

El Camino Real Charter High School

Board Resolution #2022/23- June 30th, 2023

WHEREAS, there have been allegations of irregularities involving **Friends of ECR**; and

WHEREAS, these allegations include failure to file tax returns on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, these allegations include restricting eligibility for election to leadership positions to individuals who currently serve in leadership positions on **Friends of ECR**; and

WHEREAS, these allegations include awarding scholarships to relatives of **Friends of ECR** officers; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to ensure that the School avoids even the appearance of impropriety not only with its own operations but also with other parties that utilize its name for fundraising purposes such as the Friends of ECR in order that future fundraising efforts remain fruitful; and

WHEREAS, the Board has attempted to ascertain the legitimacy of these allegations by requesting information from **Friends of ECR**; and

WHEREAS, **Friends of ECR** has failed to provide all of the requested information; and

WHEREAS, we do not know whether the allegation are true, but the failure of **Friends of ECR** to provide complete responses has deepened our concerns that the allegations may have at least some merit; and

WHEREAS, even if they do not have merit, it is important to El Camino Real Charter High School that organizations affiliated with it be transparent in all aspects of their operations and responsive to requests from the administration in order to promote trust with members of the school community; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that effective immediately, El Camino Real Charter High School disaffiliates from **Friends of ECR**, which includes the following:

1. The administration is authorized to retain the services of a licensed third party investigator to investigate all allegations of impropriety including fundraising and spending by **Friends of ECR**; and
2. The administration will immediately terminate **Friends of ECR's** access to school facilities except such access as may be legally required under the Civic Center Act; and
3. The administration will immediately terminate **Friends of ECR's** access to the School's email, website, bulletin boards and other means of communication with members of the school community; and

4. The administration will announce on the website that the Board and School have disaffiliated from **Friends of ECR** and that **Friends of ECR** has no authority to represent the School or engage in fundraising on behalf of the School; and
5. The administration will direct the officers and Board members of **Friends of ECR** to cease and desist from using the School's name and logo in any communications, internally and externally, including but not limited to any correspondence **from Friends of ECR** or on the website of **Friends of ECR**. and
6. The administration will send correspondence to stakeholders (including employees and parents) that the Board and School have disaffiliated from **Friends of ECR** and that **Friends of ECR** has no authority to represent the School or engage in fundraising on behalf of the School; and
7. If the licensed third party investigator's report reveals wrongdoing, the administration will promptly report the investigator's findings to the appropriate legal authorities.