

SAN DIEGO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
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Mark Finnell	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Our family is in the San Marcos Unified school district. We chose community Montessori because of the unique and supportive learning environment. This flexible environment allows our children to learn at a faster pace and go beyond what a standard curriculum in a public school would allow them to. Instead of repeating or waiting for other kids to catch up, they can continue to gain knowledge. The kids have thrived at CM and not renewing the charter would be devastating to not only their education, but they would lose the friendships and community with the teachers and the other children that they have grown to love. The teachers are amazing and the increase in critical thinking that I have witnessed from our kids has been astounding. Our children have become more self-sufficient, disciplined, kinder, and more confident being enrolled at CM and we give the school the highest recommendation for their charter renewal. Thank you for your consideration!
Carli Giehm	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My child is enrolled and thriving at the Escondido location. A special place for ALL children to learn. This Learning center has given options for families.
Amy Schaner	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I live in the Valley Center school district, and I have chosen to send my three children to Community Montessori because it values student choice and individualized learning while maintaining high standards that come fly with common core standards. That parent community is engaged with one home school day, and this structure empowers us to be powerful influencers in our child's education. Indeed the academic standards are very high in all areas. Most project based learning hits many subject areas at the same time and children have the freedom during the day to choose what interests them. I have been on the school board, the advisory council, and I'm a frequent volunteer in the classroom because I believe that Community Montessori school can allow my children to love learning and get excited about their own educational journey..

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Kara Bialostozky	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We are part of San Diego Unified and we chose Community Montessori because we love how encouraging they and our kids are thriving. They teach at their level in a way that makes sense to them. They get help from their peers and are encouraged to help others. Their conflict resolution techniques and sense of community are outstanding. Such a supportive, enriching collaboration and my kids and we couldn't be happier. Please renew the school charter!
Shyma Eweedah	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Hello, I am a parent for 2 students at Poway CM writing to strongly support the charter renewal for Community Montessori. I chose this school for its high-quality, personalized approach and the collaborative partnership it builds between parents and teachers. Under this system, my children have absolutely thrived and learned an incredible amount. Community Montessori Poway provides unique opportunities that traditional schools cannot duplicate. It delivers a rich, diverse environment where children are naturally exposed to different cultures, all within a small, supportive school setting free from the social pressures of a massive public school. The teachers are truly remarkable, dedicating themselves to helping parents shape their children both emotionally and academically. Parents in our community deeply value and rely on this option. The program's overwhelming success proves that we need it in San Diego County. I urge the Board to renew it Sincerely Shyma Eweedah
Jessica Skakalska	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am a parent of 2 children at Community Montessori Charter School in Poway. My children attend the only Charter school in our city, not a public school, for a few reasons: The Montessori method teaches life skills and independence along with rigorous academics in a small classroom size that my children would not receive at a public school. The school is small, staff is excellent, and my children receive all the support they need in their learning. If the charter for our school were not renewed, it would create a burden on my family because our children would need to transition away from the parent-teacher-student partnership that we have at our Charter school to a one-size-fits-all teacher-directed experience. This would hinder their growing independence and mastery over their own learning. My children love their school, and I have seen them grow as productive individuals due to the Montessori learning method. Please renew our charter. Thank you for supporting our options to educate.
Julia Hendricks	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am a Carlsbad resident and the parent of a child who just started TK at Community Montessori Charter School in Carlsbad. At 4 years old, this is her first structured school experience, and we feel incredibly fortunate to have a program that recognizes how young she still is. The flexibility, hands-on approach, and ability to learn at her own pace have been especially important as she makes this transition. We are grateful to have this option for our daughter and strongly support the renewal of Community Montessori's charter. Thank you for supporting families' ability to choose what works best for their children.

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Claire Wilson	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	At DCS Escondido, I watched my older child's love for learning reignite immediately, while he had wilted and become iPad addicted at public school. He is now a confident, inspired, independent, and responsible 5th grader. My 2nd grader has never liked screens. She's been with DCS since kindergarten, and they have supported her unique learning style, love of nature, without forcing technology on her. Ms. Sandoval helped me teach her math with chalk, rocks, and plants! She's thriving, loves school and all her teachers. Without DCS, I see my kids forced to adopt the mainstream educational methods that do not work for them. Please renew DCS and keep the love for learning alive in Escondido!!!
Susan Dunford	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Thank you for taking the time to review the renewal of Dimensions. We live in the Sweetwater Union High School District and our children have benefitted greatly from the opportunities afforded them through Dimensions. In particular, the benefit of customizing their education to meet their unique needs has allowed them to thrive and succeed academically in a way that a "one size fits all" education would not allow. This has enabled them to discover and pursue passions in a unique way, and to not only achieve personal success, but to go on to contribute to the community. Dimensions' outstanding and competent support of my children's individualized academic pursuits has made all the difference in their emotional and educational well being. I strongly and graciously urge you to renew this charter. Thank you!
Sharon Chapman	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	The Community Montessori Charter school in Escondido has been an integral part of my children's education. They have benefited from a flexible environment that includes clear direction and expectations from Educational Facilitators as well as independence and personal choice that results in students developing responsibility for their education. The clearly defined expectations which allow them to work at their own pace developing their individual strengths while at the same time being challenged to expand their interests with required assignments has caused them to develop strong work habits and to gain fundamental skills will serve them well in higher education and life generally. The team work that exists between students, Educational Facilitators and parents encourages student responsibility while providing parents with a valuable support system and involvement in their children's education. This level of interaction as well as the degree of independence is why my children attend.

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San Tran	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I live within the Poway Unified School District, and I'm writing in support of renewing Community Montessori Charter School's charter. We chose Community Montessori for the Montessori method itself — multi-age classrooms, child-paced learning, hands-on materials — paired with class sizes small enough that my child gets real individual attention. That combination isn't something our assigned Poway Unified school offers; a Montessori track with mixed-age cohorts and this level of individualized pacing simply isn't part of the district's traditional program. Renewing this charter isn't about what's missing elsewhere — it's about preserving an option that's working, for families who chose it deliberately.
Savannah Saunders	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Community Montessori is a blessing for my gifted autistic son. He loves how he's able to take ownership of his own learning, make choices on what to learn/study, and advance quickly through concepts. He's very happy, and we're happy with his academic progress.
Mona Mohameed	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Yes am approve.
Preethi Sudi	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Positive learning.
Yixiu Zheng	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My son has a significant gap between his visual and auditory processing abilities. In a traditional public school setting, this difference makes it very difficult for him to absorb and retain information. The hands-on, adaptive environment of a Montessori education bridges that gap and allows him to thrive. We are deeply grateful to Community Montessori for providing our family with free access to this life-changing approach to learning
Petra Winslow	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We selected to bring two of our children to Community Montessori Charter School at the Carlsbad Campus because of its unique and welcoming way of teaching students and the supportive parent involvement. We have been residents of Encinitas for over a decade, and to find Community Montessori for our children has been life changing. Homeschooling for eight years, not wanting to outsource them to the local public school for many unfit reasons. The Community Montessori option for children and families is needed in this world where we cocreate the reverence for each child and family. Please renew CM's for years to come to serve the need that is evident. With Gratitude & Joy ~ Petra

