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Nataliya Staroshchuk	5 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Amazing School. Could not be more happy with my children's teachers. Thank you	
Yesenia Araujo	5 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Mi hijo a estado en Dual immersion por casi 2 años. La razon que lo matricule a esta escuela es que el se atraso mucho devido al cierre de escuelas en Covid. En la escuela en la que hiva no le ayudaban a progresar cada vez se atrasava mas y mas. Dual Language Immersion lo a ayudado a mejorar en su progress academico. Estoy muy contenta con el interes que le an demostrado a mi hijo de verdad le an mostrado interes a mi hijo. Tambien lo eh notado con menos estres. El se siente seguro en ese entorno. Todo el staff es muy amables y responsibles.	
Jessica Martinez	5 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Good evening, I'm sorry I won't be here this evening. Just want to share some thoughts about what makes DLINC so special. This is my son's first year there, after experiencing TK at our public district school we identified basic needs that were not there: caring teachers and administration that love what they do, a close knit community, small intimate classrooms and unmatched language immersion. We found this all at DLINC, and for these simple but critical reasons they need to remain accessible to the community. This school has supported me emotionally by giving me a huge sense of relief that my child will be cared for while there. My son starts to volunteer Spanish responses and is now curious about what things mean in Spanish, the rest I know will follow and I could not be prouder. I'm excited to see what our child achieves here. Not only is their culture all embracing but I appreciate that their historical testing scores have been better than what was available in my zip code.	

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Natalie Crane	5 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	DLINC has been such a great blessing for our family the last 4+ years. My child started the school in TK and is now in 3rd grade. He is scoring in the 99th percentile on all his MAP tests, which is impressive in itself, but even more so when you hear that coming from an English speaking family, his tests have all been in Spanish. He scores extremely well in Spanish as well as in English. DLINC is such a gem, as it is a public charter school, but feels like a private school. I love knowing that when I pull up to pick up my children, they know who I am, who my kids are, and what grades they're in. It's such a great small-town feel with incredible staff and administration. I love that my kids are learning Spanish from native speakers, but are also on track with learning all the other subjects they need to be. We're super grateful for DLINC!	
Andrew Sanchez	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dual Language Immersion North County is a special place where children of all backgrounds go to earn, play, grow, and broaden their horizons. The unique culture helps to level-set across a wide array of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds. Our son is a bright and spirited young man, and the extra challenge in learning a new language provides him a particular challenge and engagement that is likely not available to us without the costly burden of private school: He has gone from zero Spanish vocabulary to near-fluency and is testing off the charts in English and Spanish. The culture and the challenge have grounded him in a wonderful way that should be available to all families. Please help keep DLINC available for our and the many other North County families who currently benefit from it and all those that will.	
Katherine Weiss	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My son started in TK this year and comes home excited to share what he learned. He sings his number, letter, days of the week and months of the year song already in Spanish after just 2 months there. He loves reading the books they send home each week at bedtime. He traces his letters in the air at home and on paper during breakfast and dinner. He even is becoming a helper at home, citing that this is what they do in class. We love his teacher and this school.	
Andrew Cusick	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	What makes DLINC special is the heart that the educators put into teaching the students a second language. Both of our daughters attend DLINC since kinder and can read, write and speak both English & Spanish. Also, the ability of DLINC to effectively teach a novice Spanish student a new language & pair that with also now learning math and science in a new language is brilliant. Both our children went from zero Spanish language skills to now being able to think and speak in Spanish within a 3 year period. They made close friends and thoroughly enjoy participating in the annual DLINC events such as ABC parade, Jog a thon, reading literacy events, science fair & school field trips. Bilingual education is a true gift that will open numerous doors in their lives. I have seen the spark in both of our daughters eyes that affirm they're enjoying their education, they are being challenged at school & whenever they see their teachers, both kids give them a hug.	

