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**From:** Starrlight Murray <  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Harpreet Chohan; Madison Hiebert  
**Subject:** In Support of Agenda item 10.1

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Hello SCUSD Board Members,

My name is StarrLight Murray and I would like to express my full support for item 10.1 . I started this journey with Capital Heights Academy when my son attended from grades 2-5. In this time I was able to see so much growth in my sons academics as well as his social skills with peers. Capitol Heights Academy has been such A positive influence in my child's educational journey that I decided to apply and be apart of this amazing school. I have now been employed with Aspire Capital Heights Academy going on 4 years. I couldn't be more proud to work with the amazing staff and families of the Oak Park Community. This site has been a blessing for so many years to many and I believe we are more than deserving for this approval. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warmly,

Ms. StarrLight Murray

Starrlight Murray  
Lead Campus Motivator  
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

**From:** Imose Ogbeiwi <...>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Marco Salazar; Chris Orr; Madison Hiebert; Harpreet Chohan  
**Subject:** In support of Agenda Item 10.1  
**Attachments:** "Letter in Support to Add an Item on the Agenda (Imose Ogbeiwi).docx"

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**From:** Imose Ogbeiwi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:43 PM  
**To:** publiccomment@scusd.edu <publiccomment@scusd.edu>  
**Cc:** Marco Salazar <...>; Chris Orr <Chris...>; Madison Hiebert <...>; Harpreet Chohan <...>  
**Subject:** In Support of Agenda Item #9.2

**In Support of Agenda Item #9.2**

Imose Ogbeiwi  
SOAR After School Education  
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

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**From:** D Clan  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 8:24 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** chris.orr@aspirepublicschools.org  
**Subject:** Charter Revision for Capitol Heights Academy

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Dear SCUSD board members. My name is David Clanre a concerned parent urging you to approve the Charter Revision of Capital Heights Academy. We have outgrown our current facility and need to expand. I stand with our schools faculty and Principal "All kids deserve great schools". Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Lauren Loomis <  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:43 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Madison Hiebert; Harpreet Chohan; Chris Orr  
**Subject:** In Support of Agenda Item 10.1

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Dear Sacramento Unified School Board Members,

I am writing in support of Aspire Capitol Heights Academy request to move to a new school site. Since the 2012-2013 school year, I have had the privilege to engage with what I consider a very special student body and dedicated team of educators at Capitol Heights Academy as their School Counselor. As I am sure you are aware, the student body at Capitol Heights Academy is nearly 100% comprised of students and families of color, a majority of whom identify as African-American and Latinx. Making the move to the proposed new school site will be a huge step forward in closing the opportunity gap that our students face each day within the education system. A new facility will provide our students with the ideal environment to learn, while giving our students extra resources they have not been able to access. Additionally, it will allow Aspire Public Schools to provide us with more resources that our current school site does not have the capacity to support. It will also allow our students to continue to grow and mature within our school community and provide our families with the ability to feel comfort and trust in a secondary institution that they know has their child's interests at heart. It is crucial for our school's success to move to this new location, so that we may continue with forward momentum towards academic excellence for our students. Right now, more than ever, I am convinced that we have the perfect combination of administrators, teachers, support staff and students that are dedicated to the growth of our school community and are prepared to create future leaders of society.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and I anxiously await your decision.

Sincerely,

**Lauren Loomis**  
**School Counselor (PPSC/LMFT)**  
*Aspire Capitol Heights Academy*  
*2520 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Sacramento, CA 95817*

**Capitol Heights Academy PROUD**

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**From:** Demeshia Coleman <  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:26 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Chris Orr; Madison Hiebert; Harpreet Chohan  
**Subject:** In support of Agenda Item 10.1

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Good morning,

I am a teacher at Capitol Heights Elementary. I also live in the community in which I work. I am in support of moving to a new campus. This move will provide adequate space and accommodations for our students, their families and our staff.