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Summer Rayle-Striler	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dear Members of the San Diego County Board of Education, I am a parent of two children who attend Community Montessori in Carlsbad and a resident of the Oceanside School District. I am writing to express my strong support for the renewal of Community Montessori's charter. We chose Community Montessori because of its Montessori learning model, small mixed-age classrooms, TK-8 continuity, hybrid homeschool program, and close-knit community. Together, these offer our children an educational experience that is simply not available to our family within our local district. We especially value the Montessori approach, which encourages independence, autonomy, and a genuine love of learning while allowing education to be tailored to each individual child. We have watched both of our children make incredible strides academically and personally in this environment. The homeschool Fridays are also a meaningful part of our family life, allowing us to take learning beyond the classroom and integ
Stephanie Habib Wlodarz	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dear Members, I am writing to share my strong support for the charter renewal of Community Montessori. Our children attend Community Montessori in Carlsbad. We chose Community Montessori because of its hands-on learning environment and student-centered approach. The school offers a unique multi-age classroom model where children learn at their own pace and build strong independent skills. This individualized Montessori structure is an educational model that is not available in our local district school. This school has allowed our children to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Not renewing this charter would deeply disrupt our children's education by taking away the environment in which they learn best. Sincerely, Steph Habib Wlodarz (parent to Andrew and Madelyn Wlodarz)
Julie Sanders	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I reside in the Poway school district and my kids attend the Oak Hill and Poway campus locations of Community Montessori. We chose Community Montessori when my oldest child with an ADHD diagnosis struggled in the local public school. She has thrived in the smaller classrooms and Montessori learning methods, as has her sister. The focus on positive discipline, community building, and fostering independent learning resonates well with my kids and they are able to access the curriculum very successfully. Based on iReady diagnostics and state CAASPP testing my kids have consistently performed at or above grade level in ELA and Math. The Montessori curriculum fosters their curiosity and love of learning. If the charter were not renewed and they moved to public school they would not learn as effectively (or enthusiastically) as an environment where they are allowed and encouraged to follow their own learning plan.

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Alexis Roggeman	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My daughter is currently a junior at RBHS (Poway Unified) and is a CM alumni. CM not only prepared her academically, but helped her develop critical thinking and social/emotional skills, which are equally important. Not only is she excelling academically (scoring in the top 3% nationally) while juggling many extra curricular clubs, she is a devoted volunteer (CMoD and Fleet) and intern (w/ Assembly woman Dr. Patel). CM instilled that importance of community and gave her the confidence to pursue those interests. So many of the adults she interacts with ask us how she speaks so easily to teachers/staff, why she advocates for others, and how we got her off social media platforms and out into the world. In her own words “I went to a Montessori school”. We urge the Board to allow other families the option to attend CM and gain access to what would otherwise be a costly, and often unobtainable, stellar education.
Elizabeth Leahy	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	As a parent of multiple students currently enrolled in Community Montessori, I am in support of the renewal for this school. Community Montessori offers a unique, inclusive, and character-building learning environment for families in Escondido that are seeking alternative schooling. The staff, curriculum, and community-focused campus have provided an opportunity for my kids to thrive and enjoy their learning.
Jenee Dana-Ron	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Thank you for taking the time to review my comment on approving the renewal of Community Montessori. I reside within the San Diego Unified School District and I am so grateful for this amazing school and opportunity that is available for my children. I chose this school because of the unique Montessori learning environment that best suits the learning style of my child. My child loves to learn and is very bright, but struggles with the traditional school environment, simply because of his personal learning style and needs. He is thriving at Community Montessori. The faculty really caters to each child's learning needs and while building their skills and independence. My child would be devastated if the school was not renewed, not only because he is thriving academically here, but he would also lose a lot of his friends. Thank you so much for supporting this amazing option and opportunity, not just for my child, but our community.

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Danielle Stubbs	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Good evening. My name is Danielle, and I am a resident of Fallbrook school district. I have been part of the DCS community since 2015, first as a homeschool parent, and since 2019 as a staff member. I homeschooled both of my children, and DCS provided our family with an educational model that allowed me to be deeply involved in their education while meeting their individual needs. DCS has also been an important part of my own professional journey. After more than a decade as a stay-at-home mom and homeschool parent, joining DCS became my step back into the workforce. Homeschooling and supporting my children's education had been the foundation of my experience, and DCS gave me an opportunity to build on those skills and grow professionally. As both a parent and staff member, I have experienced firsthand the value DCS provides to families. It offers flexibility, individualized support, and meaningful educational choice. Thank you for your time.
Maria Barry	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Poway district I want to express my deepest gratitude, because we found exactly that at the Community Montessori. He is absolutely thriving. He has learned to manage his time and I see in him a growth mindset. To see a kindergartner taking such deep ownership of his education is incredible. This environment hasn't just changed how he learns in a classroom; it has amplified his drive at home. The Community Montessori has fostered such a profound sense of self-motivation. He is absolutely thriving. He has learned to manage his time and I see in him a growth mindset. To see a kindergartner taking such deep ownership of his education is incredible. This environment hasn't just changed how he learns in a classroom; it has amplified his drive at home. The Community Montessori has fostered such a profound sense of self-motivation that on our homeschool Fridays. My five-year-old is eager and ready to tackle five different subjects on his own initiative.
Kamber McAllister	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Hello All, We live in Poway Unified and our son initially attended Garden Road Elementry. We were able to enroll him at Community Montessori Poway, halfway through his kinder year. He had been coming home from traditional Kinder crying and upset and it was clear that environment wasn't ideal for him. After we transferred him to Community Montessori it was like we got our sweet and smart kid back. He thrived! Now both of our kids attend Community Montessori - One in 3rd and one in 5th and both neurodivergent. The opportunity to utilize different styles of learning has been incredibly valuable for our children. The learn by doing and exploring approach, the partnering of parents and teachers, and the community building classroom environment have allowed my children to grow both academically and social/emotionally. The alternative to traditional school that Community Montessori provides is a wonderful opportunity for children throughout the County, and we're so grateful it exists.

