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Sundar Chari
Latitude 37.8 High School
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Re: Proposition 39 Facilities Request for 2021-22
Response to Charter School’s Enrollment Projections

Dear Sundar Chari:

The Oakland Unified School District (“OUSD” or “District”) responds to the November 1, 2020 Request for Facilities for Latitude 37.8 High School (“Latitude” or “Charter School”) for the 2021-22 school year.

The regulations implementing Proposition 39¹ permit a school district to assess the projections upon which a charter school’s facilities request is based, express objections to those projections, and issue a counterprojection. In conducting its evaluation, the District assesses whether the charter school’s Request for Facilities meets the requirements contained in the regulations² governing such a request.

The District objects to the charter school’s projections as set forth below.

REVIEW OF CHARTER SCHOOL’S ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Proposition 39 only obligates a school district to offer facilities commensurate with a charter school’s In-District population. Therefore, the District will only evaluate the Charter School’s In-District classroom-based Average Daily Attendance (In-District ADA) projections. Latitude’s enrollment and enrollment projections are as follows:

Table 1: Charter School’s Enrollment and Projections

Grade Level	20-21 In-District Enrollment	21-22 Projected In-District Enrollment	21-22 Projected Attendance Rate	Projected 21-22 In-District ADA
9 th	47	100	94.04%	94.04
10 th	41	47	94.80%	44.56
11 th	32	41	94.80%	38.87
12 th	-	32	94.80%	30.34
Total	120	220	-	207.81

Source: Charter School’s Proposition 39 Facilities Request Form, Appendix I

OUSD’S EVALUATION OF CHARTER SCHOOL’S ADA PROJECTIONS

As shown in Table 2, Latitude slightly overprojected its 2020-21 enrollment in its previous Prop 39 request. As shown in Table 3, this was largely due to its failure to account for attrition of cohort students in articulating grade levels, which was about 15% for its 2019-20 9th and 10th grade

¹ Cal. Admin. Code, title 5, §11969.9(d)

² Cal. Admin. Code, title 5, § 11969.9(c)(1)(A)



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cohorts as they respectively transitioned to 10th and 11th grade in 2020-21.

Table 2: Charter School’s 2020-21 Projections vs. Actual In-District Enrollment

Grade Level	Projected In-District Enrollment	Actual In-District Enrollment	% Over-projected In-District Enrollment
9 th	49	47	4%
10 th	49	41	20%
11 th	37	32	16%

Source: 2020-21 Proposition 39 Facilities Request Form, Appendix I

Table 3: Latitude’s In-District Cohort Attrition and Retention Rates between 2019-20 and 2020-21

Cohort Grade Level by Year		19-20 Cohort In-District Enrollment	20-21 Cohort In-District Enrollment	Attrition Rate	Retention Rate
2019-20	2020-21				
9 th	10 th	49	41	-16%	84%
10 th	11 th	37	32	-14%	86%

Source: Appendix I of Charter School’s 2019-20 and 2020-21 Proposition 39 Facilities Request Forms

Additionally, the Charter School is projecting a substantial increase in its 9th grade cohort in 2021-22. Although Latitude included a substantial increase in its 9th grade cohort starting in 2021-22 in its charter petition, the petition indicated that total enrollment (including both Oakland and non-Oakland residents) would increase from 50 to 90 students (80%), whereas its Prop 39 application is projecting a larger increase from 54 (47 Oakland-residents) to 108 (including 100 Oakland-residents) in 2021-22 (an increase of 89%).

OUSD COUNTERPROJECTIONS:

The District is exercising its right to provide counterprojections to the Charter School’s projections for the 2021-22 school year. Based on factors discussed above, the District counterprojects a total of **167.79** In-District ADA for the Charter School. The District’s grade-level counterprojections are shown in Table 4 below.

Table 4: 2021-22 In-District ADA – Charter School Projections and OUSD Counterprojections

Grade Level	Charter School Projections	OUSD Counterprojections
9 th	94.04	71.09
10 th	44.56	37.87
11 th	38.87	33.04
12 th	30.34	25.79
Total	207.81	167.79

Source: Charter School Projections – Charter School’s Proposition 39 Facilities Request Form, Appendix I; OUSD Counterprojections – calculated in Tables 5 and 6 below

The District’s counterprojection for 9th grade, as shown in Table 5, was developed by considering the following factors: (1) the authorized 9th grade enrollment for 2021-22, (2) the percentage of current students who are Oakland residents, and (3) Latitude’s projected 2021-22 9th grade attendance rate. The District’s counterprojection assumes that next year’s 9th grade cohort at Latitude will be the size that was authorized in its petition for 2021-22 with a similar in-District percentage as its current student population.



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Table 5: Calculation of 9th grade In-District ADA Counterprojection

Grade Level	(A) Authorized 2021-22 Total Enrollment	(B) Current Oakland- Resident Enrollment %	(C) Projected 2021-22 Attendance Rate	In-District ADA Counterprojection (A x B x C)
9 th	90	84%	94.04%	71.09

Source: Charter School's Proposition 39 Facilities Request Form; OUSD Counterprojections – calculated as shown in column header

The District's counterprojection for grades 10-12, as shown in Table 6, was developed by considering the following factors: (1) current grade-level In-District enrollment, (2) the average retention rate for articulating cohorts between 2019-20 and 2020-21, and (3) the Charter School's projected 2021-22 attendance rates. As mentioned above, the charter school did not account for attrition in its current or prior year Prop 39 requests; therefore, the District's counterprojection assumes a 15% rate of attrition (the Charter School's average cohort attrition rate from 2019-20 to 2020-21) for the current 9th-11th grade cohorts between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years without the addition of new students, as these grades are not a standard transition year.

Table 6: Calculation of 10th thru 12th Grade In-District ADA Counterprojections

Cohort Grade Level by Year		(A) 2020-21 In-District Enrollment	(B) Average Cohort Retention Rate Between 2019-20 and 2020-21	(C) Projected 2021-22 Attendance Rate	Cohort 2021-22 In-District ADA Counterprojection (A x B x C)
2020-21	2021-22				
9 th	10 th	47	85%	94.80%	37.87
10 th	11 th	41	85%	94.80%	33.04
11 th	12 th	32	85%	94.80%	25.79

Source: Charter School's 2020-21 and 2021-22 Proposition 39 Facilities Request Forms; OUSD Counterprojections – calculated as shown in column header

CONCLUSION:

Latitude has until January 2, 2021 to deliver a response to this letter to charteroffice@ousd.org. Please do not mail or hand deliver a response to this letter.

Pursuant to Cal. Admin. Code tit. 5, § 11969.9, additional information included in the letter (beyond what is permitted under subdivision (e)) will not be considered.

Sincerely,

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