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Christiana Lopez	7 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I strongly believe that JCS Manzanita deserves to be renewed. They have gone above and beyond to support my daughter and meet her individual needs. From providing speech therapy to making accommodations that help her succeed, the staff has consistently shown dedication,patience, compassion, and a genuine commitment to her growth and development. Their support has made a meaningful difference in her life, and I truly believe that continuing the programs and services at JCS Manzanita is essential so that other children and families can receive the same level of care and support.
Kathryn Lower	7 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	JCS Manzanita is a strong school community that meets the needs of students who learn best outside of a traditional school setting. Students thrive in this program and the families depend on the flexibility of the school to help meet each learner's individual needs. We want JCS Manzanita to continue to serve our students and exist in our community. Thank you!
Natalie Scarpa	7 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Our daughter is a student at JCS Manzanita and has been attending there for 2.5 years. JCS Manzanita has provided a high quality, supportive learning environment for our daughter and the amount of growth she has shown in these last 2.5 years is immeasurable. The school demonstrates active family partnership, strong accountability and a genuine commitment to the success of every student. Renewing this charter ensures that families in our community retain a vital and effective public school choice. I respectfully urge the Board to approve the renewal petition for JCS Manzanita.
John Villard	7 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I strongly recommend that the SDCOE grant the petition in accordance with Education Code Section 47607.2 to extend the charter for JCS-Manzanita for 5 more years because its personalized, hybrid-learning model has reignited my daughter's passion for learning and going to school. Even with it being her first year at the school, my daughter has already connected to JCS Manzanita's community and loves the supportive and nurturing environment that is facilitated by its teachers and administration. Given how much I have already seen my daughter thrive in just 6 weeks at JCS Manzanita since leaving her prior school, I ask for your support in renewing the charter for JCS-Manzanita for 5 more years so my daughter can continue to be excited about going to school and continue to grow to be a well-rounded, competent learner.

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Stacey Gregg	7 - PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Greetings Board! This is our first year at JCS Manzanita Public charter school. Our seven-year-old attends first grade with Mrs. R. To date, we have had the most amazing educational and relational experience here at the school. Our student wakes up each morning, eager, and excited to get to school and begin her day. She is equally as happy when being picked up and reminisces about her day and shares what was learned and who she interacted with. Her comments and demeanor are always so positive. We have interacted with most teachers there, the administration and principal, as well as the PE coach and support staff. Everyone is supportive, kind and communicative. We are consistently in awe as to how the entire staff knows each student and their families. We are thrilled with the academics and scholastic investments to the children of the school and also the Leader in Me Program which has practiced consistently and Honors positive values. Please continue this great school! Thank you!
Kristina Torwal	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	The staff and parents come together to make this small building feel large and important for the kids. We all care about how well they're receiving education and the advancements that they're making. We see our kids run the Husky Huddle and recognize one another's accomplishments. We band together to provide inclusive activities. We witness them blossom into the best versions of themselves because they are met with love and clear expectations. We get to participate in daily "would you rather" and weekly riddles that greet you at the door. We gossip about how much we love the people preparing our children for the world. We are curious about how each of us ended up there and bring diverse backgrounds to fill the classrooms. This place is magic. It is what we desperately needed after the world completely changed and left so many kids and families struggling. What has been created, sustained, and gifted to our community is something that should be commonplace.
Sarah Baker	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	JCS Manzanita's mission begins with the goal of "valuing the individual," and this is evident every day. I am a parent of two children attending Manzanita, and under the care of the teachers and staff at this charter, they have both grown to recognize and honor their distinct identities, while simultaneously feeling belonging and ownership over their school community. They are known by every teacher and every student, and their needs are heard, valued, and met---and I have observed this same sense of belonging and community in their peers as well. The fruit of the community environment at JCS is abundantly clear---my children wake up eager to get to school each day, excited to learn and engage with their classes. They are truly on an "educational journey toward a meaningful life," becoming life-long learners who seek out knowledge, both about themselves and the world around them. This is the greatest strength of JCS Manzanita: a sense of being known that fosters a love of learning.

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Gabriela Romero	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	JCS has become my daughter's second home. The small class sizes and small school has helped my daughter thrive in school. My daughter has anxiety and ADHD and the support of the staff and all knowing her has helped her feel comfortable being her. The support we receive as a military family is amazing. We are forever grateful for it and can't picture her anywhere else. Thank you
Jordan Stewart	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Favor of keeping this amazing education system a charter school.
Irasema Borrayo	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	I can't think of a better charter school for my son , we all build a beautiful community where we all feel welcome and safe , my son loves to go to school and for me as a mother is the best feeling ever. Please continue with us.
Sarah Polak	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	Our Kindergartener entered the public school system at JCS Manzanita as his first formal educational training. This has been a truly positive experience for us. We feel safe leaving our child in the hands of the teachers and staff; and think that this establishment absolutely plays a significant role in providing a safe environment and building solid foundation for our children to thrive.
Yolanda Triggs	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	JCS is a great school that feels like a family. All of the students have built relationships with each other in all grades. The ability to drop in classes and help younger students and encourage leadership. It gives a close knit community where kids feel comfortable all around. But it helps to give students the tools they need to grow and be successful in the real world.
Jennifer Delgado	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	JCS Manzanita is an amazing school! All 3 of my children attend JCS Manzanita. My son was struggling and they went the extra steps to make him feel comfortable . They have always gone above and beyond for everyone child in the school. The teachers and staff get to know every student and cater to their individual needs/learning styles. JSC Manzanita is hands down the best school my children have went to.
Blanca Valadez	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	JCS manzanita has been a God send for my children. They are autistic and the smaller setting really helps them. We love all the staff and everything they do to support the students and families.
Veronica Chacon	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	As a mother of twins attending JCS Manzanita, I believe this school provides a supportive learning environment where children can grow academically and personally. Renewing its charter would allow my daughters and other students to continue learning in a familiar, caring school community that plays an important role in their education.
Ruth McCallister	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	As a mom I researched many elementary school out there. I chose JCS Manzanita and I am so relieved and Happy I did. JCS focuses on so many aspects of learning an extremely pleased that they focus on the social and emotional. I am also impressed that they are teaching the children leadership skills. JCS is a wonderful school that has smaller class sizes so children form real relationships with their classmates, teachers the school and staff. I truly hope JCS Manzanita will be renewed for many years to come R/ Ruth McCallister

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Rachel Stewart	7. PUBLIC HEARING: Petition for Renewal of JCS-Manzanita	Approve/A favor	Written Comment/Comentario escrito	My name is Rachel Stewart. I'm the parent of a former JCS Manzanita Academy student, and I work at the school. My child has a physical disability, ADHD, and an IEP. She started TK at a much larger school; she felt lost, and communication was poor. A serious incident involving another child happened there. I did not hear about it from the school; my four-year-old told me. I pulled her out immediately. At Manzanita, she was known. Teachers and staff communicated with me directly and early. In 2nd grade, she had major surgery on both legs. She was in casts with a wound vac for months and used a wheelchair from November to May. The school adjusted without being asked twice. She stayed in her classroom with her classmates, and I never had to fight for what she needed. She'd been below grade level for years. Because of her 2nd-grade teacher, Ms. Lacey, she ended the year at grade level, during the hardest year of her life. Please renew the charter. Families like mine need what it offers.