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Subject: What authority do you have...

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LVCP School Council Members,

I've heard a sad new catch phrase that seems to be going around lately. "We have no authority to act". Well, I disagree. Not only do you have authority to act, but you have an obligation to do so when the need arises.

Your authority is in your collective membership and in your representation at the TVLC BOD. Just as you have had the authority to accept members onto the site council by your vote, you have the authority to remove a member from your council at any time. You therefore, by extension, have the authority to remove site council appointed members representing you (and 500+ families and students...more than 1500 people) on the TVLC board.

You acted under your authority when you exercised your vote to send a nomination to the TVLC board for appointment. That authority extends to your ability to recall.

Parent, student and staff involvement has been the cornerstone of these charter schools. Parent concern is rising and will, if not addressed, result in broad based parent involvement. In the absence of your action, concerned constituents of yours will become involved.

It would seem within the realm of possibility to imagine also, if the involvement of the State of California Superintendent of Schools in supporting authorizer attention to remedies for Notices of Violation should return findings, the issue may be moot. Education Code provides latitude for the Superintendent to implement remedies that you may not otherwise wish to see implemented, but over which you will have no choice.

I request formally, via this email, that you act to recall the current LVCP representative on the TVLC BOD and subsequently hold open elections for board membership.

A decision on your part to take no action is incongruent with growing sentiment not only in the parent community, but also with what many of you have stood for to this point. Note also, if abstinence was not the choice you made when you voted for nominating your representative, abstinence should also not be a conscionable choice you should consider others to make in a recall vote, should such vote occur.

Your community is calling for you to act. How many letters, people at your meetings, newspaper articles, visits from the city, county, authorizers and state do you need as evidence. Please do not continue to delay. Do not mistake lack of authority for lack of will to act within authority. One is there, the other requires courage.

Please note, while i have included your student members in the CC of this out of respect for their position, this action is one where the responsible parties need to act.

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