiphany Prep, I would love for her to continue her education at Epiphany. Teacher and stuff are always there to support. And my child has learned a lot because of them. Renewel of the 5 year would be awesome for my Fam, thanks |
| Nancy Gonzalez | #12 PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School | Approve | As a parent, I let you know that Epiphany is my favorite school since they have grades from TK to 8th grade. This helps me because I'm a single mom and have girls of different ages and they are in different grades. From the principal, counselors, and teachers they are attentive to one as a parent and student. The students are called by name from the first day and they give us free uniforms and supplies for each child on the school campus. I recommend this school to all my friends. |
| Ingrid | #12 PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School | Approve | My experience at Epiphany Prep has been good. Epiphany welcomes you and makes you feel loved. The staff and teachers care about our future and prepare us so that later on, we don't fear real life. Teachers share their experiences and life lessons so we can prevent their errors in the future. Many opportunities are offered at Epiphany, such as leadership groups. Being part of a leadership group has allowed me to express my thoughts and feelings towards topics and share them with my school community. |

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| Rosa | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the Petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School | Approve | I am writing to let you know how very pleased I am with the education my son/daughter, Chloe Gracia, is receiving at Epiphany Charter Prep. Chloe, has had great success with Math, Reading, and Writing. I've seen how hard/dedicated her teachers have worked to teach their students including my daughter, and they have made a difference. |
| Enedina wake | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | La escuela me ayuda mucho con mi hijo es muy buena escuela |
| Candy Salas | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Our family looks forward to the renewal for Epiphany Prep as they have done such a great job in our daughters education. The the effort that the entire staff prove to us daily is amazing. I would not have our daughter finish her next 2 1/2 year she has left with them anywhere else. The dedication they give to all of our children is like no other I have seen at any public school. They really show how much they care for our children's education this past year during this pandemic. They had all of the kids work and Chrome books within a week of the shut down. How impressive is that . EUSD took months to get there kids up and run. Thank you Salas Family |
| Alicia Rojo | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Great school! My son has learn a lot during this school year. |
| Yadira Banuelos | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I hope Epiphany Prep is renewed for 5 more years my son needs the extra help that they provide. If they are shut down my son will not be receiving the one on one help and support, they provide. Many students will get left behind in a normal school setting please consider their renewal for the sake of our children. |
| Rosa Loaiza | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Mi familia desea seguir adelante con Epiphany Prep pues estamos seguros de que nuestro hijo tiene el apoyo academico que necesita, son inovadores y se preocupan por mantenernos bien informados de todo lo que pasa en la Comunidad escolar. Tambien estan dando seguimiento a esos alumnos que por motivos de pandemia requieren mas atencion |
| Claudia Zepeda | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support approve Epiphany Prep's 5 year renewal petition. I am a founding member of Epiphany and have seen the great things our school has done for my Escondido Community. We are changing the lives of those that are most in need and are doing that by focusing on the whole child. There are layers to what Epiphany offers and we are not for everyone but we are for those that want to succeed and can do so in our inviting environment. Again I am in favor of a 5 year renewal for EPIPHANY PREP WHERE WE ARE A FAMILY! |
| Rebecca Arnold | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I have volunteered at Epiphany Prep Charter School in Escondido for the last four school years. The founder and staff are extraordinarily committed to the education and long term success of the students. I have seen tremendous growth in the students that I have worked with during this time, thanks to the commitment of the staff. It would be unfortunate for the students if they were not able to continue in this environment. |
| Yekaterina Milvidskaia | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I have worked as an instructional coach with Epiphany prep for over 3 years. I would like to advocate for this school to remain focus because any school that centers supporting ALL students, and making families a partner in his journey is an asset to the community. Over the course of these 3 years the math department has worked continuously to improve their practice to be student centered. To do this they have deepened their own content knowledge, embraced and implemented best practices, looked at student work, and are now part of a Gates funded improvement network. |