*Demeshia Coleman*  
*2nd grade teacher / Engagement and Equity Co-lead*  
*Aspire Capitol Heights Academy*  
*2520 33<sup>rd</sup> St*  
*Sacramento, CA 95817*

**"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively". - Bob Marley**

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**From:** Genesis Hernandez Gutierrez <  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:01 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Chris Orr; Harpreet Chohan; Madison Hiebert  
**Subject:** In Support of Agenda Item 10.1

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Dear SCUSD Board Members,

The reason for this email is in support of relocating Aspire Capital Heights Academy (CHA). My name is Genesis Hernandez Gutierrez, I am a Sacramento native and I am a proud After School Educator at CHA. Aspire serves over 80% Black and Latinx students. As a member of this community that was born and raised in Oak Park, I have witnessed first-hand the need for resources in my community to support Black and Latinx students. At Aspire we provide our students with the resources necessary to be successful not only in school but also in life.

Aspire has always keep students' best interest at heart and this move is a perfect example. Moving locations will allow us to help more families give their scholars the opportunity to receive an equitable education. At Aspire we give each child the necessary tools and resources to be successful and to know college is for certain. Moving to a new location will allow us to have more classrooms which will mean smaller class sizes. This allows for the opportunity for one on one instruction which many students might need. The new location is ideal for Aspire's partnership with Sacramento State University to help foster a college-bound environment for our students at a young age. The new location is located in a cul-de-sac, creating a safe location for the school that allows for a streamlined pick-up and drop-off process. I ask that you approve Aspire's request to move to a new location so we can continue serving the Sacramento community.

**Genesis Hernandez G.**  
After School Educator - SOAR  
**Capital Heights Academy**  
2520 33rd Street, Sacramento CA 95817

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**From:** Madison Hiebert <  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 8:59 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Chris Orr; Harpreet Chohan  
**Subject:** In support of Agenda Item 10.1  
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I strongly support the material revision of Aspire Captiol Heights Academy and firmly believe our scholars deserve your consideration. Above all else, kids come FIRST.

**Madison Hiebert**  
**Capitol Heights Academy – Dean of Instruction**  
**Aspire Public Schools- College For Certain!**  
2520 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95817

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- Creating a Culture of Trust and a Beloved Community amongst Staff, Faculty, and Families
- Physically and emotionally safe schools: Equitable, productive and engaging environments that enlist families as partners
- Academic Excellence: Rigorous, CCSS aligned Math, ELA, and NGSS Science instruction (to ensure equitable growth towards our 3 year growth targets)



**Aspire Capitol Heights Academy**  
2520 33rd Street | Sacramento, CA 95817  
Office: 916.739-8520 | Fax: 916.739.8529

My name is Madison Hiebert and I am a Dean of Instruction up in Sacramento. I taught for four years at Aspire APEX Academy in Stockton and the community is near and dear to my heart. I was so excited about the opening of two new schools to serve more students in this area, knowing the need for quality education. Our students deserve that and so much more.

It is heartbreaking to me to think that you would take that opportunity away from the community, especially when it was already voted on 7-0! Aspire has worked diligently to hire for both schools and to set up hundreds of students for success and give them an opportunity to obtain an excellent education. There are already student enrolled!

It is absurd to me to think that our education system would grant such a huge project like this and then resend. It is unethical, immoral, and just not right. I am expressing whole heartedly in favor of agenda item #10.1.



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**From:** Lynette Hayden  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 8:34 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Chris Orr; Harpreet Chohan; Madison Hiebert  
**Subject:** In support of Agenda Item 10.1

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October 15, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District  
Board of Trustees  
5735 47th Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824

Dear Board Trustees,

I, as an employee of Aspire Charter Schools, am strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

As an organization that serves over 80% Black and Latinx students the charter revision request represents a reaffirmation of Aspire's commitment to Sacramento's underserved students and a deepening of their investment into our community.

