



Item #22

Latitude 37.8 High School

State Board of Education

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Timeline

- August 23, 2017, the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) voted to deny the petition of Latitude 37.8 High School (LAT) by a vote of six to one
- November 20, 2017, the Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) voted to deny the petition by a vote of seven to zero
- The petitioners submitted a petition on appeal to the State Board of Education (SBE) on March 29, 2018



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CDE Recommendation (1)

The CDE recommendation is that the SBE hold a public hearing to **approve** the request to establish Latitude 37.8 High School, a 9–12 charter school, under the oversight of the SBE with the following conditions:

- Evidence that Latitude has received the funding anticipated from each of the commitment letters identified in the petition
- Latitude will provide the CDE with a revised 2018–19 budget



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CDE Recommendation (2)

Recommendation based on:

- Sound Educational Program
- Demonstrably likely to successfully implement the program
 - Provided the petitioner secures funding as stated in the petition
- Reasonable comprehensive description of most charter elements



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Advisory Commission on Charter Schools

- June 12, 2018 meeting
- Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS) moved staff's recommendation to approve the petition to the SBE
- The motion passed by six votes with one abstention



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Background

- Latitude is an Education for Change School (EFC)
- Proposing to enroll 50 pupils in grade nine for 2018–19
- Plans to grow to 320 pupils in grade nine through grade twelve in 2022–23
- Latitude has secured a facility for the 2018–19 school year



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CDE Findings –Sound Educational Program

- Latitude's mission is to facilitate self-directed, passion-driven learning that leverages the assets and resources of the city to provide pupils with a personalized and authentic learning experience
- Single integrated approach driven by personalization, relevance, integration, and creativity – four pillars of the pupil learning experience



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CDE Findings – Ability to Implement the Program

Fiscal Analysis

- Initial review, Multi-year financial plan is not fiscally viable
- Revenues included:
 - Measure N and Measure G available only to district approved charter schools in Oakland Unified
 - Public Charter School Grant Program (PCSGP) funds
 - Philanthropic revenues



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CDE Findings – Updated Fiscal Analysis

- Updated financials provided additional revenue sources
- Fiscal concerns are addressed provided the funding described below is received prior to the opening of the school in 2018–19
 - Commitment from the EFC Home office
 - Letters of commitment totaling over \$1 million



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Deficiencies in Charter Elements

If approved by the SBE, the following charter elements need to be clarified by the petitioner:

- Governance
- Admissions
- Expulsion and Suspension Procedures



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Summary

- CDE staff is recommending approval
- Sound educational program
- Overall fiscal viability
- Clarification of Charter Elements in petition needed