



September 26, 2019

Via Email

Jose Cole-Gutierrez, Executive Director
Charter Schools Division
Los Angeles Unified School District
333 S. Beaudry Ave., 20th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: Change in status of the Executive Director Position at the Youth Policy Institute (Sole-Statutory Member of YPI Charter Schools)

Dear Mr. Cole-Gutierrez:

I am writing on behalf of Youth Policy Institute Charter Schools, Inc. (“YPICS” or the “YPI Charter Schools”). We were informed late last night that Dixon Slingerland has resigned as CEO of the Youth Policy Institute. The Executive Chair of the YPI Board of Directors, Dan Grunfeld will become the Interim CEO and lead the transition.

Dan Grunfeld previously served as President and CEO of Public Counsel, the nation’s largest *pro bono* law firm, from 1997 to 2007. Subsequently, he was part of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa’s four-person Executive Team, Co-Managing Partner of the California offices of the law firm Kaye Scholer, and Leader of the West Coast Litigation Department of the law firm Morgan Lewis & Bockius. In 2017, he was named Executive Vice Dean of the Pardee RAND Graduate School.

Iris Zuniga continues to serve in her position as the Executive Vice President of the Youth Policy Institute. She has been serving YPI since 2006. Her experience with YPI will help smooth the transition as well.

Ultimately, Dixon Slingerland has served YPI for 28 years. His presence and support will be missed. The transition will not impact YPI Charter Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yvette King-Berg".

Yvette King-Berg
Executive Director

Cc: Mary Keipp, YPICS Board President