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Harsha Kuruvalivishwanath	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am writing as a resident of the Poway Unified School District to express my strong support for the charter renewal of Community Montessori Charter School, where my son attends kindergarten. We chose Community Montessori for its hands-on, individualized pace, which perfectly suits my son's learning style. The school's collaborative homeschool model is a unique opportunity not available in our local district schools. It allows parents to actively partner in teaching, giving me a direct role in my son's daily education and fostering meaningful conversations about his learning. Coupled with an incredibly supportive parent community, phenomenal teacher communication, and top-notch meal programs, Community Montessori provides an environment where my child truly thrives. If this charter were not renewed, our family would lose a vital educational model that cannot be replicated in a traditional neighborhood school. Thank you for supporting parent choice by renewing the charter
Jenna Tennant	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I have 1 high school student at Dimensions and another who graduated this past spring. Dimensions has provided so many opportunities that my children would not have otherwise had. My son was able to graduate with 51 college credits through dual-enrollment. This also allowed him to go further in math and computer science coursework than he would have been able to at our local Sweetwater District high schools. My daughter is in 11th grade and is currently enrolled in community college Cal III. She will be taking linear algebra in the spring, which would also not be available to her. Dimensions has also provided them with the opportunity to participate in FBLA. We really appreciate the opportunity to have educational options such as Dimensions for our kids, as they have been able to thrive in a way that they would not have at Sweetwater. Thank you for your support Dimensions!
Sammy Lennox	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I have 2 children at Community Montessori. My oldest has a learning disability, and severe anxiety disorder. There were days this summer that we were unable to leave the house. Absolutely everyone and everything at Community Montessori has helped make this period of time survivable. The student support team was understanding and offered helpful information, the staff out front helped kindly encourage him to go inside, the administrative staff was supportive, his teacher came to help encourage him to enter the classroom, and when that did not work was able to help suggest things for him to learn at home for homeschool. The community although spread over the geography of San Diego County is also tight knit and supportive. This school has been a lifeline for my family, and we look forward to continuing to go here and help steward it for other families.

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Meagan Kludt	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Hello, My name is Meagan, and I am a parent in the Poway Unified School District. My children attend Community Montessori Charter School, and I'm writing to support the school's charter renewal. We chose Community Montessori for its individualized, self-paced approach — the multi-age classrooms and small community have let both of my kids learn in a way that fits them, something a traditional classroom hasn't offered. Most importantly, they genuinely love school and love learning. We worry that a different school environment could dampen that enthusiasm rather than nurture it. If the charter isn't renewed, our children would be forced back into a traditional classroom that doesn't fit their needs — a real loss, not just of a school, but of an approach that's kept them excited about learning. Thank you for supporting families' right to have options for their children's education. We hope you'll renew Community Montessori's charter. Sincerely, Meagan Kludt
Adam Nolan	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I have worked at Community Montessori for the past 14 years in several roles (teacher, p.e. coordinator, and program manager) and also had 2 sons attend for 7 years and graduate from the middle school program. Throughout that time I have observed many systems and educational practices evolve, adapt, and improve within our school. With all 5 sites (learning centers) throughout SD county they have committed to embedding themselves within each local community in a positive manner through service projects, and community events. Montessori education offers such a unique philosophy that focuses on hands-on and self-directed learning, collaboration, cooperation, and innovation. Students are taught in a manner that helps them set goals and follow through with plans to accomplish them. For all these reasons (and more) I urge you to renew the school's charter for 7 years to allow this wonderful organization to continue creating extremely positive results throughout SD county. Thank you!
Esmeralda Paredes	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dear Members of the San Diego County Board of Education, I am writing as a parent and as a member of the Community Montessori school community to sincerely and wholeheartedly ask that you approve the renewal of Community Montessori's charter. My son is six years old, and he has attended Community Montessori since Transitional Kindergarten. He has now completed TK and Kindergarten and is currently in first grade. Over these years, I have had the privilege of watching him grow—not only academically, but also socially, emotionally, and as a confident, independent child. The Montessori environment has been such a wonderful fit for him. He has truly thrived in this type of education. The independence, hands-on learning, encouragement to explore, and respect for each child's individual pace have allowed him to develop a genuine love of learning. As his parent, seeing him excited to go to school, confident in his abilities, and proud of what he accomplishes means more to me than I can put

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Mae Joy Gaviola	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We reside within the Escondido school district. I chose Dimensions Collaborative School because it gives me more flexibility in choosing curricula that work best for my daughter. I also value the time she can spend at the Learning Center, along with the supplemental courses and learning opportunities the school provides. These options give us an educational experience that we would not have through our local district school. I appreciate the support Dimensions Collaborative School provides and the opportunity to choose my daughter's education. These options allow me to choose a learning environment that better suits my daughter and her individual educational needs.
Chelsea Powell	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am a lifelong resident of San Diego County and reside in the Escondido Unified School District. I have three children who attend Community Montessori Charter School. When looking for a school for my first child, I found Community Montessori in a local parent magazine and was thrilled to see a Montessori program that was also a public charter, because this type of education was something we could not otherwise afford. I now have three children learning to be lifelong learners and highly engaged community members at CMCS. From kindergarten through 8th grade, this program provides an education that shapes them for a life of curiosity, resilience, connection, and achievement. CMCS is an essential educational option, and its charter should be renewed so it can continue to educate and impact the community while providing a type of education that is too often unavailable to families without significant financial means.
Danielle Sasso	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dimensions Collaborative School is a dream come true! As a military family, DCS has supported every need and flexibility we could ask for to support us and our child. As a person and parent who has attended traditional public schools, leaving with unmet needs and unfortunate trauma, I strongly believe DCS is the absolute best, healthiest, safest, and most fun way to learn! My child is excelling and thriving because of DCS. Every child deserves this opportunity!
Swathi Badala	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We live in Rancho Berbard. We chose DCS for my twins in TK because there is an option for not digitalizing learning. In DCS, my kids are getting access to practical and hands on learning. DCS gives assignments for the students to complete which is not there in Chaparral Elementary School. The teachers are amazing in DCS. If not DCS, my kids will lose out on the learning opportunities both at home/museums and in the school, and also they will miss out on the outstanding curriculum which is tailor made for my kids' learning level.

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Danielle Quigley	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I'm writing in support of the Charter renewal for Community Montessori. Both of my children are students at the Carlsbad location and we are thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the school. With their strong community, small class sizes, devoted teachers & staff and Montessori learning style, my children have opportunity to learn in ways that are expanding their minds and social impact. My 3rd grade son has recently transferred in from public school after being on the waitlist for some time and in the short time that school has been in session, I have already seen personal growth and an increased desire for learning, much of what I attribute to the teachers and learning style that is found at Community Montessori.
Kristina Rogovoy	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am writing to request renewal of Dimensions Collaborative charter. After five years in the public school system, my son had fallen behind and struggled with the daily transitions of a traditional school environment. Today we choose not to enroll him at Challenger Middle School because we believe Dimensions provides a better learning environment for his needs. Dimensions has allowed him to focus on subjects that interest him while learning at a pace that works for him. Attending school two days a week gives him the opportunity to enjoy his teachers and friends while also having the flexibility to learn at home. We have seen meaningful academic progress. He has been able to choose books that interest him, and his reading / math has improved significantly. He completes his yearly state testing and remains on/above grade level academically. We are grateful for the support Dimensions has provided and believe continuing in this program is the best way for our son to continue.
Mary Hallemeyer	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I have 2 kids that have graduated CM in Poway (one at MCHS and one at BMMS). My youngest child is still at CM in Poway. I can say with confidence that CM produced independent, hardworking and well mannered students. They finish their homework without being told and are self motivated to do well in all aspects of school. Be it academic or athletic. My husband and I are truly grateful we found Community Montessori in Poway and we believe they create a rigorous academic environment while building model students.
Prashanth Kalose	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	In today's digital age, human guidance, empathy, and a personalized approach to teaching are more important than ever. I strongly believe in a balanced model where teachers and parents collaborate to nurture the next generation according to each child's unique personality, interests, and skill level. I cannot think of another organization in our local community that achieves this as effectively as Dimensions Collaborative.

