

	<p>In the June 6th board meeting, Chief Business and Operations Officer Janea Marking acknowledged:</p> <p>“Proportionately, our contracted services are really high... There’s a recommendation to take reductions on that line.”</p> <p>That recommendation is to reduce contracted services by \$25 million for the 2025–2026 school year.</p> <p>So we must ask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How does eliminating in-district BCBAs help reduce contracted services by \$25 million when their absence has driven those costs up exponentially?- How does gutting internal support for behavior and LRE decisions help implement MTSS with fidelity?- How does continuing to disproportionately send Black and Brown students to segregated, costly placements align with your commitment to racial equity and your collaboration with the BPSB? <p>This isn’t just bad budgeting - it’s a betrayal of our students and your stated values.</p> <p>It is time for the board to support rebuilding a sustainable model - one grounded in equity, fiscal responsibility, and a true commitment to serving our most vulnerable students within district.</p> <p>Bring back the BCBAs. Restore the supports. Reverse the harm.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Omar Ponce & Linda McCrea Board Certified Behavior Analysts</p>
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Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting

May 15, 2025

Written Public Comments

Name:	Alejandra Cruz
School:	Maple Elementary
Agenda Item #	10.8
Comment:	<p>Hello Sacramento City Unified School District Board,</p> <p>On behalf of La Familia, please find attached a copy of our petition along with the first batch of collected signatures.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Alejandra Cruz</p> <p>La Familia Counseling Center, Inc.</p>



SIGN THE PETITION AND HELP US KEEP LA FAMILIA AT MAPLE!

For over 50 years, La Familia has been a cornerstone of our community, offering a wide array of programs recognized locally, statewide, and nationally.

But now, the future of our home at the Maple Neighborhood Center is at risk and we need your voice. Join us in urging decision-makers to let La Familia continue to serve from the place we've long called home.

The Maple Neighborhood Center has played a vital role in providing many of these invaluable services such as:

► Youth Programs:

- Children's Mental Health Counseling
- Early Learners
- After School Kids Club
- #SacTownYouth Nights (#STYN)
- Girl Scouts
- Summer Lunch Program
- Youth Voice

► Additional Programming:

- Older Adult Groups
- Tech-savvy Group
- Community Events
- Chair Yoga & Zumba
- Short-term Spanish Counseling
- Recreation (Futsal)
- Parenting Workshops
- Health & Wellness Workshops
- Job Fairs & Much More!

► Maple Partners:

- 916 Ink - creative writing and literacy workshops and tutoring
- Sacramento Adventure Playground - after school youth development program

SUPPORT LA FAMILIA CONTINUING TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT THE MAPLE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER!

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COMMENTS:

La Familia Maple Petition

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1	Ana Chamorro	95820	
2	Ian Hadley	95824	Vital services for the community. So important to allow services to continue at the Maple Campus.
3	Dan Barr	95824	La Familia and its partners offer essential and supportive service and aid to its surrounding communities. Even with the groundbreaking of La Familia's new compound (which has not even begun construction yet), the Maple Center remains and important spot for those who rely on La Familia to benefit from its services.
4	Lori Everman	95628	Keep La Familia as it is! It is a community institution and extremely import any to many vulnerable people.
5	Sara Knudson	95610	I work in the Maple center at 916 Ink and love being here. I hope we can continuel
6	Jason Brennan	95824	I am an employee for 916ink. In my time working at the Maple Center I have seen hundreds if not thousands of community members receive life changing help and care at the facility. This community needs this place as much the people who depend on their jobs need it.
7	Jade Rodgers	95757	
8	Brooke Noble	95747	I want to keep the La Familia Center alive and open!
9	Miranda Williams	95831	There are a lot of great community programs that the community would be losing if La Familia needed to move to a new location
10	Anne Everman	95628	These programs and services are needed.
11	Jan Petrides	95835	We need to keep La Familia at Maple!
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13	Sarah Tung	96109	
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May 13, 2025

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Board of Education

Sacramento City Unified School District

5735 47th Avenue

Sacramento, CA 95824

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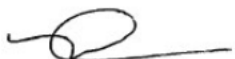
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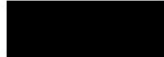
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Over 8,000 children are served annually by the Sacramento Adventure Playground at the *Maple Neighborhood Center*, with a 90%+ rate of children within the Sacramento City Unified School District attending. The success of this facility and its impact on the community has been remarkable, and we wholeheartedly support ownership of the Maple Neighborhood Center transferring to La Familia.

