

Subject: Letter of Intent - Joining the Contra Costa School of Performing Arts Board of Directors

Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

I am writing this letter to express my interest in joining the Board of Directors for the Contra Costa School of the Performing Arts. As a dedicated advocate for education and a supporter of school choice, I believe that my understanding of the charter school political landscape, my commitment to fostering excellence in education, and my connection to the East Bay community would make me a valuable addition to the board.

My background in education and awareness of the politics surrounding charter schools have equipped me with an understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing charters like the Contra Costa School of the Performing Arts. As the Director of Policy, Advocacy, and Community Engagement at KIPP Public Schools Northern California, I have closely followed the evolving landscape of charter schools and have actively engaged in discussions and initiatives related to educational policy at local and state levels. I believe that this knowledge will contribute to informed decision-making processes within the board, enabling us to navigate the complexities and make sound choices in the best interest of the school and its students.

In addition to my knowledge, I have a personal connection to the East Bay community. Having grown up in Concord and attended the local public schools, I am excited to give back to the community that raised me. Neil McChesney, SPA's founder, was my high school English teacher for three years, and his mentorship changed my life for the better. I would be honored to give back to the school he built.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute my expertise and dedication to the future of the Contra Costa School of the Performing Arts.

Sincerely,
Mackenzie Ayers