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Tyler Bohm	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I live in the San Diego school district and our son attends Dimensions collaborative. Dimensions is the only school in our district which has flexible homeschooling options and in-person enrichment options. Dimensions has been a really positive experience for us and our son would not have many viable alternatives if the school's charter was not renewed.
Jennifer Smith	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Community Montessori gives my child a nurturing, supportive environment with small class sizes, with an open room concept, and a child focused learning environment. All EFs and supportive staff know my child personally, his strengths, his needs and I feel confident my child is receiving the best education at Community Montessori.
Lizbeth Rangel	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My son attends Community Montessori in Escondido, and although we are new to the charter school system, I am grateful to be part of a school that truly values inclusion for both students and parents. I appreciate being actively involved in my son's education while giving him the independence to explore his abilities and discover his own strengths. The academic experience has exceeded my expectations, and I am excited to continue this journey alongside him. Community Montessori provides our family with a unique approach to education that combines strong academics, individualized learning, independence, and meaningful parent involvement. Having this educational option available to our family is extremely important to us, and losing it would disrupt an environment in which my son is already learning and growing. I respectfully ask that you support the renewal of Community Montessori's charter so families like ours can continue to have access to this unique educational opportunity.
Jamie Dodson	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am in support of charter renewal for Community Montessori Charter School. We are an Oakhill CMC family and have found immense benefit from the Montessori instruction provided by our school. Our children are not only succeeding in school, they are thriving and becoming wonderful stewards of the Escondido community. The Montessori education not only focuses on the basic tenets of today's educational requirements, they take it a step further and focus on community, world stewardship, and foster an independent love of learning. Most Montessori schools are extremely expensive, and out of our means. By approving the renewal of Community Montessori Charter School, you are allowing our family, Escondido and the surrounding areas, an opportunity that is reserved for those more well off economically. By not renewing our charter you are sending a message to your constituents that our voices, our families, and the betterment of our community, does not matter. Please support Thank you

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Chelsea Worthington	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	This is my families seventh year with Dimensions Collaborative School and we chose this school because we wanted an educational experience where our children could be known as an individual—not just as a student in a classroom. Dimensions has given our family an option that feels truly different. Our children have the opportunity to learn through collaboration, hands-on experiences, creativity, and real-world learning. There is a strong sense of community, and our children have been able to be an active participant in their education rather than simply being told what and how to learn. As parents, having educational choices matters deeply to us. Dimensions offers something unique that we do not feel is readily available through our local district schools. It has allowed our children to learn in a way that fits who they are and has helped them grow in confidence, independence, curiosity, and a genuine love of learning.
Bethany Eisenberg	3. PUBLIC COMMENT - Agenda and Non- Agenda Items	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Would like to discuss the email below that was never answered from September 5th: Dear San Diego County Office of Education and Board Members, I am writing regarding the Cuyamaca Outdoor School Open House scheduled for Saturday, September 12, which falls on Rosh Hashanah, one of the holiest days of the Jewish year. My daughter is in sixth grade at Flora Vista and has not been particularly interested in attending sixth-grade camp. I opened the Open House information hoping this might be exactly what I needed to convince her to give camp a chance—to let her see the campus, meet the staff, participate in activities, and hopefully become excited and more comfortable about the experience. Instead, I discovered that this opportunity is being held on Rosh Hashanah. For a Jewish family, this is incredibly difficult to understand. It would be like scheduling this Open House on Easter and expecting Christian families to choose between observing one of their most important religious holidays and
Clare Hutchinson-Sanders	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We live in the Escondido school district, but chose Dimensions School because my autistic, ADHD son had very specific learning needs. When we began our schooling journey, my son struggled greatly with behavior, attention, and sensory regulation. It was also obvious that reading was going to be difficult. I knew he needed a highly personalized, self-directed, interest-based education. I felt he would learn best at home because of his sensory needs, but I still wanted the support of a credentialed teacher. Dimensions has done a tremendous job meeting these needs. I believe that it is the only local educational program that will work for my son. At Dimensions he is thriving academically. He is making progress in all subjects and loves to learn. I hope the Dimensions charter is renewed with ease so my son and others like him can continue to learn in ways that work for them. Thank you for supporting families like ours by continuing to allow choices in our children’s education.

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Marissa Grant	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We reside in the San Diego Unified School District, and my daughter currently attends high school level classes at Dimensions Collaborative. She began there in 9th grade, and has just started her 11th grade year. Each year she has grown more confident socially and academically with the support of her Educational Facilitator and her wonderful, passionate teachers. The value of homeschooling students to still be able to have spaces to come together to learn and socialize as well as time to individually work cannot be stated enough. Having this option for students is priceless; we know that learning is done best when students feel welcome, comfortable, seen, encouraged, and able. From my experience, this is the educational and social environment of Dimensions Collaborative; and is evident in the student exhibitions. I ask that you support the charter Renewal for this very special and important resource for our students and their families.
Kristin Velez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dear Members of the San Diego County Board of Education, I am a parent with a child in Poway Unified School District, and I strongly support the renewal of Community Montessori's charter. We chose Community Montessori because its Montessori approach provides individualized, hands-on learning that encourages independence, confidence, and a love of learning. This unique educational model has been an excellent fit for our child. Not renewing the charter would disrupt an educational environment where our child is thriving. Our daughter eagerly looks forward to going to school every day, and we are happy to have discovered such a wonderful school with great teachers. Please support the renewal of Community Montessori and preserve this important public school option for families! Thank you for supporting parents' right to choose the educational setting that best meets their child's needs.
April Bevins-Cooper	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Please renew charter schools as they are extremely important to the future of our children. Our children attend Community Montessori and we could not imagine life without them. Our children have flourished in their system which allows individual success in each subject and allows our children to progress when able and have freedom of choice to build strong understanding of the subjects they study. Our children would not do well sitting in desks all day and have all tested off the charts from CMCS's programs.

