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

Dear President Garcia:

**Re: Support Renewal of the Charter of Anahuacalmecac**


On behalf of the children, youth, parents, and educators that make up the Anahuacalmecac community, I call for your support for the renewal of the charter of Anahuacalmecac.

Anahuacalmecac is currently the only public school in Los Angeles that includes as a part of its core curriculum indigenous language and culture in a comprehensive, college preparatory, International Baccalaureate World School continuum. Over its sixteen year history, Anahuacalmecac has received acclaim from various respected external organizations including the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the International Baccalaureate, the Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, the California Charter Schools Association, the National Council for La Raza (UNIDOS US) and the Native American Alliance for Charter Schools. Over the years, Anahuacalmecac students have represented their community before the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, and even 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 one hundred percent of their senior class graduating. In 2018, eighty percent of their graduates met the University of California/California State University requirements and forty seven percent were accepted to a four year college. Fifty three percent enrolled in a two-year secondary college. Further, thirty percent of their graduates earned the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma, and twenty percent were awarded the State Seal of Bilingualism.

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 21<sup>st</sup> century with a grounded sense of self and community. I urge you to renew the Charter of Anahuacalmecac.

Sincerely,

  
**HERB J. WESSON, JR.**  
President, Los Angeles City Council  
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