I support the charter revision for a number of reasons:

- Sacramento needs an educated workforce with strong ties to our community. The exceptional academic performance of Capitol Heights Academy will help develop the next generation of our City's leaders.
- Aspire instills in its students the value of giving back by encouraging them to return home after college to make an impact in one's community. We need community advocates that are successful to and through college, so that they can contribute to future generations in Sacramento.
- The new location is ideal for Aspire's partnership with Sacramento State University and will help foster a college-bound environment at a young age. This is a critical component of Aspire's College for Certain philosophy.
- The new location is located in a cul-de-sac, creating a safe location for the school that allows for a streamlined pick-up and drop-off process

I am excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy School flourishing for years to come in our city. I ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

*Lynette Hayden, LMFT, LPCC*

Special Education Mental Health Counselor  
Aspire Public Schools, Sacramento Region

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**From:** Kayla Green <kayla.green@scusd.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2020 6:03 AM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Chris Orr; Harpreet Chohan; Madison Hiebert  
**Subject:** In support of [Agenda Item 10.1](#)

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Greetings Sac USD,

I am writing this email in support of Capitol Heights Academy(CHA) moving to a new facility.

I have worked at CHA for two years and a new facility would greatly improve the learning experience for our students. One reason is because our current facility has temperature control issues and is years behind in available technology/systems, which negatively affects our students' focus during school.

Another reason is because we are currently sharing a campus with a church and this limits the types of resources and events we can provide for our community and families.

Finally, I support this move because I know a better facility would make it easier for me to teach. I won't have to stop the flow to troubleshoot during our lessons and student engagement would increase.

Thank you for taking the time to consider moving our campus for the betterment of our students' learning.

Kayla Green  
Capitol Heights Academy – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher  
Aspire Public Schools

October 15, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Trustees  
5735 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sacramento,  
CA 95824

“Letters in Support to Add an Item on the Agenda”

Hello SUSD Board Members,

I have been an Aspire employee for just over a year. My name is Imose Ogbeiwi but my students prefer to call me Ms. Mo.

Although my time at Aspire has been relatively short, my experience has been extremely beneficial to my professional and personal growth. Thanks to Aspire, I was able to expand and gain meaningful experience in and outside of the classroom.

Throughout my role as Afterschool educator, I have been able to connect with students of all ages here at CHA, and increase my communication skills with scholars and their parents. I admire how Aspire puts student’s needs first while remaining sensitive to the needs of educators as well.

I am grateful for Aspire and the staff at CHA. I became employed through Aspire just a few weeks after moving to the Central Valley region. When I was seeking more experience and additional hours, Aspire allowed me to utilize my subbing permit and provided me with substitute teaching opportunities that helped me professionally and also financially. I will remain forever grateful for these types of priceless experiences.

I am in support for the charter revision for CHA. The new location, which is near Sacramento State University, is ideal. It gives students greater opportunities to visit the campus, and reaffirms our College for Certain motto. I believe that these new adjustments will further promote success for our students, opportunities for educators and increase opportunities to serve the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

Imose Ogbeiwi  
After School Educator  
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

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**From:** Claudia Cuevas Gonzalez <[ccuevas@scusd.net](mailto:ccuevas@scusd.net)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 3:55 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Chris Orr; Harpreet Chohan; Madison Hiebert  
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October 14, 2020

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

My experience with Capitol Heights Academy has been overwhelmingly positive. I am fortunate to work with an organization that serves over 80% Black and Latinx students. Capitol Heights Academy (CHA) is a safe space for many of our students, it is the place where they are valued and encouraged to reach their full potential. Our school not only focuses in academics but supports our students with social and emotional skills.

The fact that this process has taken so long makes me question a lot of things. We need to think about our children and our community. We need to give them what they need and deserve.

