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COUNCILMEMBER, 14TH DISTRICT

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Monica Garcia, Board President
Los Angeles Unified School District
Board of Education
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 24th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Monica Garcia,

On behalf of the children, youth, parents and educators who make up the Anahuacalmecac community, I support the charter renewal of Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory.

Anahuacalmecac is the only public school in Los Angeles that includes indigenous language and culture as part of its core curriculum, in a comprehensive, college preparatory, International Baccalaureate World School continuum. Over the years, Anahuacalmecac students have represented their community before the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues under the guidance of educators and elders. Last year, Anahuacalmecac students and educators led the historic community-based campaign to abolish Columbus Day and adopt Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Los Angeles.

Anahuacalmecac students consistently demonstrate increased academic achievement with 100% of their senior class graduating. In 2018, 80% of graduates met the University of California/California State University requirements and 47% were accepted to a four-year college. Fiftythree percent enrolled in a two-year secondary college. And 30% of graduates earned the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma and 20% were awarded the State Seal of Biliteracy.

Graduation from Anahuacalmecac is a milestone of improved academic achievement, college and career readiness, cultural curriculum and intellectual and linguistic indigenous knowledge. Additionally, Anahuacalmecac has notably advanced the rights of Indigenous peoples by developing a curriculum responsive to its own People. The inclusion of indigenous arts, music, sports, dance and mathematics continues to prepare well-rounded youth for the 21st century with a grounded sense of self and community.

For these reasons, I strongly support and urge the charter renewal of Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory. If you have any questions, please contact my Field Deputy, Julio Torres, at my El Sereno District Office at (323) 226-1646 or at julio.torres@lacity.org.

Sincerely,

José Huizar
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