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Notice of Concern

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Dear Site Council,

As I sit and reread the latest Notice of Concern to LVCP from LVJUSD, my heart is breaking. I have continuously tried to make you aware of the crisis within TVLC. Matt has continuously tried. Dick Corso has sent countless letters. Have you listened? Have you at least investigated for yourselves? Did you respond to the letters? If you did listen and investigate, and you still think that I and the rest are wrong, did you stand up for what you thought was right? Did you offer an opposing view?

By not doing our jobs, we have allowed our staff and administration to be taken advantage of. People that usually have their heads about them, but have had to endure the ineptitude, and shady deals of TVLC and CPA (I am having a hard time separating them in this instance) are at their wits end. The alleged actions mentioned in this latest letter are not ok. I will not condone them, but, are we not to blame for not engaging? How did we ever allow our schools to be controlled by a corporate board who either don't have the capacity to ethically lead, or worse allow themselves to be led by greedy scoundrels, in it for themselves. We have failed to provide oversight of the TVLC Board and corporation. We have failed to provide oversight regarding the exchange student program. We put our administration in an uncontrollable position, by not getting more information about the exchange program. We have blindly trusted, and when were made aware of the indiscretions, we sat back and said, "but we are just volunteers". Maybe, but, we are all also, very smart. We are all also people who know right from wrong. I won't sit on this board and do nothing anymore. I may not be able to stop the unethical behavior and shady deals within TVLC, but I will not continue to be "just a volunteer" on a board, that by doing nothing, says that the behavior and deals are ok. I would rather be "just a Mom" and get the work done, and show my children that I will not stand for this kind of behavior. I resign, effective today.

If our schools are to be saved, they must be separated from California Preparatory Academy. Yes, that means there needs to be a different plan for the building on the hill. There are probably many options, but it requires

engagement. This problem will not solve itself.

Now, I ask you to remove the TVLC board and replace them. I don't believe that the board members are bad people. Some are even friends, but it is too late for them. The parents have lost confidence in the board's ability to lead. They have certainly lost trust. Someone must lead the efforts to regain control of the corporation. Replace them with people that will guard our schools from scoundrels out for their own profit. Replace them with people that will save them from "partners" that look out for their own interests. Replace them with people that will think of the children, and make decisions that will guard the outstanding education they receive, in spite of the corporate shenanigans. Rewrite the bylaws and give the parents back the control. You may say "that is not the job of the Site council". Gather the parents, it is your job, when it has to be your job! Your corporation is putting its schools at risk. Unite and get busy! LVJUSD will help you. They are committed to the education of Livermore students, and are probably waiting for the parents to ask, instead of having to come in and save the day under yet another scandal. Maybe someone should check into that? The parents are the stewards of the charter, right? Isn't that what we signed up for?

I love our schools. We have students attending the two charter schools in Livermore, those school are undeniably awesome! I believe that the Acacia schools are offering a wonderful choice for the children of Stockton. By not taking control now, we may lose the chance to have control of these schools later. Please investigate for yourselves. If you would like me to forward you any of the public documents just ask. Or look for yourselves, but don't sit back and say "that is not our job" or "we are just volunteers".

I will continue to support or wonderful schools, and I hope that when change comes, I am allowed to step in and be a part of the team to foster in the change.

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