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| Frank Foster | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | My name is Frank Foster and I am the founder of A Step Beyond, an nonprofit located in Escondido serving very low income children and youth. One of the schools we draw from is Epiphany Prep and are proud to have dozens of their students in our program. I am very much in favor of Epiphany Prep continuing to serve the families in Escondido for several reasons including; 1. the students are given more days and hours of instruction throughout the year which shows in student progress, 2. Epiphany leaders, Anna Lozano-Partida and David Rivera are both dedicated to innovative education and work hard to present solutions to everyday academic issues public schools cannot do, 3. the teachers at Epiphany are excellent and are held accountable for student progress which is again evident in student progress, 4. The parents of Epiphany Prep chose this school for a reason, to give their children a chance to experience schooling in a different format than public schools. If they are happy, and they are, it seems unreasonable and unfair to take away this option. The parents should be heard on this matter. I have seen the metrics, at least as of a year ago and know Epiphany Prep results are meaningful and more importantly, improving. Given more time I am sure they will be one of the best performing schools in EUSD. Please approve the appeal for renewal thus helping the most needy families in Escondido have a choice in their children's education. Frank Foster |
| Laura | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support the renew approved for Epiphany prep Charter School because I see the Dedication, the love and the connection that all the teacher and the support staff member of Epiphany prep has been made with each student of my community of Escondido I love the support and the dedication from all the employee of the Epiphany prep. |
| Emily Melzer | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | At Epiphany Prep, WE ARE A FAMILIA with students at the heart of everything we do. We are a community of teachers, families, and children who love and support each other. Our students have been making unheard of gains every single year and will continue to do so, so that no child feel they have been left behind by their school. We also provide support to our families they cannot get anywhere else. Please support Epiphany's charter renewal, our kids need us and we need them. |
| Andrea Cooley | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | It is my wish that the board please approve the renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. I am a founding member of Epiphany, and I moved my family across country from Atlanta, GA to Escondido, CA five years ago for the mission and vision of this school. I believe in the work, the people, the growth in the kids, and the impact we are making in the families and the community of Escondido. I've never known a school where everyone truly feels like a family, and I've been a teacher for 20 years. Epiphany is my home, and I do not want to see the incredible work we've begun end. We are making a positive difference, our students ARE making gains and growing, and we should be allowed to keep going. Please help us to help the children of Escondido THRIVE! |
| Samuel Chung | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Good evening. I give my full support in renewing the charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. This school has done an amazing job in being a part of the Escondido community while seeking to address the academic needs for the population that they serve. The environment of the school fosters greater desire for achievement, something that is arguably less evident in the surrounding schools. Numbers and data can always be altered to benefit the presenter, so I am coming from the viewpoint of an individual that has worked in the school and lives in the community. Epiphany Prep's presence does far more good for the children and families than if it did not continue. Epiphany Prep was one of the firsts to make executive decisions when Covid hit, which benefit the students much sooner than other schools. Epiphany continues to provide aid and help to families in need. This community needs this school. Thank you |
| Amiel Maldonado | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Epiphany Prep should stay open because many families depend on this community. EP is constantly striving to improve and provide our students with the best quality of education. |
| Jody Haskins | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I am the speech language pathologist at EPCS and fully support the 5-year renewal plan!! I love Epiphany Prep Charter School because we're more than a school; we're a family. Our team strives to educate the whole child, recognizing and nurturing the individual talents of each scholar and ensuring their future success by acknowledging the valuable role of the family. We increase access to the essential supports families need, so that we are not merely educating our scholars but the entire community we serve. |
| Debora Rios | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support Epiphany Prep Charter renewal. Epiphany has worked really hard to serve the community. It will be in the best interest of the Escondido families to renew Epiphany's petition. |