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Roza Parvin	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We live in the Escondido Union School District, and our family chose Community Montessori Charter School because it offers a unique educational opportunity that is not otherwise available through our district school options. We value Community Montessori's hands-on learning, Montessori approach, individualized learning, and commitment to making this type of education affordable and accessible to families. In our family, we also appreciate the school's openness to family involvement and the opportunity to be an active part of our child's education. Community Montessori provides an educational environment that is a strong fit for how our child learns and grows. Not renewing the charter would have a significant impact on our family by taking away an educational option that works well for our child and many other children.
Kristina Bonham	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My child attends Dimensions Collaborative School in Escondido. We chose Dimensions because the regular public schools in our district (Poway Unified) are unable to meet his educational and social emotional needs. My child is twice-exceptional (meaning he is gifted, as well as also having disabilities that require accommodation and attention). In some areas of academics he is five year ahead of his peers, while in others he needs significant levels of support. With Dimensions, he is able to attend classes at the learning center a couple days a week while also studying his core subjects at home the rest of the week. The center classes help build social skills, creativity, and problem solving, and I am able to teach him the core subjects at home at the appropriate level. It would be very difficult to meet his specific needs within the average public school classroom. Dimensions is a great fit for those students that need more flexibility and individualization.
Stefanie Mah	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am a parent of three children residing within the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District. I chose Community Montessori Charter School for my children due to its commitment to the Montessori principles of hands-on materials, freedom of choice of work, practical life skills, three-year age banded classrooms, and peace education. I have observed my children become more capable as they have learned from self-selected lessons and by using Montessori materials, more independent as they honed practical life skills, more confident as they progressed from youngest to oldest in their classroom, and more socially adept as they practiced peaceful means of problem solving. I hope they will continue to learn and grow to their fullest potential with the foundational education provided by Community Montessori. Thank you for providing this education option for my family.

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Ivan Cheung	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I support renewal of Community Montessori because I value the school and its Montessori, individualized-learning model. However, I ask the County to ensure renewal includes meaningful accountability and improvement. My concerns are: • Whether individualized support and IEP/MTSS plans are implemented consistently. • Whether twice-exceptional students receive both disability support and appropriately rigorous/enriched learning. • Whether discipline is fair, consistent, and proportionate. • Whether parents, including those advocating for students with disabilities, have equal access to meaningful communication and partnership. • Whether families have a meaningful avenue for independent review when concerns involve school leadership. I am not asking the Board to deny renewal. I ask the County to independently verify these areas before a seven-year renewal and consider conditions or monitoring where needed. If more information is needed, I support continuing the decision until reviewed.
Claire & David Rodriguez	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Our children currently attend Community Montessori in Escondido. We selected this school for our children's education because we like the Montessori style of learning, the small school size, & great location. This school was our first choice compared to schools in our district because its such a great opportunity to participate in a hybrid learning environment (4 days at the learning center and 1 homeschool day per week). We would be extremely disappointed if the charter was not renewed as the Children have already grown to love the school and staff. Thank you for supporting our right to have these options for our children, we strongly support the renewing of Community Montessori's charter.
Aiyanna Grant	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Student in the San Diego Unified School District - @ Dimensions Collaborative - I greatly appreciate the existence of Dimensions Collaborative, as the subjects taught are more varied and encourage creativity in many different ways compared to those in typical, five-day-per-week schools. If I were to lose Dimensions as a resource and service I can go to, then I wouldn't be able to learn things like animation and performing arts, both classes that I take, as openly in other schools, and I'd have less freedom to learn in ways that work for me. Dimensions Collaborative offers many different opportunities for all of its students, and it would be a great loss if it weren't able to remain open for those who attend it.

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Carolyn Wheeler	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My name is Carolyn Wheeler and I am writing in support of Community Montessori's petition for a 7-year charter renewal. I live in Poway and my children started TK and 1st grade this year. We do not take for granted the ability to send our kids to a free Montessori school, which is why I wanted to submit a comment and attend this evening. We have been enrolled a short time, but it is clear to me that students at Community Montessori are deeply embedded in a supportive setting that will allow them to flourish as adults who can collaborate, problem solve and care for the world around them. As a parent, I feel like my kids have found "their place." It would be truly devastating to our family if Community Montessori were no longer in Poway. Thank you for allowing Community Montessori to operate thus far and for supporting our right to have educational options for our children. Thank you for your consideration of this petition to renew 7 more years.
Amy Berlin	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We live in the San Diego Unified School District, but we chose DCS because they offer the flexibility and support our daughter needs. We love the freedom to choose the curriculum and vendors to individualize her education, and she has developed her passions because of it. The homeschool program has allowed her to focus on writing fiction, and she wrote two novels before the age of 15. She is 16 now, and is also a top-level dancer at San Diego Civic Youth Ballet because we can use our funding to help pay for the program. She is a self-motivated learner who will have completed 18 community college units by this December: a benefit of DCS's high school program. Finally, our daughter faces extra challenges because she is neurologically divergent, and DCS has really shown us flexibility and understanding as we learned to meet her needs over the years. Thank you for giving her the options so that she can continue to thrive.
Gayathri Vishwanathan	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I'm the mother of a child who attends Grade 2 at the Community Montessori school in Poway. We choose this school due to its proximity to our home, rigorous academics, unique curriculum, excellent teachers, Montessori learning methodologies, class sizes, and for the active facilitation and support for parental involvement in our daughter's education. She also established lasting friendships and bonds with her peers, classmates and educational facilitators. If the school system's charter is not renewed, it will have a severely disruptive and negative impact on our child's K-12 educational pathway during a vital stage of her life. We therefore request SDCOE to please renew the charter for Community Montessori schools.

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Kimberley Evensen	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Hi I am Kimberley Evensen and we reside in the Del Mar school district, and my children attend and attended Dimensions Collaborative in San Marcos. Our oldest son, Liam graduated in 2024 and our youngest son Nolan has just started his senior year. Liam attended traditional school for the first two years and I watched him deflate during this time. He had a number of undiagnosed health issues that were making him very symptomatic and the learning environment was not working well for him. Seeing this reminded me of how much I struggled with school, as a dyslexic with ADHD and I was heartbroken thinking about putting my child through the same situation. In a search for alternatives I discovered the charter school system. One of the things that I immediately loved was the ability to interview schools, meet the teachers and see the interactions with the students, see the classroom, the schedule, and the programming choices. Since we were able to do this throughout all of the charter schools
Bharath Ramaswamy	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	As the father of a child who attends the Poway learning center of Community Montessori, I humbly & strongly request SDCOE to kindly renew the charter for this one-of-a-kind school system which provides a dynamic curriculum and enhanced learning opportunities for ~800 students across San Diego county, staffed by a dedicated & hard-working group of educational facilitators and supported by wonderful parent community. The unique experiences that Community Montessori provides are not available in our district schools. Our child loves this school community and has shown demonstrable year-over-year progress and growth in her academic, co-curricular and social skills. Thank you for supporting and preserving this important educational option for our children.
Joanna Camino	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I chose Dimensions Collaborative because my son had struggled to adjust to a traditional school setting since kindergarten. Year after year, there were concerns about his attention span and his ability to retain information throughout the school year. It was not detected at the time that he was on the spectrum, despite my attempts to get him evaluated for an IEP. Thanks to the individual attention and flexibility at Dimensions, I have been able to discover my son's learning style; he now enjoys learning new information and has improved his socialization at the learning center. My son enjoys being around other kids and engaging in school activities. This was not the case before he attended Dimensions. My son looks forward to continuing his homeschooling with Dimensions Collaborative, and my daughter is now attending the learning Center as well. It is a relief to have support with my children's education, especially with the guidance and support of Dimensions Collaborative. Thank You!

