

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 8.5

Meeting Date: December 7, 2017

Subject: Consider Resolution No. 2974 and 2975: Renewal Charter Petition for Sol Aureus College Preparatory

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Academic Office

Recommendation: To take action to approve or deny the Renewal Charter Petition for Sol Aureus College Preparatory.

Background/Rationale: Sacramento City Unified School District received Sol Aureus College Preparatory's renewal charter petition on September 8, 2017. (Charter petition expiration date: June 30, 2018) District staff met with Sol Aureus College Preparatory for a capacity interview on September 20, 2017 and conducted a comprehensive review of the initial charter petition and related submissions. The Governing Board held a public hearing in accordance with Education Code Section 47605 (b) and 47607 (a) (2) to consider the level of support for the renewal charter petition of Sol Aureus College Preparatory on September 21, 2017. The staff's analysis will be presented for Board Action on December 7, 2017.

Financial Considerations: The financial considerations are outlined within the Executive Summary.

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. Resolutions 2974 and 2975
3. Charter Petition (Proposed): <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>
4. Revised Charter Petition (Proposed): <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>
5. Appendices A-P (Proposed): <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>
6. Revised Appendix Q (Proposed): <http://www.scusd.edu/charter-petitions>

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes

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Petitioner states that in 2014, the Charter School posted an API of 814 for Black or African American students, 900 for Hispanic or Latino students, and 830 for socioeconomically disadvantaged students. However, these figures differ slightly from results listed on page 5 of the Renewal Petition. (Renewal Petition, pp. 5, 10) Data retrieved from the ODE website confirms that the Charter School met its growth target for years 2009-2010 through 2012-2013, thus supporting the Charter School's assertion that it has met statutory *Criterion 1*

Data presented in the Renewal Petition also indicates that the Charter School has met *Criterion 2* (Ed. Code, § 47607(b)(2)), in that it was ranked in Decile 8 on the API in 2010 and 2011-2012 and in Decile 7 in 2013 and 2014. Sol Aureus also meets *Criterion 3* (Ed. Code, § 47607(b)(3)), as it received a "similar schools" API ranking of 10 for years 2012-2013, and 2013-

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standards for ELA and 39.11% met or exceeded standards for Math compared to SCUSD third through 8th grade students. The Charter School's third through 8th grade students attained higher overall levels of achievement in Math (39.11% as compared to 31.4%) and lower overall levels of achievement in ELA (35.00% as compared to 39.41%).

2. Academic Achievement by Subgroup

The revised Renewal Petition indicates that the percentage of African American students meeting or exceeding standards declined somewhat from ~~2014~~ to 2015-2016 in both ELA and Math (from 36% to 33% in ELA and from 36% to 34% in Math) and declined further in 2017 for ELA to 19%. No 2016-2017 SBAC scores in Math for African American students were included in the revised Renewal Petition. (Renewal Petition, p. 43-

From 2014-2015 to 2015-2016, the percentage of Hispanic or Latino students meeting or exceeding standards increased in ELA from 19% to 33% and remained at 30% in Math for both testing periods. The percentage of Hispanic or Latino students meeting or exceeding standards in ELA in 2016

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- F) Health and Safety Procedures
- G) Means to Achieve a Racial and Ethnic Balance
- H) Admissions Requirements
- I) Financial and Programmatic Audit
- J) Student Discipline, Pupil Suspension and Expulsion Procedures
- K) Retirement System
- L) Attendance Alternatives
- M) Description of Employee Rights
- N) Dispute Resolution Process, Oversight, Reporting and Renewal
- O) Labor Relations
- P) School Closure Procedures

District Staff also reviewed the impact on the District as described in the original Renewal Petition.

Following its review of the originally submitted Renewal Petition, District Staff recommended revisions and additional information to improve the Renewal Petition. Specifically, District Staff noted deficiencies or incomplete information regarding the following: (1) the Charter School's projected growth and current enrollment, and the impact of that growth on the Charter School's budget and planning for facilities, staffing, materials and equipment; (2) insufficient and inaccurate cash flow summaries and analyses; (3) failure of the Renewal Petition and the Amended Bylaws to state that the Charter School's employees and board members will be bound by applicable conflict of interest laws, such as the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code, § 81000 *et seq.*); (4) lack of information regarding board member training regarding conflicts of interest; and (5) the inclusion of "contractual" language in the Governance section of the Renewal Petition.

As noted above, Petitioner submitted a revised Renewal Petition and supplemental information to the District addressing most of the concerns identified in the District's letter. The changes made to the original Renewal Petition are noted on page 2 of the Charter School's revised Renewal Petition.

Specifically, the Renewal Petition has been revised to include additional information and data regarding the Charter School's projected growth and enrollment. (Renewal Petition, pp. 8, 49, 92) Petitioner also submitted cash flow projections and revised budget and assumptions data; however, it is not clear if all of the budget documents have been adequately updated to reflect the impact of the Charter School's projected growth and enrollment on its planning for staffing, materials, and equipment. For example, the cost for books and supplies listed in the updated budget remains flat for years 2019 through 2023. As noted in the District's letter to Sol Aureus, this does not indicate realistic forecasting of the Charter School's expenses,

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particularly in light of anticipated enrollment increases. Similarly, estimated facility costs remain the same for all five years of the charter, despite expected growth.

The Governance section of the Renewal Petition has been revised to include an updated
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V. MAJOR INITIATIVES

Not Applicable.

VI. RESULTS

District Staff recommends that the Board approve Resolution 2974 to approve the Renewal Petition or approve Resolution 2975 to deny the Renewal Petition under the California Charter Schools Act.

VII. LESSONS LEARNED / NEXT STEPS

If the Renewal Petition is approved by the Board, the District, as the charter authorizer, will

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2974
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RENEWAL CHARTER PETITION OF
SOL AUREUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY

WHEREAS, petitioners for Sol Aureus College Preparatory (“Petitioners”) submitted to Sacramento City Unified School District (“District”) a renewal charter petition (“Petition”), dated September 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Governing Board held a public hearing on September 21, 2017 and took board action on December 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board has considered the level of public support for Sol Aureus College Preparatory and has reviewed the Petition including all supporting documentation; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Petition, the Governing Board has been guided by the intent of the California Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education hereby approves the Petition for Sol Aureus College Preparatory

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the term of the charter shall be for five (5) years, beginning on July 1, 2018 and expiring June 30, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Petition approval is conditional upon signed

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2975

RESOLUTION TO DENY THE INITIAL CHARTER PETITION OF GATEWAY COMMUNITY
CHARTERS: SACRAMENTO ACADEMIC AND VOCATIONAL ACADEMY -SCUSD

WHEREAS, petitioners for Sol Aureus College Preparatory ("Petitioners") submitted to Sacramento City Unified School District ("District") a renewal

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Petition, the Governing Board has been guided by the intent of the California Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system; that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged;

WHEREAS, the District staff reviewed and analyzed the Petition and supporting documents for legal, programmatic, and fiscal sufficiency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Petition is hereby denied.