**Sacramento
Adventure Playground**

**Fairytale
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The Program

Play is the work of childhood. Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, physical, cognitive, and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children learn and interact in the world around them.



Play is also linked to developing key skills that serve as a foundation for critical thinking, communication, problem solving, and collaboration. Often referred to as 21st century skills, these competencies complement core subject matter knowledge and are highly valued in an increasingly complex, competitive and interactive world.

Fairytale Town is committed to the play and education of our children. In 2016 we opened the Sacramento Adventure Playground at the Maple Neighborhood Center and have found remarkable success. Adventure playgrounds are common and numerous throughout the world, albeit not within the United States. 80 years of heavy research has shown the incredible value in children's lives play in a 'junkyard' atmosphere has. Fairytale Town has witnessed the remarkable social, physical and educational change within children who attend the program and is committed to providing this free resource to the community at the Maple Neighborhood Center.

Programs Offered

- Free afterschool play
- Family project days
- Dirty Kid Obstacle Race
- Summer camps
- Homeschool enrichment
- Girl Scout programs

Program Quotes

"You have no idea of the wonderful reputation this place has in the community."

"His creativity and tinkering have just shot up since he started attending here." Parent.

"This is a lifesaver." Working parent on the Holiday Play Camp.

"I love this! Thank you so much for teaching us how to make stuff!"
Child, age 8

"Dress in your baddest clothes, have fun and make things" Child.

"We're foster parents (of several) and the one thing they really learned here (at SAP) is how to play outside."

"This place has been a godsend." Parent of an autistic child

"We had tears in the car this morning with this being her last day. This place has been amazing."



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Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD)
5735 47th Ave
Sacramento, CA 95824

RE: Support for La Familia's Maple Neighborhood Center

To Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education and Superintendent Lisa Allen:

As the City Councilmember representing District 8, I am writing in support of La Familia's Maple Neighborhood Center. The Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) last year formed a 7-11 committee to review sites that are no longer going to be repurposed as a school and declared surplus. The recommendations for disposal of the properties will be presented to the SCUSD School Board meeting on May 15, 2025.

We urge the SCUSD to work together to create a solution that would allow La Familia to continue to operate the Maple Neighborhood Center either through a long-term lease of the site, a reduced acquisition cost or other means for the expressed purpose of La Familia continuing to operate the Maple Neighborhood Center.

La Familia stepped up when Maple Elementary School closed causing a void in an already disadvantaged and impacted neighborhood. La Familia created a community-based family friendly one-stop neighborhood center. Since acquiring the site, LFCC with their partners have been offering free afterschool programs such as STEM classes, Girl Scouts, Homework Club, Teen leadership programs, Fairytale town's Adventure playground and 916 inks writing workshops. In addition, four days a week, free summer lunch and enrichment activities are offered to children in the area that otherwise would have no local school site to receive those services.

Other services for families that La Familia and their partners offer include health education, free clinics, older adult activities, support groups, adult English learning programs, GED prep and many other services and events.

The Maple Neighborhood Center also serves as a Voting Center and a cooling/warming center for the community during extreme weather. The site and services have been recognized by the Federal and State Government as a model for Long Term Equitable Recovery and Resilience during COVID and was named as a Federal EnVision Center, as well as a U.S. Homeland Security Climate Resiliency Hub. Additionally, LFCC recently received resources to improve water issues and create a Mini-Park at the site helping to improve the climate conditions in a neighborhood without local



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greenspaces. The Maple Neighborhood Center serves as a critical resource hub of health, mental health, and wellness programs and opportunities for children and families.

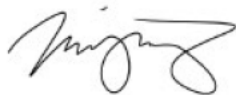
La Familia has been operating the site successfully for over 10 years and has created an important asset and anchor site for the neighborhood that has benefited the children of the Sacramento City and the SCUSD which would be significantly adversely impacted should these services not continue.

We urge the SCUSD to vote to lease the property to the City of Sacramento for the purpose of the City Sub-leasing the site to La Familia. The SCUSD has established precedent by previously allowing the City of Sacramento to lease closed school properties without cost to the City and allowing the City of Sacramento to sub-lease to non-profits. The most recent example of this was in 2012 for the Fremont School. The City sub-leased the Fremont school to Claire's Performing Center for \$1.00 a year for 40 years. This option was not available for the Maple site in 2013. Now that the district is considering identifying the site as surplus the request is that the same opportunity that was given to an affluent neighborhood be offered to this neighborhood.

