



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Board of Education Report

Report Number:	186– 10/11
Date:	March 1, 2011
Subject:	Approval of the Charter for El Camino Real Charter High School
Responsible Staff:	
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BOARD REPORT

Action Proposed: Staff recommends the following action:

Approve the charter petition for El Camino Real Charter High School for the conversion of El Camino High School into an independent charter school.

Prior to the Board approval of the charter petition, the school must have resolved any pending issues in the charter review process and submitted any requested materials. Further, El Camino Real Charter High School must have signed the Special Education Memorandum of Understanding and have a budget approved by the Innovation and Charter Schools Division (ICSD) that reflects the impact of the Special Education fair share contribution. Should El Camino Real Charter High School not comply with these requirements, this board report will be withdrawn.

Background: On November 4, 2010, El Camino Real Charter High School submitted a completed charter application to the Innovation and Charter Schools Division that included the number of signatures required under Education Code section 47605(a). As a conversion school, El Camino Real Charter High School submitted at least 50% of signatures of permanent teachers. 57 signatures were required and a total of 96 valid signatures were submitted. The 96 valid signatures represent approximately 85% of El Camino Real High School's permanent teachers. The charter petition and supporting documents were reviewed by the Innovation and Charter Schools Division, the Superintendent's Advisory Committee, and the Office of the General Counsel.

Staff affirms that El Camino Real Charter High School has met the requirements as set forth in Education Code section 47605, based on our consideration of its charter petition.



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Further, petitioners of the charter school completed questionnaires regarding conflicts of interest. A due diligence review performed by the Office of the Inspector General of the chief El Camino Real Charter High School executives revealed no material negative findings.

If approved, it is proposed that the El Camino Real Charter High School charter petition be approved for five (5) years, beginning July 1, 2011.

As a conversion school, El Camino Real Charter High School has an obligation under the law to serve and admit students in its pre-charter attendance boundary as defined by LAUSD. However, by law, a student cannot be required to attend a charter school. Therefore, if a parent decides to opt out of their child attending El Camino Real Charter High School, the Local District 1 office will provide support in the enrollment process to a different District School. ICSD staff has already communicated with staff from Local District 1 on this matter. El Camino Real Charter High School will continue the special education programs implemented during its pre-conversion.

El Camino Real High School has a current API of 798. School wide 67.7% of El Camino Real High School students scored proficient/advanced in English Language Arts and 70.2% of students scored proficient/advanced in Mathematics. El Camino Real High School is a California Distinguished School and has won the Academic Decathlon competition multiple times.

As part of the LAUSD's fiduciary responsibility, the Innovation and Charter Schools Division will perform ongoing oversight of the charter throughout its term.

The charter school is proposed to be located at its existing campus in the Woodland Hills area of the district in Local District 1 and Board District 3. It will serve approximately 3543 students in grades 9-12 in 2011-2012 and expand to serve 3600 students in grades 9-12 by 2016.

The petition is available for perusal in the Innovation and Charter Schools Division.

Expected Outcomes: El Camino Real Charter High School is expected to operate its charter school in a manner consistent with local, state, and federal ordinances, laws and regulations and the terms and conditions set forth in its petition. The benchmarks for achievement are set forth in the petition.



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Board Options and Consequences: “Yes” – The approval of the charter petition for El Camino Real Charter High School would grant the conversion of the school to an independent charter and would grant the Board of Directors the right to operate the charter school under the terms of the approved petition for a five (5) year period, beginning July 1, 2011.

“No” – The denial of the charter petition would result in the non-conversion of the school to independent charter status and would result in the Board of Directors for El Camino Real Charter High School being prohibited from opening the charter school, unless El Camino Real Charter High School appeals the denial and the appeal is granted by the Los Angeles County Board of Education or the California State Board of Education.

Policy Implications: The Policy for Charter Schools adopted in 2010.

Budget Impact: State Revenue Limit income and various other income sources to the District are reduced when current District students enroll at a charter school, and comparable or offsetting expenditure reductions may not occur in such cases.

For a conversion senior high charter school, the difference between the District’s unified revenue limit rate and the 9-12 charter school block grant rate will be deducted from the District’s revenue. Specifically for El Camino Real High School’s conversion in 2011-12, instead of losing revenue limit funding at the District’s unified rate of approximately \$4,871 per ADA, the District will lose revenue at the 9-12 charter rate of approximately \$5,767 per ADA. With an estimated ADA of approximately 3,270, the District’s revenue limit reduction would increase by \$2.9 million.

