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Name:	Brandon Baston
Comment:	My name is Brandon Baston I am an I.A of Culture and Climate at CCA (Capitol Collegiate Academy).
	I support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate Academy charter for the next 5 years 100%.
	I have been a member of Capitol Collegiate Academy for 5 years we are so much more than a charter school we are an outlet for students families and friends, and most of all we are a Family. Capitol Collegiate has always been family and home to me with all the support and love from the students to staff its no other place I rather be.

Speaking as:

Employee

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Name:	Alexandra Cruz
Comment:	Hello,
	My name is Alexandra. I am in the 7th grade and I have attended CCA since kindergarten. Some things that make CCA a good school are the amazing teachers CCA recruits that make you want to learn. For instance, Mr. Masters, our science teacher, is very hyper and highly caffeinated. He makes the class exciting and energetic. This year we have learned about genes, lights, rocks, etc. The work is challenging and hard but I always feel accomplished when I'm done. Another thing that makes this school a good school is the health and wellness videos posted on the Student Website. This shows how the school is making sure we are okay during hard times. Thank you for taking the time to hear this and please consider renewing Capitol Collegiate's charter! Happy New Year!

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Student

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Alejandra Gonzalez
Comment:	Us as parents, watching our kids grow while learning ways to raise and parent them correctly has been easier with the support from CCA, and it's been fantastic. This school has taught my kids strong engagement of values such as discipline, punctuality, constancy and respect. This is why we need more schools like CCA. Thank you CCA for easy and open communication when it comes to subjects regarding my children's needs.

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Parent/Guardian

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Name:	Anna Miller
Comment:	My name is Anna Miller and I am a 5th grade teacher at Capitol Collegiate Academy. I strongly support the renewal of the Capitol Collegiate Academy's Charter for the next 5 years. I'm proud to work at Capitol Collegiate because it has allowed me to develop my professional skills as a teacher as well as a leader. In my 5 years at CCA I have had the opportunity to teach amazing scholars and see outcomes that are a direct result of CCA's mission and core beliefs. I have personally seen so many scholars who flourish and achieve great things in our school program. I have also had the opportunity to lead student government, co-facilitate our Equity group, run student clubs, and plan many school wide events. I appreciate that I have the ability to make my school climate one that students and staff want to be a part of. It's because of these great opportunities that I choose to work at CCA.

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Myan Nguyen
Comment:	Hello! My name is Myan Nguyen, a seventh-grader at Capitol Collegiate Academy, and I have been a student here since 2013. I've seen how the school has evolved and how it is still improving. We have created a second family here at CCA, where we can trust and learn from one another. The teachers and staff have supported us and helped us reach our goals. CCA teachers do that by having clear lesson plans and thoroughly explaining the topics to us. The staff members also make an effort to know all of the students by name. They closely work with families to ensure the success of the students. There is still room for improvement, so CCA should be open for five more years to better itself. Thank you for your time today, and I hope you consider renewing Capitol Collegiate's charter to benefit us as students and the community.

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Brandi Arendt
Comment:	It is well known that the strongest teachers are the ones who never stop learning. At Capitol Collegiate Academy I feel honored to be a part of a community of learners dedicated to providing high quality instruction for each one of our students. At CCA, core teachers are members of content teams which meet weekly for collaboration and professional learning rooted in best practices. Each cycle, content teams use data to set instructional priorities that drive teacher development. Our doors are open at CCA in both physical and virtual classrooms, which allows teachers to engage in peer observations as a means to learn and grow from one another. Another key element of our professional development is using student data to reflect on our classroom instruction and adapt as needed. Most importantly, CCA teachers own their professional learning. They lean into collaboration and self-reflection which has powerful effects on teaching and learning.

