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**Subject:** Re: What authority do you have...  
**Date:** March 8, 2016 at 4:36 PM  
**To:** Phillip Weiss [phillipweiss@lvcp.org](mailto:phillipweiss@lvcp.org)



Phil, thank you for engaging.

Before I start my response, I want to first differentiate that there are stakeholders (those who have an interest) and constituents (those who have a voting right to the membership). All constituents are, in my mind, stakeholders. All stakeholders are not, in my mind, constituents. I care that the voice of the constituents be heard. With that said, I will respond.

I have not requested this of LVCS. I am not a constituent parent there. Neither Dave nor Kristin represents me as a parent. Scott does represent me. It is my assessment, both as a parent and as a prior board member, that the board considers itself immune from dismissal except by its own ranks. I know that not to be the case and you know that not to be the case. However, no action is taken by the current board members to remove from their ranks those whose actions and words are clearly not aligned with the expectations of their constituents, is a clear sign that the board's only perception of accountability is to the bylaws as was stated last week.

I have stated previously, and will continue to do so, the bylaws were breathed life by people who started these schools. The bylaws did not cease to be applicable because those people have since moved on, they simply apply to those who have come since. Those are the constituents to whom the board is accountable. If a board member states clearly that they, whether via advice of corporate legal council or on their own volition, have a responsibility to the bylaws and act only in fidelity to the board and not in fidelity to the will of the constituents, then that member no longer represents the constituents and should be removed.

Let me state without equivocation, the board in total is dysfunctional. Of the two at large members, one never shows up and should be fired for lack of performance, and the other shows up and does so dismissively of the broad community of TVLC constituents through his actions and words. That three of the other four voting members cannot see fit to remove both for performance is abhorrent.

Then there are three board members whose appointments by parents are in question. Only one of those, Scott, represents LVCP parents. Therefore, while I wish to influence all the parent appointed Board Members, I will leave those whose interests are at LVCS speak for themselves (or not at all if they choose). After weeks and weeks (really months) of failure on the part of the board to act on issues that are real and impactful, the board is clearly unable to affect a change on the agenda. Simply stated, without force, they cannot get agenda items, the CEO and the Board President.

This past week's meeting was merely the crescendo in a symphony of inaction. The board didn't consider it emergency enough to hold a special emergency meeting to create an adhoc committee designed to answer the questions or direct the staff to do so, and then create a town hall discussion in which constituents could ask questions and get answers interactively. As the board member responsible for LVCP, it is Scott's responsibility to have ensured that was the case and to have set the expectation on the constituents appropriately. It does not appear that he did. At what point, again after many months of this sort of thing, do we expect Scott as our representative, to say enough is enough and call a meeting to vote out the ineffective board members. It is overdue.

I do not underestimate, having been on that board, how difficult it is to stand out as a voice. With that said, I do not believe it is an excuse. It may well be grounds for resignation, but it is not an excuse for lack of swift and decisive action.

The final point I will make and circle back to the top of this message, this board is not immune to removal. If they will not act, they must be removed. If that be all, then so be it. But I do not think it needs to be all. I think at least one is at the table with the right attitude and will to act.

On Mar 8, 2016, at 3:12 PM, Phillip Weiss <[phillipweiss@lvcp.org](mailto:phillipweiss@lvcp.org)> wrote:

Hello Dick,

In order to provide a dialogue with you that I cannot if I reply all, I am addressing this only to you. I understand the authority to put up and remove representatives from the TVLC BOD. Thank you. My question is, did you send this to remove the representative member(s) from LVCS too or is this just your desire to ask us to remove Scott? If so, why just Scott?

Phil

On Tue, Mar 8, 2016 at 1:25 PM, Dick Corso <[dick.corso@me.com](mailto:dick.corso@me.com)> wrote:

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

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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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