

**Agenda Item Details**

Meeting	May 28, 2019 - Regular Meeting, 5:00 p.m.
Category	F. Board Consent Agenda
Subject	4. Resolution in the Matter of Calling for a Moratorium on Charter School Expansion and Strengthening of Transparency and Oversight in Governance Practice (Barrera/Evans)
Type	Action (Consent)
Fiscal Impact	No

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Resolution in the Matter of Calling for a Moratorium on Charter School Expansion and Strengthening of Transparency and Oversight in Governance Practices.

BACKGROUND: Since the passage of the 1992 California Charter Schools Act, the number of publicly-funded, and privately-operated charter schools has grown rapidly statewide.

In 2018, researchers from Columbia University and the University of Florida found that charter schools nationwide are less likely to respond to enrollment requests from students with significant special needs.

A May 2018 a study by In the Public Interest found that charter schools led to a combined net fiscal shortfall of over \$142 million annually for three California school districts, including over \$66 million annually for San Diego Unified.

In August 2018, an evaluation of 43 LCAPs for charter schools in five districts, found charter school engagement, transparency, and accountability woefully lacking to such a degree that it was sometimes impossible to determine how charter schools were spending millions of dollars.

Current law requires district campuses to accommodate co-locations of charter schools, resulting in shortages of resources and space and increasing tension and conflict within school communities.

Local school boards are the best determiners of how local education dollars should be spent to benefit local students, including the appropriate number and type of schools in their district, yet are prohibited under current law from considering such factors when deciding whether or not to approve a charter school petition.

The California State Board of Education and the County Boards of Education currently may authorize charter schools within San Diego Unified boundaries over the objections of democratically elected School Board Members.

The NAACP, the Journey for Justice Alliance, the Movement for Black Lives, the Los Angeles Unified School District, the West Contra Costa Unified School District, the Anaheim Union High School District, the City of Richmond, the City of Huntington Park, and other organizations have called for and/or passed a moratorium on charter school expansion and for the strengthening of oversight in governance and practice of charter schools.

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May 23, 2019 11:33 AM :: Final approval by Marty Stultz

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