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Name:	Allison Volga
Comment:	My name is Allison Volga and I am the Assistant Principal of Culture at Capitol Collegiate Academy. In my role, I work closely with our team and school community to ensure a safe, joyous and rigorous learning environment, where all of our students can learn. One of the many reasons that makes me proud to work at CCA is our team's commitment to providing individual supports for students both inside and outside of the classroom. Using our culture data and teaming structures, we support our students that need an extra level of social/emotional development, motivation, or habit building that will help them succeed. On campus you may see a variety of supports in action, from a pair of middle school students learning the skills of mediating a disagreement, to the Dean supporting a scholar on strategic breaks throughout their day so they meet their daily engagement goal, to a recess small group on how to manage disagreements in basketball. As distance learning became a reality, we quickly shifted our individual supports by creating a robust mentor program, matching our students with individual needs to a staff member that would continue this work with them weekly. Our individual supports have had a tremendous positive impact on our students' ability to access the learning that they deserve and we are committed to continue to grow our student support programs in the coming years. For example, this year we will be launching a mental health services program and piloting new SEL curriculums. If given the opportunity, I know that CCA will continue to serve all students and meet their individual needs.

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Name:	Marisa Ramirez
Comment:	Hi, my name is Marisa Ramirez and I am a very proud Capitol Collegiate parent. My sons Jace and Jayden are in 7th and 8th grade at CCA, and have both been enrolled in the school since kindergarten. I have kept my sons at CCA because I feel it has been a successful school and I most definitely support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate's charter for the next 5 years. I support CCA because they have provided my sons a quality education in a safe and structured environment. The staff are very reliable in their parent communication regarding areas needing progress or praise and really preparing them to think of college and future career goals at a young age which is so valuable and important to me for my sons and essentially is important for our youth.

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Name:	Tyler Deaton
Comment:	The rigorous, engaging, and optimistic culture at Capitol Collegiate Academy is apparent to all who visit the school's campus. Anyone who steps into a classroom can tell that the academic experience is unique, and the academic results make evident that Capitol Collegiate Academy is truly changing outcomes for the students it serves.
	As a former educator and now board member of Capitol Collegiate Academy, I know that the school's success is largely made possible by the immense dedication of its staff, family members, and students. However, another critical part of the school's foundation and success is due to its strong financial standing. Since the school's founding, school leadership has placed a strong emphasis on fiscal responsibility, and a review of the school's financials reveals that the organization is in a healthy financial position. This means that the school has a reserve of resources to protect itself from unforeseen circumstances. This also provides the school with the opportunity to spend on the resources that will have the most direct and positive impact on student outcomes, whether it's through purchasing new curriculum, hiring additional staff members, providing additional trainings, or upgrading facilities.
	Capitol Collegiate Academy has an incredibly strong academic, cultural, and financial foundation that sets it up for continued growth. This continued growth will have a direct positive impact on the students and communities that the school serves. Renewing its charter will allow it to continue on its mission to prepare all of its students to compete, achieve, and lead in high school, in college, and in life. Thank you for your time.

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Portia Howard
Comment:	My name is Portia Howard and I am a proud Capitol Collegiate parent. My son, Jeremiah Howard, is a 7th grader at Capitol Collegiate Academy and has been enrolled in the school since the 4th grade, which was the 2017-2018 school year. This is currently his 4th year attending.
	I proudly support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate Academy's charter for the next 5 years. The staff and curriculum at Capitol Collegiate is exceptional and has greatly supported my son on his academic and social development.
	I admire their innovative methods that are designed to embrace my child's attributes and strengths and allow him to shine uniquely and independently. I also respect their standards and policies that give him the structure and guidelines that he needs to achieve his academic goals, develop accountability and aspire to limitless greatness. I am confident that his time at Capitol Collegiate Academy will create the foundation that he needs to be successful in high school and college.

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Name:	Karen Hernandez
Comment:	Hello, my name is Karen and I am a proud parent at Capitol Collegiate Academy. My daughters, in eight and fourth grade, have been enrolled at CCA for the past five years.
	I proudly support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate's charter for the next five years.
	My daughters are truly happy to be part of the CCA community. My oldest has loved how much the school values the student body opinion giving them the opportunity to share input on things such as choosing a school mascot, creating a student leadership council, and even having a say in the electives that are offered.
	While my youngest daughter appreciates the teacher's patience and dedication to teaching her new things every day.
	Not only has CCA provided my children with quality education but it has also fostered a college-bound mindset, instilling in them the importance of an education and awakening their drive and motivation to excel academically for years to come!

