

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE**

**RESOLUTION  
RE: MATERIAL REVISION SHOUP PROPERTY**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of El Camino Real Alliance (“ECRA”), a tax exempt, California nonprofit public benefit corporation doing business as El Camino Real Charter High School, does hereby adopt the following resolution regarding a material revision to its charter to allow for up to 300 students in its Independent Study program at the property located at 7401 Shoup Avenue, West Hills, CA 91307 (the “Shoup Property”).

WHEREAS, ECRA purchased the Shoup Property in or about November 17, 2015, specifically for the purpose of conducting its Independent Study program there; and

WHEREAS, ECRA must submit a material revision to the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”) to allow for such use of the Shoup Property and the resultant increase in enrollment; and

WHEREAS, ECRA’s Board of Directors seeks to have a material revision submitted to the LAUSD to allow for use of the Shoup Property for ECRA’s Independent Study program for up to 300 students and to allow for a commensurate increase in enrollment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the foregoing resolution to have ECRA, through its Executive Director David Hussey, submit a request for material revision to LAUSD. A copy of the material revision request to be submitted is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Executive Director is also authorized to otherwise act on behalf of ECRA with respect to the material revision application process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board hereby is authorized to certify this resolution.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors has adopted the above resolution by the following vote at a regular Board meeting this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Silverstein, Secretary

# **EXHIBIT A**



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May 17, 2017

## VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

José Cole-Gutiérrez, Director  
Charter Schools Division  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
333 S. Beaudry Avenue, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90017

**Re: El Camino Real Charter High School Request for Material Revision  
Shoup Property**

Dear Mr. Cole-Gutiérrez:

On behalf of El Camino Real Charter High School ("ECRCHS" or the "Charter School"), I am writing to request a material revision of ECRCHS's charter petition. This letter, and the enclosed documents, was prepared consistent with the Los Angeles Unified School District ("LAUSD" or the "District") Charter Schools Division's ("CSD") Administrative Procedures for Charter School Authorizing (revised September 10, 2013) and Request for Material Revision Checklist (revised as of the same date).

## **RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On or about May 22, 2012, ECRCHS amended its charter through a fully-executed Amendment to Charter, to include an Alternative Education and Intervention Program. Subsequently, in September 2013, to meet the needs of those students who are unable to attend school in the traditional format, ECRCHS started an Independent Study program.

Currently, the Independent Study program on its main campus located at 5440 Valley Circle Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367 (the "Main Campus"), has approximately 100 students. However, it is ECRCHS' understanding that there are more students in the Charter School and in the community who would like to be part of the program.

To meet this need, ECRCHS purchased certain real property located at 7401 Shoup Avenue, West Hills, California 91307 (the "Shoup Property") on or about November 17, 2015, specifically for the purpose of housing its Independent Study program. The Shoup Property was previously a non-public school, and thus its facilities were well suited to convert for ECRCHS' use.

*The mission of ECRCHS is to prepare our diverse student body for the next phase of their educational, professional, and personal journey through a rigorous, customized academic program that inspires the development of students' unique talents and skills, builds character, and provides opportunities for civic engagement and real-world experiences.*



On November 10, 2015, LAUSD's Board unanimously approved ECRCHS's charter renewal petition (the "Petition"). The Petition identified ECRCHS's Independent Study program, at length. (See Petition at pp. 98-100.)

On April 18, 2017, LAUSD approved ECRCHS' material revision to increase enrollment from 3,600 to 3,800 on the Main Campus. ECRCHS seeks a material revision to allow for its Independent Study program to be operated at the Shoup Property, for up to 300 students.

On May 5, 2017, ECRCHS' Executive Director met with LAUSD Board member, Scott Schmerelson, and advised Mr. Schmerelson that ECRCHS would be submitting this material revision.

On May 10, 2017, ECRCHS' Executive Director communicated with Aida Tatioossian of LAUSD's Charter School Division, and advised Ms. Tatioossian that ECRCHS would be submitting this material revision.

