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September 5, 2019

Board District 5 Jackie Goldberg and Members of the LAUSD Board
333 S. Beaudry Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Re: Academia Avance Charter Renewal Petition to the LAUSD

The Historic Highland Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood. We act to better the lives of those within the community and thank the Members of the Los Angeles Unified School District for their ongoing support.

This letter is present support for the Academia Avance charter renewal petition to the LAUSD. The current charter, authorized by the State Board of Education on September 2, 2015, expires on June 30, 2020. State charter law directs the school to seek renewal with the Los Angeles Unified School District. The LAUSD has specified an intake date of August 19, 2020, with a public hearing before the Los Angeles Board of Education on September 3, 2019, for board action on October 15, 2019.

Academia Avance started in August of 2005 with a mission to provide a public-school option in grades 6-12 focused on preparation for college and a professional career accepting all children to include those with disabilities. Avance maintains strong relationships with many of the businesses and organizations in our community. The school maintains an Avance Life Prep Program and Work Educational Experience internships. These pair Avance Seniors mentors at one of three dozen public and private organizations through Northeast Los Angeles. The athletics program fields teams for boys and girls at both the high and middle school levels in soccer, basketball, cross country and volleyball. The Avance boys soccer team has clinched their CIF league championship in six of the last seven years. The girls basketball team were CIF Division 5 Champions in 2016. Avance has advanced runners to the state cross-country finals in six of the last seven years. Avance teams finished the 200 miles/24-hour Ragnar Relay in the top three for their division every year since 2012.

In summary, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council requests that Academia Avance Charter petition for renewal be granted.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Rex, 1st Vice President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council