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Elisianna Rios
Comment:	My name is Elisianna Rios, and I am a proud Capitol Collegiate parent. My son, Timothy, is a second grader at CCA, and has been enrolled in the school since 2018. I proudly support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate's charter for the next 5 years. Capitol Collegiate's values, staff, and curriculum are the epitome of what today's youth, aka scholars, need in an education system during such uncertain times. Capitol Collegiate reaches it's youth, parents, and community in such unique and inspirational ways. My son has not only developed a desire to learn, that I have to admit I did not know was there, but he has also acquired a standard of integrity that will stay with him long after his CCA years. I thank CCA for having a tremendous impact on my son's life and showing such genuine care towards his character development. and scholastic future. I truly believe my son has excelled in his studies and developed pertinent values, because of the culture and environment CCA has created and continues to uphold.

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Katie Arkfeld
Comment:	I support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate's charter because of the tremendous impact I am able to have on students as a 2nd grade teacher. Last year I had many challenging behaviors in my classroom and, with collaboration from colleagues, we were able to address behaviors and support student needs. I had a student who started the year with very low attendance, low work completion, and physical and verbal aggression. They ended the year with a perfect attendance month, reading on grade-level, sitting right up front, and raising their hand frequently. This change came about because staff at Capitol Collegiate are willing to do whatever it takes to best serve our students. We build strong relationships with our students, partner with families, and collaborate with each other to find and implement what it is our students need. This certainly does not happen everywhere Capitol Collegiate's charter should be renewed so that teachers and staff can continue to teach and support ALL our students.

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Leslie Grundy
Comment:	My name is Leslie Grundy, I am the Director of Student Life at Capitol Collegiate Academy. I support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate's charter for the next five years. When I first started at CCA four years ago, we as a school were just starting to welcome our first group of middle school students. It was important to our leaders, students, and families that CCA offered a lot of the same opportunities as other middle schools in the Sacramento area. It was also important that these opportunities were driven by the needs and desires of our scholars. I am so proud to say that in the second year of our middle school being fully built out (6th – 8th grade) that our students' needs and desires continue to be our top priority even while we are virtual. Over the last four years we have been able to provide our students with a wide variety of clubs, electives, sports, an overnight science trip, volunteer activities, and leadership roles just to name a few. From these different opportunities I have watch students grow and blossom. The extra opportunities allow for students who might struggle academically to have a place on our campus where they can feel successful and that they belong. In my second year at CCA I witness the power that these extra curriculars have on students. That year we had a student join the Garden Club, it was from there that they gained the confidence to participate in class, even when the academics felt difficult. The student's behavior inside of the classroom also greatly improved. It is because of these opportunities that many of our students have invested themselves inside and outside of the classroom at CCA.

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Name:	Icarius AM Hernandez
Comment:	My name is Icarius Hernandez and I am the parent of 2 scholars at Capitol Collegiate Academy. Jayla Hernandez, 3rd grade 8 years old and Xavier Hernandez, 2nd grade age 7. I fully support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate for the next 5 years because as a parent I think this school is very valuable. Prior to me choosing for my kids to attend Capitol Collegiate I had already heard great things about the school, how great the programs were, and how hands on the staff is with the students. Just great things that comforted me as a parent. So when it came time for my children to start school I was just in awe. I couldn't believe how much my kids were enjoying being at school, how much the teachers were so involved and understanding. If I ever had any questions or concerns, their teachers were and still are there to assist me at any time of day. I am always kept up to date with my children's academic progress. So please help us to renew Capitol Collegiate Academy for another 5 years. Thank you!

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Juliana Naulivou
Comment:	Juliana Naulivou: To whom it may concern,
	My name is Juliana Naulivou, proud parent of my Capitol Collegiate Academy scholars, William Vakasiuola Naulivou grade 7 whose been enrolled since his 3rd grade, Alisi Tupou Motulalo Naulivou grade 4 whose been enrolled since Kindergarten and Mosese Vakasiuola Naulivou Jr. grade 2 whose been enrolled since Kindergarten as well.
	I proudly support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate's charter for the next 5 years for their utmost effort in keeping our scholars safe. That means bullying is a no no in our school. It means when emergencies occur they are ready full throttle in locking down our doors keeping our kids safe as they have fire/emergency drill on campus yes, CCA staff and teachers did that and I had experienced it when a few accidents occured at our school campus.
	I proudly support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate's charter for the next 5 years because they never failed to listen and help my son who is in 7th grade now, who had a hard time with reading comprehension. With the resources they have, they made sure my son would get the help he needed. Right now my son is reading and comprehending independently soaring through his 7th grade now with awesome grades.
	We love Capitol Collegiate Academy. Because they truly care for our scholars for the betterment of their future.