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| Kira Olazaba | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support Epiphany Prep Charter School's Petition for a 5 year renewal because I truly believe Epiphany is doing what is best for the community. They care about educating scholars, but also care about them as whole people. There are so many support systems and events in place for students and families to grow and learn together. The Epiphany pledge says, "We are a Family". This is the environment staff and students alike strive to create on a regular basis. |
| Arturo Olazaba | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support Epiphany Prep Charter School's petition for a 5 year renewal because they are a welcoming and safe hub for the community of Escondido. They really do make every effort to make it a family centered school by hosting events in person and virtually, carnivals, a wellness fair, and distributing meals. Epiphany Prep deserves to keep the place they have earned in the Escondido community. |
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| Frank English | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Greetings SDCOE Board of Education. This is my first year working with Epiphany and we work with wonderful families. Each of the students receive instruction from dedicated teachers and paraprofessionals. Our students are also supported by the only Counseling team like this I have seen in 17 years. Please approve Epiphany we have much more work to do. |
| Nora Hernandez | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | My name is Nora Hernandez, and I am in full support of Epiphany Prep's Charter five year renewal. I have been a school teacher for 29 years and I have had the opportunity to work for districts as well as charter schools; and I must say that Epiphany Prep's staff teaches with a loving heart while holding high expectations for all learners. |
| Maedi | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support Epiphany Prep's 5-year charter renewal because we ensure emotional, academic, and social support to all of our students. I love Epiphany Prep because we encourage student voice and leadership opportunities. We continuously provide resources to all of our families in a loving and supportive environment. We are an Epiphany Family always striving to help one another. |
| Page Eaton | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | As an educator for 32 years and a special education administrator for 18 years, I am proud to be part of an organization that addresses the needs fo "the whole child" by providing high quality instruction in an environment where social and emotional needs are also addressed through a model which supports students, families, community, and staff. |
| Margaret Novak | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Epiphany Prep Charter School is an essential part of the community. The school provides unique opportunities for student growth and achievement as is evident in the data. Scholars deserve to continue their academic and social-emotional growth at Epiphany Prep. |

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| ME Williams | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Epiphany Prep Charter School has a TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) based environment and truly functions in that manner. They are a family of credentialed and classified staff members that go above and beyond the call of duty which sets them apart from other K-8 schools in the area. They not only just help in the success of their students but in the entire community. During this Pandemic, it is imperative that we have learning environments that collectively help in the advancement of our youth in many ways not just traditional. It should be a parent and/or students' choice to have free education at a nontraditional school when available, especially if it will enhance the growth and self esteem of the pupil. I encourage you to accept Epiphany's renewal as they are striving to achieve a greater good in the student body that perhaps have had difficulty adapting to regular environments but tend to thrive now. Epiphany - is an experience of a sudden and striking realization Prep- is to prepare (something); make ready. Charter- is the grant of authority or rights, stating that the granter formally recognizes the prerogative of the recipient to exercise the rights specified Do they live up to their name? Absolutely, in heart, spirit, and education by giving families a duel language experience, preparing them for higher learning in different ways while respectfully giving them a right to do so. The bottom line is that Epiphany Prep Charter School is a educational need and it would be a tragedy to take a community-based school away from its community. Sincerely, ME Williams |
| Ana mendez | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I would like this petition to be approve because I have two daughters in Epiphany Prep and their development has been great. Epiphany Prep has a lot of opportunities for this community. |
| Isela | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | As a student at Epiphany I have lots of support and close relationships from teachers, counselors, the principal ect. I have felt welcomed at Epiphany since my first day attending. The community at Epiphany takes student voices seriously, especially with the leadership groups provided. The leadership groups have pushed me to grow out of my comfort zone and do better than I think I can. I support the renewal of this school as it offers lots of support in education, leadership skills, counseling, and overall being prepared for your future. |