I support the charter revision for a number of reasons:

- Sacramento needs an educated workforce with strong ties to our community. The exceptional academic performance of Capitol Heights Academy will help develop the next generation of our City's leaders by influencing them to make their communities what they want it to be.
- CHA is dedicated to providing high-quality education for underserved communities. I believe the new location will be an excellent place to reach more students.
- Aspire's approach is effective since it respects children and their cultural background while providing an equitable education.
- The new location is ideal for Aspire's partnership with Sacramento State University and will help foster a college-bound environment at a young age.
- The new location is located in a cul-de-sac, creating a safe location for the school that allows for a streamlined pick-up and drop-off process.

I am excited to see the impact that Capitol Heights Academy can have not only in our students but in the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Claudia Cuevas González

K/1 teacher

Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

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**From:** Valorie Stradling ·  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:09 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
**Cc:** Madison Hiebert; Chris Orr; Harpreet Chohan  
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Hello SUSD Board members,

My name is Valorie Stradling and I am a kindergarten teacher at Aspire Capital Heights Academy in Sacramento, but more than that, I am also a mom of two Aspire students. I decided to teach at an Aspire school based on the amazing education that they have received there, as well as the schools dedication to creating an environment that promotes excellence within it's students. I wanted to be a part of it. When I started at CHA, I was excited to hear about the opportunity for growth that the school was working on. There is a huge need for a quality education in this underserved community and the new facility would allow just that. It will allow us to serve more students, to educated more students, to foster excellence in more students. Our students deserve that, and it is imperative that we as a community do everything in our power to make sure that this happens. It is because of this that I am in full support of Aspire and all of the hard work and dedication that has been done to set its students up for success.

Thank you for your time,

Valorie Stradling

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**From:** Chris Orr  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** SCUSD Public Comment  
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**Attachments:** Letter of Support - Orr.docx

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SCUSD Board of Trustees,

I am writing to express strong support of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

I challenge the Board to think beyond politics and uphold your promise to put students first...**ALL students**. In a time where equity and social justice is at the forefront of our county and city, I hope that your decision rests squarely on your values and principles as leaders in education and sincere care for young people. Any denial would strongly question those values and principles.

As an organization that serves over 80% Black and Latinx students the charter revision request represents a reaffirmation of Aspire's commitment to Sacramento's underserved students and a deepening of their investment into our community.

I support the charter revision for a number of reasons:

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- Aspire instills in its students the value of giving back by encouraging them to return home after college to make an impact in one's community. We need community advocates that are successful to and through college, so that they can contribute to future generations in Sacramento.
- The new location is ideal for Aspire's partnership with Sacramento State University and will help foster a college-bound environment at a young age. This is a critical component of Aspire's College for Certain ethos.

I am excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy flourishing for years to come in our city. I ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,  
Chris Orr  
Principal  
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

**Chris Orr | Principal**  
**Aspire Capitol Heights Academy**  
**[www.aspirepublicschools.org](http://www.aspirepublicschools.org)**

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Sincerely,

Chris Orr  
Principal  
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy

October 14, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District  
Board of Trustees  
5735 47th Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824

Dear Board Trustees,

The ACHA Expanded Learning Program is strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

Capitol Heights Academy is located in a community that needs your support. There has long lived an academic achievement gap in our community due to a lack of resources. This lack of resources translates to a lack of support for our scholars which impedes their growth. Children are our future and it is only right that every child receives equity. Our curriculum is constantly being changed to reflect this equity but when it comes to equity in support from our leadership I do not see this reflected. We need your support with the charter revision request to create equity for our Scholars.

As an organization that serves over 80% Black and Latinx students the charter revision request represents a reaffirmation of Aspire's commitment to Sacramento's underserved students and a deepening of their investment into our community.

We support the charter revision for a number of reasons:

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- The new location is located in a cul-de-sac, creating a safe location for the school that allows for a streamlined pick-up and drop-off process.
- The new location will allow scholars to continue to interact with staff they trust.
- The new location will allow ACHA to serve scholars up until 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This will allow parents to continue to send their scholars to a school they know and trust.