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Name:	Brittany Coghlan
Comment:	My name is Brittany Coghlan, and I am an Instructional Coach at Capitol Collegiate. This is my third year at CCA and am grateful to work alongside such driven and committed teachers, staff, and administration. The administration works tirelessly to support instructional leaders and teachers to make a positive impact on students, on a personal and academical level. The teachers in K-2, whom I predominantly work with, show ongoing dedication to increasing reading achievement for our students. Visiting our campus during a typical year, you would see groups of students practicing phonics on the carpet while other students did independent literacy work and still others huddled around a table in a group of 6-8 having discussions about texts in a guided reading group. You would see students eager to take their next reading test to show off how much they have grown. Despite the unique circumstances of teaching in 2020-21, teachers have forged on and found new ways of skillfully meeting the needs of their developing readers. I have seen how much each individual at Capitol Collegiate cares about students and families, and that has further deepened my own commitment to the CCA community.

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Pam Thompson
Comment:	Capitol Collegiate Academy through core values and best practices is making a positive difference in the lives of many students.
	Since, using their core values and best practices in my virtual classroom, it has impacted student learning.
	"We believe that it is our responsibility to hold high academic expectations of our students to ensure they can achieve and compete now and for life."
	Scholars are eager to share in classroom discussions, hands on activities, events, competitions and much more.
	One third grade scholar has changed his point of view about school.
	He is now, meeting behavior expectations and caring about his learning, before he was distracted and disruptive in the classroom.
	There are more scholars to reach and they too, can be influenced like this third grader, through CCA and their amazing approach to student learning and success.
	Therefore, please consider this amazing school for renewal.

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Name:	Belinda Fulbright
Comment:	Hello, thank you in advance for allowing parents, students and the community to share our thoughts.
	My daughter has attended Capitol Collegiate Academy since second grade, she is now in sixth. This school is committed to teaching their students respect and provides great education and opportunities for students to show leadership. The staff understands students learn at different paces and levels and have teaching systems in place to ensure every student learns and stays busy. I feel this school has done an amazing job during the difficult times of Covid by continuing to provide good education through distance learning and also how the staff communicates with families. This school is a great benefit to Sacramento and our kids deserve all that Capitol Collegiate Academy offers.

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Name:	Mariela Cruz
Comment:	Good evening Honorable Board Members, thank you for taking the time to read and take into consideration my statement below.
	My name is Mariela Cruz and I am a proud Capitol Collegiate parent since 2013.
	My children Alexandra, 7th grade and Jesus, 6th grade have been enrolled since kindergarten at CCA. I proudly support the renewal of CCA charter for the next 5 years.
	I support this school because of the barriers it has broken as far as education standards. My kids (first generation born Americans) have the same; if not better access to the highest educational quality and materials and can have the same opportunity as everyone else regardless of their zip code.
	When the stay at home order was placed last year, CCA was up and running with virtual programs available and take home materials within ONE week!
	Ms. Fiorelli, Mrs. Narayan and their team immediately deployed any and all available school resources to minimize the impact of of our new education reality; home school. Teachers and staff were in constant communication with families. Who needed what supplies, who had internet access, who needed a loaner laptop, how they could support every single student. Hundreds of personal phone calls were made from teachers and staff to the kids and their families, reassuring them, providing food security resources, checking in, and offering to be in direct contact and available for them at any time. (We all know the horrific child abuse statistics)
	CCA staff printed thousands of home paper packets so scholars could continue to work and learn while the successful laptop loaner program was organized and distributed. Teachers were on Google class, continuing to hold scholars accountable for their work, giving these kids some sense of normal during this incredibly difficult time
	I cannot speak for other schools and districts but my colleagues, friends and family were in awe my kids were in virtual school within a week on the order 3/19/2020.
	Who does this? CCA did! Affirming your safety and wellness, Mariela Cruz