| Alex Alls | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Epiphany Prep supports their students more than any educational institution I have ever seen. They are constantly focused on the growth of each and every one of their scholars, educationally and through personal development. The way they support each and every student is unique to Epiphany Prep. No other school that I have seen before ensures every student gets equal support from all resources available. Epiphany Prep is truly a role model for other educational institutions. |
| Clare Crawford | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Oppose | I support the determination of the Escondido School District to deny the petition for renewal of the Epiphany Prep Charter School. The district has raised significant issues of governance, discrimination and academic performance that merit denial of their petition. Epiphany Prep has asserted that they are incorrectly categorized as Low Performing, however, based on their academic performance and the district's finding that they have not demonstrated sufficient growth, there are academic grounds for denial even if they are categorized as middle performing. Additionally, the serious concerns raised regarding the school's treatment of students with disabilities constitutes grounds for denial. The complaints of not providing IDEA-required services, which the district found credible, are a violation of Epiphany's charter. |
| Gladys Bermudez | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support the renewal of Epiphany Prep Charter School because it has been a great school for my children. They have better grades and behavior than being in previous school district school, and all thanks to to teachers and staff of Epiphany Prep Charter. If the school is closed, my children will be affected (negativity) and I am worry that would be reflected in their grades and behavior. I truly believe Epiphany Prep Charter school should stay open for not only my children but other kids to keep growing academically. |
| Ximena | #12. 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 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 and I fully support Epiphany Prep's renewal. |

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| Sherehe Hollins | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | My name is Sherehe Hollins, I am the Director of Education at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido (CCAE). I serve as an arts education provider for Epiphany Prep Charter. I have collaborated with Epiphany Prep for the past six years. During this time, I have experienced the outstanding growth and accomplishments of the charter. When Epiphany first opened its doors, the campus was still under construction. As a result, classes were held on CCAE's campus. Through my years working closely with Epiphany Prep and serving every grade level through providing arts education workshops, residencies, school shows, museum tours and master classes, I have learned that Epiphany Prep's leadership team and staff are profoundly dedicated to ensuring the enrichment, development, and success of the whole child. Epiphany Prep's leadership is committed to ensuring that students excel academically, while also developing a strong sense of self-worth and compassion for others. In addition to teaching with innovation and rigor, Epiphany Prep exposes students and families to learning opportunities that cultivate respect for differences, that value cultural inclusion, and that support in the development of multiple learning modalities. Epiphany Prep students learn how to be multifaceted, compassionate, global citizens. Epiphany Prep charter is an invaluable asset to the Escondido Community because it is led by a team of administrators, educators and staff who believe in the brilliance and limitless potential of Epiphany Prep students and their families. Their level of dedication and commitment to the families they serve is unprecedented, in large part because they understand and prioritize the academic, social, and cultural needs of the community they serve. For these reasons, I highly encourage the San Diego County Office of Education to approve the renewal of Epiphany Prep's charter. Epiphany Prep's existence is in the best interest of the Escondido community! Thank you. |
| Corie De Anda | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I am the Hermanitas Director for MANA de North County, a nonprofit group that offers the Hermanitas Mentoring Program in various North County Schools for Latina teens, grades 7-12. I have personally been working with cohorts of 7th and 8th grade girls at Epiphany Prep for the past 3 years. In all my interactions with staff and students I find this school to be the best middle school in Escondido. The teacher hold the students to high standards academically, as well as for their behavior. The staff at this school provide for the various needs that the families present, including dysfunctional and poor families, most of whom are Spanish-speaking. I have been teaching for 35 years and I have been impressed with the way this staff interacts with students in building their character and addressing discipline issues in a way that is constructive and restorative, not punitive. The girls in my cohorts are motivated to succeed and enthusiastic about learning. I have volunteered at other schools in EUSD and I would enroll any of my grandchildren here rather than at the other schools. They go out of their way to meet the needs of students. |