We are excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy flourishing for years to come in our city. We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

Tamarah Clark  
After School Educator  
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy





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October 14, 2020

Sacramento City Unified School District  
Board of Trustees  
5735 47th Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95824

Dear Board Trustees,

I am strongly supportive of the material revision of the charter for Aspire Public Schools' Capitol Heights Academy in Sacramento.

Reflecting on the landscape of our social political world, it is apparent that we need to invest in our scholars of color, especially Black scholars. As an organization that serves over 80% Black and Latinx students the charter revision request represents a reaffirmation of Aspire's commitment to Sacramento's underserved students and deepening of their investment into our community.

It is vital to allow Capitol Heights Academy to have the increased opportunity to allow our Black and Latinx scholars to succeed with the vision of attending college with the goal to return to our Sacramento community to serve and make a positive change. The new location will allow Aspire to partner with Sacramento State University supporting our college bound mission. Our scholars are the next generation of our City's leaders. It's time to invest in them and Capitol Heights Academy.

Lastly, the new location will be important in providing a safe location that allows for a stream-lined pick-up and drop off process due to being located in a cul-de-sac. In our location currently, we have had multiple incidents that put our community in unsafe situations due to the lack of space. We want to ensure our scholars feel safe at our school.

We are excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy flourishing for years to come in our city. We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

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Behavior Technician  
**Aspire Capitol Heights Academy**  
2520 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95817



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October 14, 2020

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It is vital to allow Capitol Heights Academy to have the opportunity to allow our Black and Latinx scholars to succeed with the vision of attending college. We hope that many of our scholars' goal is to return to our Sacramento community to serve and make a positive change. The new location will allow Aspire to work closely with Sacramento State University supporting our college bound mission. Our scholars are the next generation of our City's leaders. It's time to invest in them and Capitol Heights Academy.

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We are excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy thriving for years to come in our city. We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

**Moriah Ponder**

4<sup>th</sup> grade General Education teacher  
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy  
2520 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95817



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October 14, 2020

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Sincerely,

**Harpreet Chohan**

**Harpreet Chohan**, Assistant Principal  
**Aspire Capitol Heights Academy**  
2520 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95817



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October 14, 2020

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Board of Trustees  
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It is imperative to allow Capitol Heights Academy in a timely manner, as too much time has gone by already, to have the increased opportunity and allow our scholars to succeed with the vision of attending college with the goal to return to our Sacramento community to serve and make a positive change. The new location will allow Aspire to partner with Sacramento State University supporting our college bound mission. Our scholars are the next generation of our City's leaders. They need the adequate space to reach their full potential.

We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

**Marina Diosdado-Corral**

Marina Diosdado-Corral,  
5th grade teacher  
Equity and Family Outreach Co-Lead  
Aspire Capitol Heights Academy  
2520 33rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95817



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Reflecting on the landscape of our social political world, it is apparent that we need to invest in our scholars of color, especially Black scholars. As an organization that serves over 80% Black and Latinx students the charter revision request represents a reaffirmation of Aspire's commitment to Sacramento's underserved students and deepening of their investment into our community.

It is vital to allow Capitol Heights Academy to have the increased opportunity to allow our Black and Latinx scholars to succeed with the vision of attending college with the goal to return to our Sacramento community to serve and make a positive change. The new location will allow Aspire to partner with Sacramento State University supporting our college bound mission. Our scholars are the next generation of our City's leaders. It's time to invest in our amazing scholars by investing in Capitol Heights Academy's growth and a new facility in order to keep striving for the equity and success of our scholars.

Lastly, the new location will be important in providing a safe location that allows for a stream-lined pick-up and drop off process due to being located in a cul-de-sac. In our location currently, we have had multiple incidents that put our community in unsafe situations due to the lack of space. We want to ensure our scholars feel safe at our school.

We are excited to see the Capitol Heights Academy flourishing for years to come in our city. We ask that you approve this application and allow Aspire Public Schools to continue serving the Sacramento community.

Sincerely,

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