Under Education Code section 47604(c), a school district that grants a charter to or operates a charter school that is formed as a non-profit public benefit corporation is not held liable for the charter school’s debts or obligations as long as the school district complies with all oversight responsibilities. The District will continue to have monitoring and supervisory responsibility for charter school finances, as specified in the Charter Schools Act. Any modifications to the charter school’s petition or operations with significant financial implications would require District approval prior to implementation. Petition approval is also contingent upon adequate liability insurance coverage.



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Under the current Special Education MOU, independent charter schools receive their equitable share of the LAUSD SELPA special education revenue and contribute a percentage of this revenue to cover District special education encroachment costs.

Should this school join an alternative SELPA, the district will receive neither the special education revenue from the State for this school nor receive the encroachment contribution.

Issues and Analysis: If all pending issues, including but not limited to, special education requirements and special education local planning area (SELPA) requirements, are not resolved at the time of the Board meeting, the Office of General Counsel will recommend the denial of the petition.

Attachments:

Informative

**Desegregation
Impact Statement**



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Respectfully submitted,

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Budget Director

Approved as to budget impact statement.



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DESEGREGATION IMPACT STATEMENT (DIS) EL CAMINO REAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT 186-10/11 March 1, 2011

I. Category of Proposed Action:

The proposed action would initiate the charter for El Camino Real Charter High School and provide an approximate total of 3543 students in grade 9-12 for the first year and expand to a total program capacity in grades 9-12 of 3600 students by year 5 in 2016.

II. Summary Description of Current District Practice:

Charter schools are schools of choice by legislation and are open to any student in the State of California. Charter schools are granted single charter status for a maximum of five (5) years. It should be noted, however, that although State legislation allows students to attend a charter school from any area in the state, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is under Court Order, Crawford v. LAUSD, which applies to all schools within or chartered through the LAUSD. Any modifications to the Court-Ordered Integration Program must first be approved by Student Integration Services.

III. Proposed Change:

The approval of this charter petition would grant the charter for El Camino Real Charter High School for five (5) years, beginning July, 2011.

IV. Effects of This Proposal:

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) does not guarantee availability of Court-ordered Integration funding. The charter school will be responsible for maintaining the Court Order and providing information requested by the LAUSD as set forth in the Charter petition. Modifications or school decisions cannot negatively impact or cause additional costs to the Court-ordered Integration budget.

V. Analyze the Impact of This Proposal on Integration, Desegregation, Re-segregation and/or Segregation:

If the Charter goals are met, there should be positive results on the five (5) Harms of Racial Isolation which are low academic achievement, low self-esteem, lack of access to post-secondary opportunities, interracial hostility and intolerance, and overcrowded conditions. The Court-ordered Integration Program for participating students will operate under various Court Orders for schools within the Los Angeles Unified School District. Any modification of the Court-ordered Integration Program must first be approved by Student Integration Services.

VI. If proposed action affects negatively any desegregation program, list other option(s) identified:

If the District Court-ordered Integration Guidelines are followed, there will not be a negative effect on the District's Court-ordered Integration Program.

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INNOVATION AND CHARTER SCHOOLS DIVISION CHARTER SCHOOL BRIEFING

EL CAMINO REAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL Recommendation: Approval

The Innovation and Charter Schools Division preliminarily recommends Board of Education approval of El Camino Real Charter High School based on the findings from the Division's rigorous and comprehensive charter review process for elements 1-16. These elements were reviewed by the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and the Office of the General Counsel. The Charter Schools Division communicated this information to the petitioner in an email dated January 21, 2011.

Based on the criteria set forth in Education Code § 47605 for charter school authorization, and upon completion of the Charter Schools Division's process, including review of all elements (1-16), the final decision will be determined on the following:

- The charter presents a *sound* educational program.
- The petitioners are *likely* to successfully implement the program.
- The petition *does* contain the number of signatures required.
- The petition *does* contain the required affirmations.
- The petition *does* contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of the 16 elements.

The following list provides a brief overview about the charter petition and its petitioner.

- **Lead Petitioner Applying for Charter:** David Fehte
- **Grades Served:** 9-12
- **Projected Start Date:** August 15, 2011
- **Instructional Focus:** Standards Based Instruction
 - Math and Science Academy
 - Humanitas
 - Careers in Entertainment Academy
 - AVID program
 - Fashion Design
- **Number of Students:** 3600

Location Address or Target Neighborhood: 5440 Valley Circle Blvd., Woodland Hills 91367, BD 3, LD 1

- **Facility Status/Location:** District facility/conversion school/will sign Facilities Use Agreement
- **LAUSD Planned Facilities in the Area:** None

- **Board Policy Considerations (Low API, Overcrowded areas):** See table below.