In the alternative, we urge the SCUSD, School Board to vote to lease or conditionally assign the site to La Familia Counseling Center to ensure the Maple site continues to be operated by La Familia for the expressed purpose of continuing to operate the Maple Neighborhood Center. La Familia would be responsible for all maintenance, utilities and operations of the facility. There would be no cost to the SCUSD and the benefit to the community and the children would be significant.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or if you require any further information. You may contact my District Office Director, Jaime R. Cervantes, at (916) 808-7165 or at jrcervantes@cityofsacramento.org.

In Partnership,



Councilmember Mai Vang
City of Sacramento, District 8



**Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting**

May 15, 2025

Written Public Comments

Name:	Patrick Kennedy
School:	Maple Elementary
Agenda Item #	10.8
Comment:	<p>Dear President Singh, Board Trustees and Superintendent Allen:</p> <p>I am writing to respectfully ask that you reject the staff recommendation on Item 10.8 on this evening's Board agenda.</p> <p>The Maple Neighborhood Center is a vital asset to economically disadvantaged communities and communities of color throughout Sacramento County and particularly South Sacramento. The services they offer our youth are extensive and irreplaceable, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Mental Health Counseling;• Early Learning Programs;• After School Programs;• Summer Youth Programs;• Creative Writing and Literacy Workshops in Partnership with 916 Inc.; and,• Youth Development Programs Encouraging Creative Thinking in Partnership with Sacramento Adventure Playground / Fairytale Town. <p>Additionally, Maple serves our families through services difficult or impossible to find elsewhere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Older Adult Groups;• Parenting Workshops;• Spanish Counseling;• Health and Wellness Workshops;• Job Fairs;• Recreation; and,• Countless Cultural and Educational Community Events Throughout the Year. <p>When Maple Elementary School closed, it served approximately 135 kids. Now it serves thousands of kids and their families per month throughout the year. The services that they provide serve vital many needs of SCUSD families. If these programs were eliminated, it would produce dire results for these families and, most importantly, YOUR students. Since La Familia began leasing the property, they have invested over \$2M through its lease and tenant improvements and maintenance. This is a very small investment to the district that pays countless dividends. Simply put, the District and your students cannot afford to lose this partnership.</p> <p>It is my hope, and that of the community, that you will not surplus Maple and instead enter into</p>

negotiations with La Familia and the City of Sacramento that will cement a long term relationship and continue to improve thousands of lives every month. This would be in furtherance of the District's goals of teaching the whole child in an extremely cost effective way.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Kennedy
Sacramento County Supervisor, District 2



**Sacramento City Unified School District
Board of Education Meeting**

May 15, 2025

Written Public Comments

Name:	Kevin Smith-Fagan
School:	Maple Elemenary
Agenda Item #	10.8
Comment:	<p>RE: the Future of the Maple Elementary site.</p> <p>Fairytale Town has long been a partner with La Familia, renting space at Maple Community Center for our Sacramento Adventure Playground program site. The positive impact La Familia makes on that community is well established, and working alongside, we see it every day.</p> <p>I wholeheartedly support the school district's release of the site to the City of Sacramento, who could then sign a long-term lease with La Familia to operate the site.</p> <p>As it happens, that's exactly the setup under which Fairytale Town itself operates in William Land Park – a long-term lease with the City for a token amount. Our arrangement has worked beautifully for both parties nearly 30 years, and I anticipate same for decades to come.</p> <p>What's the best use of the Maple land? The 7-11 Committee recommendation points straight toward releasing it to the City and a partnership with La Familia.</p> <p>La Familia is a proven enterprise, so the property will be in responsible hands, and the site will deliver hugely important work that lifts people of Sacramento. An example: Our program, the Sacramento Adventure Playground (SAP), serves over 7,000 county children a year ages 5-15. SAP is a free afterschool program fostering problem-solving skills, self-worth, fortitude, and self-confidence, through hands-on building projects and outdoor play that stress individual creativity. This program transforms the lives of Sacramento's kids.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Kevin Smith-Fagan, executive director, Fairytale Town</p>