| Rosa Duggan | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support Epiphany Prep's 5 year renewal petition. Epiphany Prep Charter School is located on the north side of Escondido, this school provides an atmosphere that reflects and engages the local community. The safety, innovative curriculum and unique mission gives Epiphany Prep Charter School the opportunity for all students to feel safe, believe in themselves and succeed in their academics. In Epiphany Prep, we are a FAMILY. Please help us to help those who need the services that Epiphany Prep provides. Gracias! |
| Rosa Cortez-Rojo | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I love Epiphany Prep Charter and support its five year charter renewal because this is a safe, caring school, where every stakeholder definitely belongs. Epiphany Prep is a bilingual school that believes in its students, and motivates them to see themselves as capable learners. This site is a true believer in the importance of not only educating its students, but also their families and the community as a whole. Epiphany not only strives to provide rich educational experiences, but it also seeks to meet each of its stakeholders physical, social and emotional needs. At Epiphany everyone matters because at this school everyone is family. In addition, I believe it is important to continue to keep sites with a sense of community and trust open because such sites strain to educate every student's mind, soul and body. Please reconsider a five year renewal for Epiphany Prep Charter. At Epiphany, you can see the commitment to not only prepare students academically, but prepare them to become active citizens in our society. It would be a shame to see such a school close. |
| Jenny Gomez | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I truly believe that Epiphany Prep should be granted a renewal for 5 years. My family has been with Epiphany for over 5 years now and have two children attending. Each child has different learning styles and Epiphany has done an excellent job of matching their needs. I trust the staff whole-heartedly to bring out the best in my kids and know they have their best interest in mind. I have been lucky to see the school grow, develop, and improve over the years. I can't wait to see what the next 5 years hold for them! Another amazing aspect of Epiphany is how they have gone above and beyond with support to families during the pandemic. From offering a variety of food (daily meals, fresh fruits and vegetables, pantry items), books, chromebooks, school supplies, modified seating (wiggle seats for wiggly kids) and so much more—they are really ensuring their students and their families have what they need. They have been amazing at navigating the unknown territory of the pandemic and how to best move forward with educating our children. And finally, Epiphany is the only school in Escondido (that I know of) to offer no-cost before and after school care to families in need as well as an extended school year and extended school day. Coming from a family with two working parents, this is essential. Please do all that you can to make sure we still have this amazing school available to our children next year, and beyond. |

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| Lisa M Hoffman | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Good Evening Board Members, I want to speak on behalf of the charter renewal for Epiphany Prep. I spent 24 years working in the Vista Unified School District in San Diego County before experiencing Epiphany Prep Charter School. In these very trying times, let alone the everyday craziness of life, this school is a gem in it's community, bringing a helping hand and a chance to many local youth who might, if not given the chance to attend Epiphany, fall through the cracks in a regular public school. I have seen funding cuts take away APs, Counselors, Special Ed Teams, and Afterschool Programs for years in this state - and the ones who suffer these cuts the most, are those who need the most. With both a Principal and AP, plus 4 Counselors, a full Special Ed Team, and an Afterschool Program, Epiphany can do more to support the struggles of our socio-economically disadvantaged youth population in the Escondido Area, and give them a better chance, and hope, to succeed into a higher level of education in their lives, better than any other TK-8th grade demographic within a school district. I ask that you continue to support Epiphany Prep and let it continue to be a beacon for struggling children in our community. Thank You. Lisa M Hoffman, Epiphany Prep Technology/Library Specialist |
| Benoni Pantoja | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | As a community member, I am in full support of approving Epiphany's charter renewal petition. They are a beacon of hope for closing the opportunity gap for their school's demographics. As some of you are aware, closing the achievement gap is about progress. They have proved with their academic growth to be a support to the community. These students and families deserve to have their voices heard and receive an education from Epiphany. If you believe in equity, access, inclusion, and a one-size does not fit all students model, then vote YES to approve this charter. Much appreciated. |