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Lindsay Restrepo	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	DLINC is special to our family because of the small community feel. When I pull up to pick up my child they already know me and who my child is. The staff is not only friendly, but supportive and eager to listen. The school has been supportive of my son academically in ways that go beyond the classroom with programs like before/afterschool care that is high quality, reading club to help him catch up and speech therapy. Since enrolling in the school in TK (he is now in 2nd grade) I have seen his confidence grow and his comfortability on campus and interacting with all the staff all the way up to the director. Having a dual language immersion program here in North County San Diego means that the challenge of teaching our son Spanish does not fall directly on our shoulders and now my son can interact with his spanish speaking family.	
Kaeli Wood	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We are so grateful for the education our kids have received at Dual Language Immersion North County. My 4th and 1st grade kids are developing a love for Spanish, they feel supported in their math and language arts skills, and they've made irreplaceable friendships with other students and even the faculty. We feel very blessed to have found DLI. Everyone who works there is kind, hard-working and you can tell they really care about the students' education. We've recommended DLI to many friends in our community who've sought a better option for elementary school, and their kids have been flourishing at the school as well. I really appreciate that DLI has a wide-range of students from different backgrounds, but that the kids there seem to bolster each other up instead of tearing each other down. They celebrate each others' successes and have made great academic improvements. Thanks DLI!	
Hank Stelzl	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Great school and great community here at DLI from teachers, students and families creating an educational experience where students strive in education for the future as bilingual ambassadors. From core subject matter to athletics, music and special education this school wraps it all together neatly in such a way that it remains a hidden gem in north county of San Diego.	

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Emily Martin	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My family has loved having our 3 boys at DLINC. Our oldest has been there since first grade, and our other two began in TK and have continued with the dual language since. We've been impressed by the effectiveness of the program! My older two, grades 4 and 6 are truly bilingual, and my 2nd grader is well on his way. It's not just the Spanish speaking element we've been impressed by. We have loved how well our kids have been taught the other subjects too. The teachers are so hardworking and dedicated to what they do. There are many memorable project based learning experiences that the teachers have the students do each year. Our kids enjoy the process, and we enjoy coming to see their presentations! Actually, the entire school gets to participate, as other classes take turns seeing the projects and listening to presentations. It really promotes school unity, older kids setting examples for the littles, and the young ones looking up to and adoring those big kids! We LOVE DLI!	
Gloria De Vries	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Our charter school, DLINC, is amazing and instrumental to the community. It creates incredible opportunities for our kids: growing up bilingual not only expands their options in the future, but also opens their minds to other cultures, connections, and experiences that speaking a second language unlocks. In our case at home, speaking Spanish is the only way we can connect with grandparents on one side of the family. Also, the sense of community, the values the school teaches, quality of academic and behavioral standards they set is off the charts and we just can't be happier to be part of this school. We fully support the school's petition for renewal, please approve.	
Cindy Basurto	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My experience with this school has been very positive. Both of my children have learned so much, and I am truly happy with the progress they have made. One of my children has needed extra support with speech and counseling, and I am very grateful that the school has been able to provide the help he needed. I am also very proud that both of my children have developed strong skills in both English and Spanish. As a parent, it means so much to know that my children are learning, growing, and receiving the support they need. I am truly grateful that we found this school, and I couldn't be happier with our experience.	
Angela Colabucci	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My son would not be bilingual or have the friends and level of education without this school.	