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Hello

My name is vivianna Gutierrez and I would like to call in to make a public comment during the Capitol Collegiate Academy public hearing. I am a teacher there and my number is The Comment that I will read aloud is below:

As a first year teacher at Capitol Collegiate Academy, I have been lucky enough to be supported by a team that truly believes in helping the community. This year we all have faced several challenges. But I always think back to CCA's middle school prep values. The value that sticks out to me is perseverance. I have been lucky enough to have been supported by incredible educators who believe in the idea of equity for all, and administration that genuinely cares about me. The biggest struggle that first year teachers face is staying. As a first year teacher I have no doubt in my mind that CCA is a home for all. We do our absolute best to ensure everyone is welcomed, cared for, and supported. Life is not perfect, education is a changing system where we all have to adapt. The resilience of CCA is how it adapts and how it truly puts educators and students first. Without my manager or coach, or team, I think I would have been lost. I am so lucky to be a part of a group that has the same beliefs as myself. I am heard, I am accounted for, and I am respected. I feel that there is no greater reward than being a teacher, but there is no gift as fruitful as the sense of community that I feel with CCA. Before I leave remember this Nelson Mandela once said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" and at CCA our world is our students, staff, and community. Thank you.

Vivianna Gutierrez

Vivianna Gutierrez | Capitol Collegiate Academy

Middle School History Teacher

January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Veronica Morales
Comment:	My name is Veronica Morales and i am a parent at Capital Colligate Acadamy., I have 2 children that attend here Hernan 7th grade and Christopher in 3rd grade. I support the renewal of Capitol Collegiate's charter for the next 5 years. I strongly believe this school has been a great asset to my childrens education Hernan has been coming here since Kindergarden. I have always had good communication with all of his teachers by phone, email or tex, Everybody here works together to provide the best Education. Teachers/staff are really engaged in Hernans learning, goals, and help with areas in need of improvement with out hesitation.
	Christoper also has been here since kindergatin he was diagnosed with ADHD after his first year here and has a IEP plan in which the school follows thoroughly. From being there for him in his meltdowns to having all his teachers including Mr. Bastian always backing him up and having plans for him in all areas of Education and Special needs, I have learned to grow respect and appreciation towards everyone at capital Collegiate, I cant see my kids going to a different school where they don't know them at this point. Both Hernan and Chris feel really comfortable knowing all of the teachers/staff know who they are and even Cristin Fiorelli she is the best principal, Every morning she would greet every single child that came in that door by their name, this is priceless. Its like family here to us . I ask in the most respectful manner to Please renew our continuation of capital collegiate.

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January 14, 2021 Public Comments

Name:	Shannon Wood
Comment:	Hello, my name is Shannon Wood. I am a parent at CCA. My child is Jacoby Montiero, a 6th grade scholar at CCA. I am writing to share my support for the renewal of CCA for another 5 years. From Kindergarten to 2nd grade my son attended a public school. He excelled highly but the school kept him behind so he would get in trouble because he would be bored. And it was obvious the lack of attention and care I expect for my child. I came across CCA and knew this was the school for us. As him getting to college is extremely important I knew he needed a school in his league but I cannot afford a better school until I came across Capitol Collegiate Academy! The name said it all! My son has been with CCA since 3rd grade and has excelled tremendously since! His lists of achievements at CCA every year are highly exceptional and impressive! CCA has been a huge impact because what they represent and the absolutely amazing staff and extraordinary education they provide. I wish CCA had a high school as well because I do not want my son to leave! CCA makes Sacramento a better place for these kids! They are installing bright futures in these kids! Please renew CCA for another 5 years! They are necessary in our community! I rave about this school to everyone I know because it is everything a parent wants in a school! Especially us families who cannot afford private schools! Our children deserve the best educations, bright futures and a staff who really cares about them and who they become. CCA provides it all! Thank you for your time. Take care, Shannon Wood

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