| Kamaal Martin | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | On behalf of the California Charter School Association, we'd like to thank the SD County Board of Education for it's commitment to thoughtful dialogue around ways to support Epiphany Prep Charter School, and the predominantly Latinx students they serve. Epiphany has been a lifeline for the Escondido community during the pandemic. CCSA believes that through building closer ties with the SDCOE, the vulnerable students they tirelessly serve will continue to thrive and blossom academically, and in terms of their social-emotional learning. These students cannot be allowed to fall through the cracks in institutions that were not the ideal environments for their unique needs prior to coming to Epiphany Prep. Thank you. |
| Bruce Jackson | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I believe that Epiphany Prep Charter School should be renewed with at least a 2 year renewal. The school has demonstrated improved English Language Learner data along with a strong SPED department in addition to a full counseling team on board to support with SEL and other student support systems within the school day. |
| Kristin French | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | As a founding board member of the Epiphany Prep Charter School, I am proud to support such a wonderful school and mission. It has been my distinct honor to be a part of a school who ONLY has the best interests of its students (scholars) in mind. These are students that many schools have not be able to serve and our families have come to Epiphany Prep for a better solution to their educational needs. I strongly believe that Epiphany Prep has given our families what they were looking for and a whole lot more! Our students are truly thriving, academically and emotionally as the data clearly shows. This amazing school has tremendous leadership and takes care of each of every child with a wholistic approach to learning and teaches all our students what it's like to be a part of a community and family. As some schools sadly lost touch with their students during these unfortunate times of COVID, Epiphany has risen to the occasion to ensure proper communication, safe home visits and making sure that all of our students are well fed in their hearts and mind! I am 100% in favor of a 5-year renewal. |
| Miriam Nunez | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I wholeheartedly support Epiphany Prep Charter School's renewal. EPCS is an inclusive school that advocates for ALL children. They are a pillar of the Escondido community- they are dedicated to serving the hearts, bodies, and minds of not only the students who attend Epiphany, but the community as well. EPCS's academic and SEL growth data prove how impactful and necessary their work is for the 600+ student body. They are an integral option and presence for all the students and staff who have found a place where they belong and where they can achieve their fullest potential. |
| Alan Ryan | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I have been a 5th grade teacher at Epiphany Prep Charter School for 5 years, and I strongly support the renewal of their Charter. Many of our students come to us having experienced the challenges that growing up with poverty and as an English language learner come with. We believe that supporting the growth of the whole child, their family, and the community are integral to the child's successful journey on to college and into a career. At Epiphany, we find great support from our families because they trust us to find the greatness in their children where others saw only issues. |
| Nichole Bautista-Figueroa | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I approve of Epiphany prep's application to remain a functional charter school. The teachers are very involved in my daughter's education and my daughter is thriving despite the remote learning. I cant wait to see how well she does with in person instruction starting soon. |

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| Jose ortega | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | It's my child's first year attending this school and by far it has gone up and beyond my expectations this school has given my child so much support in so many ways that emotional it would tear the fundamental we have created with her |
| Robin Rubenstein | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | I support Epiphany Prep in receiving a 5 year charter renewal. Epiphany Prep's incredible impact on students, families, and the community it serves is irreplaceable and cherished by the lives it touches every day. At Epiphany Prep students engage in deep, authentic learning that nurtures each student's individual and cultural identity. Our commitment to high academic expectations and the social emotional well-being of students and families is evident in the tremendous academic growth that students continue to demonstrate and the beautiful community that surrounds the Epiphany Prep Family. |
| Kay chavero | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | This school has helped me tremendously since day one even with the changes we had to face this past year they have manage to embrace everything and help out in anyway possible I have so much respect for teacher because the patient they have my all means it's an honor to say my daughter goes to epiphany prep charter school |
| Yesenia Alvarenga- Gonzalez | #12. PUBLIC HEARING: Appeal on the petition for Renewal of the Charter for Epiphany Prep Charter School. | Approve | Epiphany Prep Charter school has been extremely accommodating and resourceful in my child's education. I believe that without their support my son would have not progressed as much as he has these past few years. |