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Cynthia ElSawah	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dual Language Immersion North County should absolutely be renewed. My children have learned so much in the short time we have been at this school. We are looking forward to many more years at this school. My children have developed great reading, writing and math skills in both English and Spanish, and they are only in the first grade. They have increased confidence and self-esteem, and this is only the beginning. Dual Language Immersion North County is important for our local community as it embraces socio-economic diversity and bilingual culture while supporting the healthy growth and education of our youth. My children love their school and we love to see the academic achievements they are making every day. The staff at the school are like family and we love to see our family grow and succeed. I have no doubt that Dual Language Immersion North County will continue to support our children to become successful and responsible young adults within our community.	
Brenda Guerrero	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Dear Members of the Board of Education, I sincerely ask you to please keep our charter school open. Transferring my son to this school was one of the best decisions I made for his education. The difference from his previous school was incredible. Before attending, my son didn't even know how to write an essay. He finally learned in sixth grade, thanks to the wonderful teachers who truly care about their students. His grades were great, he thrived academically, and he finally made a few friends. Seeing him grow both academically and socially meant everything to me as a mother. My only regret is that I didn't transfer him sooner. I will forever be grateful to the teachers for their dedication, patience, and the difference they made in my son's life. Please consider the families and children who have benefited from this school. We need more schools like this, not fewer. Please give other children the same opportunity my son had to thrive. Thank you for listening to my voice as a parent	
Janel Rafenstein	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I have two children, a 3rd grader and a 5th grader, who have attended DLINC since kindergarten. We have had an incredibly positive experience at this school and highly recommend that the charter renewal be approved. Both of my children have excelled academically in this environment. Most notably, my 5th grader's recent MAP testing revealed equally high fluency and literacy in both English and Spanish, as well as high scores in math. I am always impressed with our teachers' dedication to their students and passion for education. The instruction is of high caliber. Beyond academics, I am impressed by the sense of community at our school and the support children receive in other areas. When there is a problem to be solved, it is dealt with promptly and creatively. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if further information is needed. Thank you!	

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Idalia Zuazo	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	We really value the school and its teachers, I love the idea of the kids learning 2 languages. They have really thrived at this school, its not just basic curriculum, the teachers really connect with each student. They adapt to different learning levels if the kids. I enjoy how the kids are still getting quality school courses on a smaller scale size of school. It really makes a difference and I love the closeness of everyone.	
Lois Pastore	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	As a grandparent I have observed, for over 5 years, the excellent educational environment being provided by DLI. Both of my grandchildren have developed proficiency in Spanish and have made excellent academic progress in other academic areas as well. The staff at DLI has fostered an educational experience that I think is exceptional and I am particularly impressed with the level of parent involvement that is evident in individual classrooms as well as in the overall school community. The administration and staff promote a strong commitment to academic excellence but also focus on building the character of children as they promote positive interactions among the children in and out of the classroom. As a retired school administrator I am grateful that my grandchildren have had the opportunity to be part of DLI and I look forward to having them complete their educational experience as DLI students.	
Richard Kissel	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	To the Honorable Members of the Board, My name is Richard Kissel, and my son, Liam, attends Dual Language Immersion North County (DLINC). As a kindergarten student, he has made remarkable progress in Spanish while also developing strong foundational skills in math and science. Beyond academics, DLINC's smaller student population fosters a strong sense of community and cultural appreciation. This supportive environment is something my wife and I highly value and did not experience at his previous school. As a parent of a DLINC student and a resident of San Diego County, I respectfully request that the Board approve the Petition for Renewal so that more students and families can continue to benefit from this exceptional program. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Richard Kissel	
Anissa Rosales	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	DLINC has made a lasting impact on our family. When our son first started school in TK, I was nervous, but Maestra Perez helped him feel safe, supported, and excited to learn. Today, he is in kindergarten and still loves school. I am so grateful for the positive foundation DLINC helped build for him. Our family truly loves the school and its welcoming community. We also have a 2 y/o son who is already excited to attend school one day, and I hope he can experience the same love, support, and encouragement his brother received. I respectfully ask you to consider the impact DLINC has on families like ours and support its continued renewal. DLINC is more than a school to us; it is a community we love and hope to remain part of. Thank you for listening to our family's experience.	

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Monica Manzank	5. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of Dual Language Immersion North County	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I have been a parent at DLI for 9 years. My daughter started here in kindergarten and is now in eighth grade, while my son started in TK and is now in third grade. Family members recommended DLI to us. They attended the school as children and later chose to send their own children here. The Spanish language program and small school size initially drew us in, but the community and the school's vision are why we have stayed. The school's mission reflects the values we hold as a family. One of the most meaningful parts of our experience has been the relationships we have built with the teachers. Teachers who once taught my daughter are now teaching my son, creating a sense of continuity and connection. Their commitment to building lasting relationships with families makes DLI feel like a family. I respectfully ask you to support DLI's renewal so that families like mine continue to have the choice of a small school with a close-knit community, shared values, and a lasting commitment.	