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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

Re: Support Renewal of the Charter of Anahuacalmecac

Dear Monica Garcia,

The Los Angeles City/Council Native American Indian Commission (LACCNAIC) is pleased to offer support for the renewal of Anahuacalmecac International University Preparatory's charter.

As the only public school in Los Angeles that offers indigenous language and culture as part of its core curriculum, Anahuacalmecac is a vital part of our community. Through the inclusion of indigenous arts, music, sports, dance and mathematics Anahuacalmecac develops intellectual and cultural curiosity in their students and grounds them in a sense of self and community.

Since its founding 16 years ago Anahuacalmecac has received numerous accolades. Including recognition from the Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, the Native American Alliance for Charter Schools, the International Baccalaureate, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the California Charter Schools Association.

Anahuacalmecac's curriculum focuses on the development of strong leaders. Throughout the school's history under the guidance of educators and elders 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. In 2017 Anahuacalmecac students and educators fought tirelessly to abolish Columbus Day and adopt Indigenous Peoples Day in the City and County of Los Angeles.

Anahuacalmecac has a strong and impressive history of academic achievement. In 2018 the school had a 100% percent graduation rate of the senior class with 47% of the class accepted to four year colleges, and 53% enrolling in two-year secondary college. Additionally, 20% of students were awarded the State Seal of Biliteracy and 30% earned the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma.

The LACCNAIC strongly supports and urges you to renew the Charter of Anahuacalmecac.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rudy Ortega', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rudy Ortega  
Chairman