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Agenda 'Action' Item Request

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LVCP Site Council,

I request that the Site Council establish a subcommittee to enter discussions with LVJUSD on the option of becoming a dependent charter school.

The parent community, and the Site Council itself, needs to understand quickly and in detail what such an arrangement would look like. This is necessary so that we can: (a) begin to consider whether it may be a preferable option to remaining independent, which we should decide to intentionally pursue, and also (b) prepare for it as a possible eventuality, which may occur compulsorily regardless of our own volition.

It may be time to acknowledge that our experiment of operating as independent charter schools has failed (at least temporarily). The corporate framework is unravelling at an increasing rate, yet the corporate Board and Site Council have now shown a long track record of being either unwilling or unable to provide leadership to arrest the collapse.

(In fact, we have been told repeatedly that from “volunteer” boards we can expect no more. In fairness this may be true; but if so, it is exactly equivalent to the statement that the independent experiment will not work.)

I ask that:

- 1) At your next meeting, you vote to establish a subcommittee to hold discussions with the LVCP authorizers, LVJUSD, to: (a) obtain their recommendations for reform within the current independent framework, and (b) learn their views on and conceptions of a possible dependent arrangement.
- 2) You schedule, as soon as practicable, an informational meeting to inform parents of the outcome of these discussions, and educate us on the ramifications if such a change were to occur.

The parent communities of our TVLC charter schools have collectively accepted responsibility for management of a multi-million-dollar corporation and, even more sacredly, stewardship of the educational futures of over 2000 students. We are currently failing to meet that trust, and have a duty to examine all restructuring options that might help us begin to fulfil it. We require the information I am requesting above so that our choices about our schools' futures – to the extent we still have them – can be informed ones.

Sincerely,

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