### **Current Request**

ECRCHS seeks an increase in its enrollment capacity, to allow for an enrollment capacity of 3,800 students at the Main Campus (which it currently has, subsequent to LAUSD Board's approval of the prior material revision on April 18, 2017), and 300 independent study students at the Shoup Property. The latter represents an expansion of the Charter School's Independent Study program, which is described below and which was set forth in detail in ECRCHS' charter renewal petition which was unanimously approved by LAUSD's Board.

### **ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION**

The Independent Study program assists students who are unable to attend school in the traditional five days a week format. It is designed for students with special interests and abilities, scheduling problems or individual needs that cannot be accommodated in the traditional school. Students who graduate from the Independent Study program receive an ECRCHS diploma. The addition of these programs has allowed ECRCHS to provide enhanced academic support services to at-risk students and improve their chances of completing high school, as evidenced in the steadily increasing graduation rate and steadily decreasing dropout rate. The Charter School now wishes to expand its offerings for Independent Study, based upon demand from and needs of the students and the community.

The following charts demonstrate the growth of the Independent Study Program (which has been counted as a portion of ECRCHS's enrollment capacity; this material revision seeks to break out that program into its own enrollment capacity).





### Independent Study Program

Year	Enrollment	12 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	4-year Grads	5-year Grads	6-year Grads
2013-14	61	26	18	11	6	18 (69.2%)	8 (30.8%)	0
2014-15	105	56	30	15	4	38 (67.9%)	18 (32.1%)	0
2015-16	129	74	35	14	6	50 (67.6%)	22 (29.7%)	2 (2.7%)
2016-17	139	83	39	9	8	42 (50.6%)	29 (34.9%)	12 (14.5%)

ECRCHS's weighted 3-Year Average Academic Performance Index ("API") score was 823. The Charter School's most recent statewide and similar schools' API ranks were 9 and 7, respectively. With such excellent educational indication already in place, the Charter School aspires to improve its graduation rate and to offer more vocational opportunities to students, thus preparing all students for options that are available after high school. The Charter School provides a strong and proven educational program for its students, and desires to be able to offer that program to more students.

### **IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES**

ECRCHS's charter renewal petition, unanimously approved by LAUSD's Board on November 10, 2015, and revised pursuant to the material revision approved by LAUSD's Board on April 17, 2017, will be revised as follows:

#### General Information Table (page 3):

The number of students in the first year will be:	4,100: 3,800 at the main campus; and 300 in the Independent Study Program at the Shoup Property
The enrollment capacity is: (Enrollment capacity is defined as the total number of students who may be enrolled in Charter School regardless of student residency.)	4,100: 3,800 at the main campus; and 300 in the Independent Study Program at the Shoup Property



Independent Study Program (page 19):

Independent Study Program: ECHRCHS' independent study program is located at the campus at 7401 Shoup Avenue, West Hills, CA (the "Shoup Property"). This program assists students who are unable to attend school in the traditional five days a week format. It is designed for students with special interests and abilities, scheduling problems or individual needs that cannot be accommodated in the traditional school. Students will not be placed in the Independent Study program unless they meet the criteria described herein, and students must also have Charter School approval and the approval of the parent/guardian. This program offers courses that meet the CSU/UC college A-G course requirements. All of the courses are offered online as well as on campus from NCLB qualified teachers on campus. Students must be all independent study eligibility requirements. Because this program offers rigorous, challenging courses, students must be able to work independently and have a desire to learn. Students who graduate from this program receive an ECRCHS diploma.

[Changes from the approved charter are reflected in gray text above.]

Enrollment Plan (page 22):

ECRCHS is currently authorized to serve 3,800 students in grades 9-12 in a site-based program, and plans to add 300 students to the Independent Study program. The following projects enrollment with the assumption the increase to the Independent Study program will be approved:

**Enrollment Plan**

Main Campus	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
9 <sup>th</sup> grade	900	900	900	900	900
10 <sup>th</sup> grade	925	925	925	925	925
11 <sup>th</sup> grade	975	975	975	975	975
12 <sup>th</sup> grade	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800	3,800
Independent Study Shoup Property	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	300	300	300	300	300
Total	300	300	300	300	300
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>	<b>4,100</b>

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## CONCLUSION

ECRCHS is eager to work with the District to address any questions or concerns regarding its charter petition material revision request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

David Hussey  
Executive Director