



Staff Report:

Sol Aureus College Preparatory Charter School Amendment Petition

May 5, 2011



Background & Time-Line



Sol Aureus College Preparatory Charter

- SCUSD authorized March 3, 2003
- First opened August 2003
- Current charter expires June 30, 2013

- Amendment received March 1, 2011
- Public Hearing April 7, 2011
- Recommendation May 5, 2011



Amendment Petition Review Criteria



Material Revision shall be granted unless:

- Unsound education program
- Petitioners unlikely to successfully implement program
- Petition does not contain the number of signatures
- Lacks reasonably comprehensive descriptions of impacted elements

(Education Code 47605)



Amendment Petition Review Criteria



Material amendment shall be granted if it is consistent with sound educational practice.

(Ed. Code §§ 47605, subd. (b) and 47607, subd. (a)(2).)



District Staff and Legal Counsel have thoroughly reviewed SAC Prep's material amendment:

- Overall, the amendment petition meets the requirements of charter school laws, including description of the impacted elements.



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Sound Education Program and Reasonably Comprehensive Descriptions

- Special Education Program
- Measurable Student Outcomes
- Governance Structure of Schooling, including parent involvement
- Admissions Requirements
- Pupil Suspension and Expulsion Policies



Staff Report Continues



Approval is Recommended If Certain Conditions Are Met Prior to Board Action

Condition 1: Petitioners need to clarify or revise their budget analysis based on more realistic projected enrollment numbers for the 2011-2012 and subsequent school years.



Staff Report Continues



Approval is Recommended If Certain Conditions Are Met Prior to Board Action

Condition 2: Petitioners need to supplement and clarify the following elements

Element A-Education Program for K-4 and English Language Learners



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Condition 2: Petitioners need to supplement and clarify the following elements

Element F-Health and Safety Plan

Element N-Dispute Resolution Process



Conditions for Approval

**SAC Prep
Provided Revisions**



Conditions for Approval



Conditions are Met

1. Petitioners have revised and clarified the budget numbers to reflect a more realistic projected enrollment beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.



Conditions for Approval



Conditions are Met

2. Petitioners have further define and describe the curriculum and course of study for the students in the kindergarten through fourth grade programs.

English Language Learner Program needs further development.



Conditions for Approval



Conditions are Met

3. Petitioners have provided a copy of Sol Aureus Staff Manual, which includes Emergency Procedures
4. Petitioners have revised the Dispute Resolution



Recommendation



SAC Prep's revisions meet district conditions and requirements.

Staff recommends that the Amendment Petition be approved.