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Jen Fasching	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We have four children and our home district is La Mesa Spring Valley. Three of our children attend our neighborhood school and our oldest (7th grade) has been at Dimensions for 3 years after trying 3 different schools. DCS has been able to accommodate my child's exceptional needs for gifted education and associated asynchronous development. At DCS she has access advanced classes, an individualized learning plan, and supports that meet all her needs (social, emotional, educational) in a way that is not available at other schools. As a seventh grader, she is able to take high school level coursework in her strong areas, and also work collaboratively in mixed age settings. As a result, she is thriving as an engaged, creative, critical thinker who loves learning. The individual learning plans and school support is unique to DCS and this model empowers students who don't fit the traditional "box" to succeed and grow to their full potential. Please support their recharter.
Vibiana Servin	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My family resides in the San Diego school district, and this is our first year attending Dimensions Collaborative School. Even though we have only been part of the Dimensions community for this first year, the positive impact it has already had on my children and our family has been meaningful. We chose Dimensions because it was important to us that our children feel safe, supported, and comfortable in their learning environment. Dimensions has provided them with an educational experience where they feel supported while also allowing them to learn at their own pace. Not renewing the Dimensions charter would mean losing an educational environment where my children currently feel safe, supported, and able to learn at their own pace. It would also take away an educational option that has been a positive fit for our family. I respectfully ask the San Diego County Board of Education to renew the charter for Dimensions Collaborative School. Thank you for taking the time to listen to us.
Addison Powell	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am a middle school student at Community Montessori. Community Montessori has helped me learn, grow and develop important life skills that is why I think the charter should be renewed.

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Kathryn Moreno	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I love CMCS because it has given me something every parent should have: a choice in what is best for their child. CMCS recognizes that every child learns differently. Its flexible curriculum allows students to learn in ways that work best for them while still meeting California state standards. That flexibility has been especially important for my daughter, who has an IEP. Her way of understanding and learning is unique, and CMCS has given her the opportunity to learn in an environment that recognizes and supports those differences. Parents know their children best. We need choices—not a one-size-fits-all approach to education. Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in an environment that meets their individual needs. I am grateful that CMCS Oak Hill has given my family that choice, and I believe other families in Escondido and San Diego County deserve the same opportunity.
Jennifer Harris	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We reside in San Diego school district. Two of our three kids have gone through the more traditional public school system and have thrived in those environments. However, our third child was struggling with the traditional classroom. He needed to go at a much faster pace and was getting to the point of becoming disengaged with learning and shutting down. We looked for other options for our son and thankfully found Dimensions Collaborative School (DCS). This school has not only allowed him to learn at an accelerated pace that has renewed his curiosity and love of learning, but has also provided social and emotional support through their on-site and virtual classes. DSC home school is not for every child, but for those who need it and would otherwise fail in the traditional system, it is a life saver. We strongly support renewing the charter for DSC.
Christina Cunanan	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dimensions Collaborative school provides great opportunities and engaging classes that help students learn, grow, and prepare for a bright future. They have classes and opportunities that are not offered in a local public school.
Kelly Kreuzinger	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	This is my son's first year at Community Montessori Poway and he is already thriving. He is showing considerably more initiative in writing, is loving the focus on science in his classroom, and is showing pride and excitement in his work. Ongoing opportunities to engage in science is something that my son did not receive at his neighborhood school in Poway Unified. His motivation and excitement for learning, like many other neurodivergent children, is tied tightly to his interests. At Community Montessori, my son is able to pursue material at his level, follow his curiosity, and develop a deeper understanding of the world around him. If he were at our neighborhood school, my son would probably be coasting and easily distracted. At Community Montessori, he is learning and succeeding. We are so grateful for this charter school!

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Jill Novotny	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am a resident of the San Diego Unified School District, and I am writing in strong support of the renewal of Community Montessori's charter. We chose Community Montessori because our son needed something a standard classroom couldn't offer. He is advanced in math but behind in reading, and a one-size-fits-all pace would have left him bored/struggling. At Community Montessori, he isn't moved along a fixed curriculum regardless of whether it fits his needs. He is learning at his own pace, in both directions, and in the process he is learning independence and responsibility for his own education, Also, CM has given me a real way to be involved in my son's learning. I have the school's support and guidance, but I also have the time and structure to work directly with him. That partnership between home and school is something we haven't found in our district school and it is a major reason my 2nd grader is thriving. Thank you
Chelsea Nance	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Our family is located at in the Carlsbad Unified School District. We are proud attendees of the Carlsbad Learning Center since the opening in 2015. We chose Community because of the diverse learning experience. Our 16 year old Sage Creek High School 11th grader continues to have her teachers make comments about how well rounded and prepared the kids are that come from Community Montessori. We continue to stay for our 10 year old as she is learning to understand the world with visual processing disorder, non verbal learning disorder, and high IQ. Her Neuropsychologist was pleasantly amazed at the education she is receiving in class at the learning center. The flexibility and high impact personal approach is exactly what she needs and she uses this to continue her love of learning. Being supported in a room with multiple grades has provided my kids with the opportunity to learn at different speeds at different times. I do not know how successful we would be without Community Montessori.
Jennifer Butner	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I am an Escondido resident and a parent of a child at Community Montessori. We chose this school for its dedication and implementation of the Montessori philosophy. The focus on child-led learning, emphasis on developing critical thinking skills, and encouragement for independence and love of learning are unique elements of the Montessori environment which are not fostered in other educational placements within my local school district. My child, and the many others fortunate enough to attend Community Montessori, are thriving because of this unique approach to education. Please renew Community Montessori's charter. Thank you for your time and allowing me the opportunity to voice my support.

