

Hello, my name is Mitchell Martinez, Lynwood Unified. VP of CSEA Chapter 116.

Let me start off by saying that the petitioner is one of my high school friends, so this is not easy to say especially when you want to support their successes. That being said I believe that the interests of our students are not being met with goals and standards set by this Charter. Highlighting a few things from your own Staff findings.

The petitioners lack the necessary background in curriculum, instruction, assessment, finance, and or business management. These are areas that are critical to the school's success. If parents truly knew this was the case I doubt parents would let their students go to such a school. Parents and our community do not support a charter whose staff is not trained.

In Finding 5, it states "the petition does not contain a reasonably comprehensive description of all required elements. 6 of the 15 required elements are not reasonably comprehensive". Let me say we are not starved for a Charter school. To have only 9 out of 15 requirements met is 60%. If the charter school wants to consider that a pass let them think that. But In my school, 60% is a not a passing grade.

In element 1 of that same finding is what I think the most shocking that comes from you. It says that the Charter "fails to adequately specify how the school would operate as its only Local Education Agency for special education. Even though you continue to say this "is a requirement for Charters authorized by LACOE or the State Board of Education" you are still approving this petition. Tell me how that makes sense.

Please. reconsider your decision to permit this Charter. This is against the interest of classified staff, teachers, students, and parents.

Thank you for your time.