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Matthew Martinsen	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We live in the Escondido SD and despite having access to a “good” public school in Bernardo, our son has been much happier since transferring Community Montessori. He never complains about school, and he enjoys the communal learning environment and the ability to sit on the floor rather than use desks. He appreciates the autonomy in choosing his work items as well as the support and feedback he receives from the teachers. And he much prefers the structure of the day with the focus on learning and sharing rather than on strict time scheduling and line forming. In fact, he would be devastated to have to return to public school, and we would be required to seek private options. Thanks very much for considering (and approving) CM’s Charter renewal! We are grateful for them and you!!
Sarvesh Gupta	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	This is much needed as it helps and effects positively many families.
Archana Gupta	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Much much needed
Manjinder Sandhu	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Community Montessori is the key part of our schooling system.
Yashodhan Tarte	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I reside in the Poway Unified School District and support continued funding for Community Montessori charter schools because of their academic and excellence, student support, excellent staff.

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Ivy Stubblefield	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My name is Ivy Stubblefield, and I am the proud parent of a 6th-grade student currently enrolled at Community Montessori Charter School (CMCS) in Escondido. I am writing to express our family's full and unwavering support for the renewal and continued operation of CMCS. Our daughter has attended the school since the 2020-21 school year. She entered her very first academic year as a kindergartener immediately following a full shutdown, a time characterized by isolation and a complete lack of regular peer interaction. It was a daunting moment for her to take her first steps into one of the biggest milestones of her elementary education. We could not be more grateful for how CMCS supported us during that initial period of distance learning, and even more so for the past six years she has spent at the learning center. Throughout her time here, she has been extremely happy, excelling both academically and mentally. The school has played an indispensable role in helping her build an amazing character, shaping her into a positive, active young community member of Escondido. We strongly advocate for our beloved learning center. Community Montessori Charter School is a place where children not only thrive academically but also develop into the kind, compassionate, and community-minded citizens who represent a bright future for us all. Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration of our community's deep dedication to CMCS.
Thuy Tran	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	To Whom It May Concerns, I am a residence of Poway School District since September of 2021. That's when I was introduced to Community Montessori Poway. CMS has been a second home for my two boys since 2021 when my oldest son entered as a first grader. Since then, he has gained so much confidence and self trust with the guidance of his EFs and the wider community of parents and staff at CMS. His younger brother joined him a couple of years after and he is now a 4th grader. They both love coming to school and being challenged. I especially love the teaching philosophy and the loving, warm and inclusive environment at CMS. Moreover, I love that the curriculum cultivates curiosity, critical thinking and problem solving skills. I 100% approve the funding for our beloved school and can't think of anyone more deserving than CMS. Thank you for supporting my right to have options for my children. Sincerely, Thuy Tran
Sarah Keum	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My children attend the Community Montessori learning center in Poway. I am writing in strong support of continued funding and charter renewal for this network of schools, due to their academic excellence, student support, parental involvement, and wonderful staff. Thank you for supporting the right of our families to have K-12 educational options in San Diego County.

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Rashmi Bhaghavan	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My child attends the Community Montessori learning center in Poway. I am writing in strong support of continued funding and charter renewal for this network of schools, due to their academic excellence, student support, parental involvement, and wonderful staff. Thank you for supporting the right of our families to have K-12 educational options in San Diego County.
Karen Brailean	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I reside in the San Diego Unified School District and cannot emphasize enough my strong support for Dimensions Collaborative School's charter renewal. A friend recommended Dimensions as a good fit for our family, but what we found far exceeded her description. Mission Valley's teachers and administrators provide excellent tools and flexibility to meet our child and every other child's needs. Please renew this charter and continue to protect children's options for education. Thank you!
Stephen Bromberek	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	1. District: Dimensions/Escondido. 2. Dimensions was chosen as a way to bridge particular cultural and family barriers and simultaneously meet school accreditation standards so my son could attend college after highschool. 3. Dimensions is unique as it serves as a sanctuary for the non- traditional student, offering quality education and personal attention while meeting state education standards. The online aspect was essential for my son's situation. The Educational Facilitator aspect provided a strong support to his overall learning experience. The blended learning with both Mira Costa College and Arizona State University has been the highlight of the Dimensions experience: learning at the college level while also earning college credits has been a win-win for my son. Concurrent enrollment via Dimensions has helped my son prepare for college better than any traditional college prep course I had when I was in highschool. Thank you Dimensions for "thinking forward " for students/famil.
Asher Fouts	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My name is Asher Fouts. I began my Montessori journey back in 2014. I was five years old and just starting out kindergarten. I immediately fell in love with the school. I spent the next seven years growing and thriving in the Montessori environment. Once my time was up and I reached 7th grade, I moved on to River Valley. The unique independent, self determined learning at Community Montessori set me up for great success. Most 12-13 year-olds don't have the full foundation to keep themselves on task. Community Montessori gave me that foundation and helped me explore my curiosity from an early age. Thanks to that foundation, I am a senior at River Valley. I have a 4.5 GPA, and I plan on going into the field of law. I was nominated and selected to attend boys and girls state program at Sacramento State University and I was selected to be an eco-ambassador for Mission Trails. I attribute all of my success to my start at Community Montessori. I would not be where I am today without them.

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Swagata Shah	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My children attends Community Montessori in Poway, and I am writing to express my strong support for continued funding and charter renewal for the Community Montessori network of schools. Our school provides an outstanding educational experience, with a strong focus on academic excellence, individualized support, and the overall growth and well-being of each student. The dedicated teachers and staff truly care about their students, and the strong partnership between the school and parents makes the community feel welcoming and supportive. As a parent, I am grateful to have an educational option that meets the unique needs of my child and allows our family to be actively involved in their education. I strongly believe that families in San Diego County should continue to have access to high-quality educational choices. Thank you for recognizing the value of Community Montessori and for supporting continued funding and charter renewal for this wonderful network of schools
Brianne Cartwright	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Community Montessori has provided my children with an educational environment where they truly thrive. Through hands-on learning, individualized support, and a focus on fostering a love of learning, I have watched my children grow in confidence and independence. Our diverse school community has also given my children opportunities to learn about cultures from around the world while developing confidence in Spanish and music. All four of my children have attended Community Montessori through sixth grade, and my youngest is currently in second grade. I have seen firsthand the lasting, positive impact this school has had on each of my children, and I strongly support its rechartering.
Jackie Brom	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dear Members of the Board, My family resides within the San Diego Unified School District. We chose Dimensions Collaborative School because it allows us to fully personalize our children's education. Having a second grader and a Transitional Kindergarten student, Dimensions offers us a unique opportunity that a traditional school setting cannot. Rather than a one-size-fits-all approach, we are able to teach our kids one-on-one, giving them the full attention they need. They will never "fall through the cracks". Our kids deserve better. Our kids deserve the best, and Dimensions can provide that. Dimensions provides a wonderfully supportive and flexible environment that empowers us to guide our kids' education. If the charter is not renewed, my children would lose the individualized pacing and the cohesive, family-centered educational community in which they are currently thriving. Thank you for supporting our right to have educational options.

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Jackie O'Shea	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My four daughters have all attended Community Montessori in Carlsbad. Community Montessori has been an important part of our lives for over 10 years. As an AMI Montessori trained teacher, I feel extremely fortunate to have access to an authentic, free, Montessori education for my kids. Community Montessori has been more than just a school for my kids, it has been a nurturing community. My two oldest daughters, who attended CM through 6th grade, are now thriving college students (at Loyola Marymount University and University of Souther California). We feel that their Montessori education prepared them to be curious, thoughtful, independent learners. Please renew our charter so that other kids will have access to the same wonderful education that my kids have had.
Gwen Vinckier	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Escondido School District - Community Montessori My family chose Community Montessori Charter School because we wanted a child-centered learning experience for our children that focuses on developing capable, confident, and independent learners. At Community Montessori children can learn at their own pace and are encouraged to take ownership of their learning. The hands on learning materials have made learning more engaging for my high energy kids. We love the mixed age classrooms which help children support one another and allows them to become teachers. Most importantly, Community Montessori balances academic learning with practical life skills, kindness, responsibility, and respect. This will be my son's 3rd year at Community Montessori and he is thriving academically. The hands on Montessori curriculum and the expert teachers' and staff's positive discipline have been extremely beneficial for my active child. Thank you for taking the time to read about our amazing & unique school!
Adam Ron	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Thank you for taking the time to review my request for approval of renewing Community Montessori. I live within the San Diego Unified School District area and we choose Community Montessori for our son because of the Montessori curriculum that fosters independence, collaboration, and a love of learning. The staff is phenomenal. Our son thrives in an environment that fosters individual learning because of his own learning style. Our son would be devastated if the school was not renewed. He is thriving at this school and he would also loose his friends that all live within different school districts. We are so grateful to have the right to choose this wonderful option

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Hal Aljibury	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My family lives in the Poway Unified School District, and we elected to send our son to Community Montessori Poway to take advantage of the Montessori teaching system which is based on the belief that all students can become successful self-directed learners. At Community Montessori our son is able to pursue material that is engaging at his level, due to the personalized approach and challenging curriculum, particularly with opportunities to learn about science. He is highly intelligent, and at his neighborhood school he was coasting in the classroom and was disengaged and disinterested from the learning process. The contrast between the two schools in terms of his engagement and interest in learning could not be more clear. We greatly appreciate the educational options we have been provided, and we hope you will be willing to grant the renewal of the charter.
Jenny Raya	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We are a family with Element Education since 2021 and have been with Dimensions since 2023. DCS is an asset to the lives of many including mine, who wish to give their children a better fit-for-them learning environment. We are able to foster the natural learning and love of discovery. We not only meet the standards but exceed, as my children remain engaged as they have a say in their learning every single day they get up. DCS provide great things past, present, and future. They are great in partnering with parents and support the many paths for students. Please renew our charter so many more can experience what all teachers and parents want for their student: a love of learning that extend beyond the classroom and in life. Thank you.
Rennie Levine	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We are from Encinitas school district. We chose Community Montessori because we wanted to instill a love of learning. This charter school is unique in this way, valuing a child's interest as the spark to learning and letting their academic level guide the work they do. We would be devastated if our school wasn't renewed as it has provided a "home" of learning for our 3 children over the years and from this comfort zone, we have seen them all thrive!
Dalene Silva	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We are confident that Community Montessori School in Poway will continue to achieve renewal! CMS Poway is in the higher echelon of public charter education. The staff at CMS Poway as well as dedicated administrators are committed to the very best practices and outcomes for every student. Dr. Maria Montessori herself would be so pleased and duly impress that her vision has been achieved, honored and improved. My family would be devastated if our school was no more. Our son would not be getting the kind of educational experience he requires to achieve his goals. Thank you for renewing Community Montessori Schools!

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Simone Williams	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We are writing in support of Community Montessori Charter renewal. We chose and continue to choose Community Montessori for our son because we wanted him to have access to a warm, empathetic, social-emotional recognition forward, and kindly challenging school for our child. Community Montessori has provided each of these things and in turn has provided our child with a supportive learning environment that engages him not only educationally, but supports his learning through some of his own interests and learning styles. Community Montessori has been the best choice for our family and certainly for the many other families who choose CM. Having access to Montessori education is something we do not take for granted and we are fully in support of this renewal.
Neli Ivanova-Valestrand	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We live in the Chula Vista Elementary School District and our child is attending Dimensions Collaborative. The classes offered whether in person or virtual are small group format and exceptional. By the end of the school year, our first grader could easily converse on topics like World Geography or naming a dozen Masters of Art like Henri Matisse or Frederic Remington. The teachers and staff are experts at what they teach - our child is already a fluent reader of novels. Our family travels frequently and Dimensions Collaborative is the only school that can offer us continuous education virtually. There are no missed classes or school work. Additionally, the gardening and nutrition class they offer is not only a hands on acquisition of skills, biology and gastronomy but it is all done at a historic site. We are very happy with our experience with Dimensions Collaborative School. We humbly request that you renew the charter for Dimensions Collaborative Schools. Thank you very much!
Kira McAnally	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I have two children that attend Community Montessori. This is our 5th year with the school. It has been such an amazing educational opportunity for my family. We have made many connections and close friendships. I see my boys growing and thriving in their education. The learning environment is flexible and allows my sons to pursue education in a way that fosters a love for community and learning. I hope to see them continue their journey for the next 5-7 years. The charter renewal would facilitate this and that's why I wanted to make a public comment in favor of the longest possible renewal for the school. Thank you!!
Vaidyanathan Ramasama	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My child attends the Community Montessori learning center in Poway. I am writing in strong support of continued funding and charter renewal for this network of schools, due to their academic excellence, student support, parental involvement, and wonderful staff. Thank you for supporting the right of our families to have K-12 educational options in San Diego County.

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Nolan Evensen	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dimensions Collaborative School	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	From the Del Mar school district area, I would like to show my support for the renewal of the Dimensions Collaborative school charter in San Marcos. We appreciate the flexibility of schedule, the accommodations, and support available to us and those whom need it. Without Dimensions Collaborative we would struggle with our educational career due to the lack of support, and we are thankful for the right to support our charter. additionally would like to thank my educational facilitator, Rob Vetter.
Yemisrach Lodebo	6. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Community Montessori	Approve/ A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	First, thank you for giving our children the opportunity to experience the benefits of a Montessori education at Poway Community Montessori Charter School. For the past three to four years, we have seen our children grow in so many ways beyond academics. The Poway Community Montessori school environment has encouraged them to think independently, take responsibility for their learning, respect those around them, and become more confident and self-motivated individuals. By the time our children complete their elementary education, we believe they will have developed a strong foundation not only for academic success, but also for becoming well-rounded, compassionate, and responsible individuals. By approving this petition, you are helping preserve an educational environment that is making a meaningful and positive difference in our children's lives. We are truly grateful for the opportunity our family has been given and hope other children and families can continue to benefit