School	2010 Growth API Testing Enrollment	Multi-Track	2010-11 PI Status Blank = not in PI	Met 2010 Schoolwide Growth Target	Met 2010 Subgroup Growth Targets	2010 Growth API	2009 Base API	2009 Base API State Rank	2009 Base API Similar Schools Rank	% Free/Reduced Lunch	% Sp Ed	% GATE	% EL	% HI sp	% White	% Af Amer.	% Asian
HAYNES EL	274	No		Yes	Yes	899	889	9	7	33	15	23	7	27	60	5	7
LOCKHURST EL	267	No		Yes	No	837	837	7	4	22	25	13	10	26	60	4	6
HALE MS	1984	No		Yes	Yes	821	807	7	3	31	13	34	5	29	48	9	9
IVY ACADEMIA	895	No		Yes	Yes	845	837	7	8	22	4	5	4	32	41	7	6
EL CAMINO REAL SH	2603	No		Yes	No	798	773	7	3	24	9	41	4	25	52	6	10
CALABASH EL	198	No		Yes	Yes	873	871	9	3	17	15	20	10	21	63	13	2
WOODLAKE EL	407	No		Yes	No	864	866	8	2	19	14	22	9	18	68	8	5
HAMLIN EL	218	No		Yes	Yes	889	886	9	10	47	18	14	22	38	39	12	9
WELBY EL	640	No		Yes	Yes	923	924	10	1	17	6	36	2	17	60	8	14

- **Background/Context about the Petitioner:** El Camino Real is a current LAUSD high school. The school is petitioning to convert to independent charter status. The school has secured Articles of Incorporation. The name of the non-profit board is El Camino Real Charter High School. The Lead petitioner is David Fehte, Principal
- **Board of Directors:** Shukla Sarkar (retiring LAUSD Instructional Coach), Garry Lee Baker (retired plant manager) Jeff Falgien (businessman), Jackie Keene (City Council Field Dpty), Karen Jones (former El Camino parent), Donna Slamon (former PTSA president) Patricia Valentine (retired School Counselor),
Description of Philosophy: The mission of El Camino Real Charter High School is to educate our diverse student body by developing students' talents and skills so they will succeed in a changing world, value and respect themselves and others, and make a positive contribution to our global society.
- **Source of Core Money:** Loan
- **3-5 Top Leaders:** David Fehte, Shukla Sarkar, David Hussey, Bette Marcoux, Jeff Falgein, Jackie Keene
- **Other charter schools currently operated by the Petitioner (if applicable):** Not Applicable
- **Other charter petitions pending before LAUSD:** Not Applicable
- **Submission of this charter application to other jurisdiction(s) for approval:** Not applicable
- **Innovative elements of the charter that could be considered "best practices" and replicated by other schools:** Effective use of data to align instruction and offer appropriate intervention to match students' needs; on-going professional development, reflection and discussion of student achievement data and adjustment to instructional methods; Academies.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Inter-Office Correspondence

INFORMATIVE
DATE: March 1, 2011

TO: Members, Board of Education
 Ramon C. Cortines

FROM: José Cole-Gutiérrez, Director, Charter Schools
 Innovation and Charter Schools Division

**SUBJECT: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR PROPOSED EL CAMINO REAL
 CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**

Attached please find supporting documentation for the proposed conversion of El Camino Real High School into an independent charter school which will be presented to the Board of Education for action on March 1, 2011.

Documentation includes:

1. Map showing all LAUSD schools and charter schools within a 2 mile radius of the proposed charter school site;
2. Breakdown of enrollment and test score information for all LAUSD and charter schools serving similar grade levels within a 2 mile radius of the proposed charter school site. Also included are any other charter schools operated by the petitioner (if applicable).

Other LAUSD schools and charter schools within a 2 mile radius of the proposed charter school are:

<u>LAUSD Elementary Schools</u> 1. Calabash EL 2. Hamlin EL 3. Haynes EL 4. Lockhurst EL 5. Welby EL 6. Woodlake EL	<u>Charter Elementary Schools</u> 1. Ivy Academia
<u>LAUSD Middle Schools</u> 1. Hale MS	<u>Charter Middle Schools</u> 1. Ivy Academia
<u>LAUSD High Schools</u> 1. Canoga Park HS is just outside of the 2 mile radius from El Camino Real SH.	<u>Charter High Schools</u> 1. Ivy Academia

LAUSD Schools Under Construction

None

Other Charter Schools Operated by Petitioner

Not applicable.

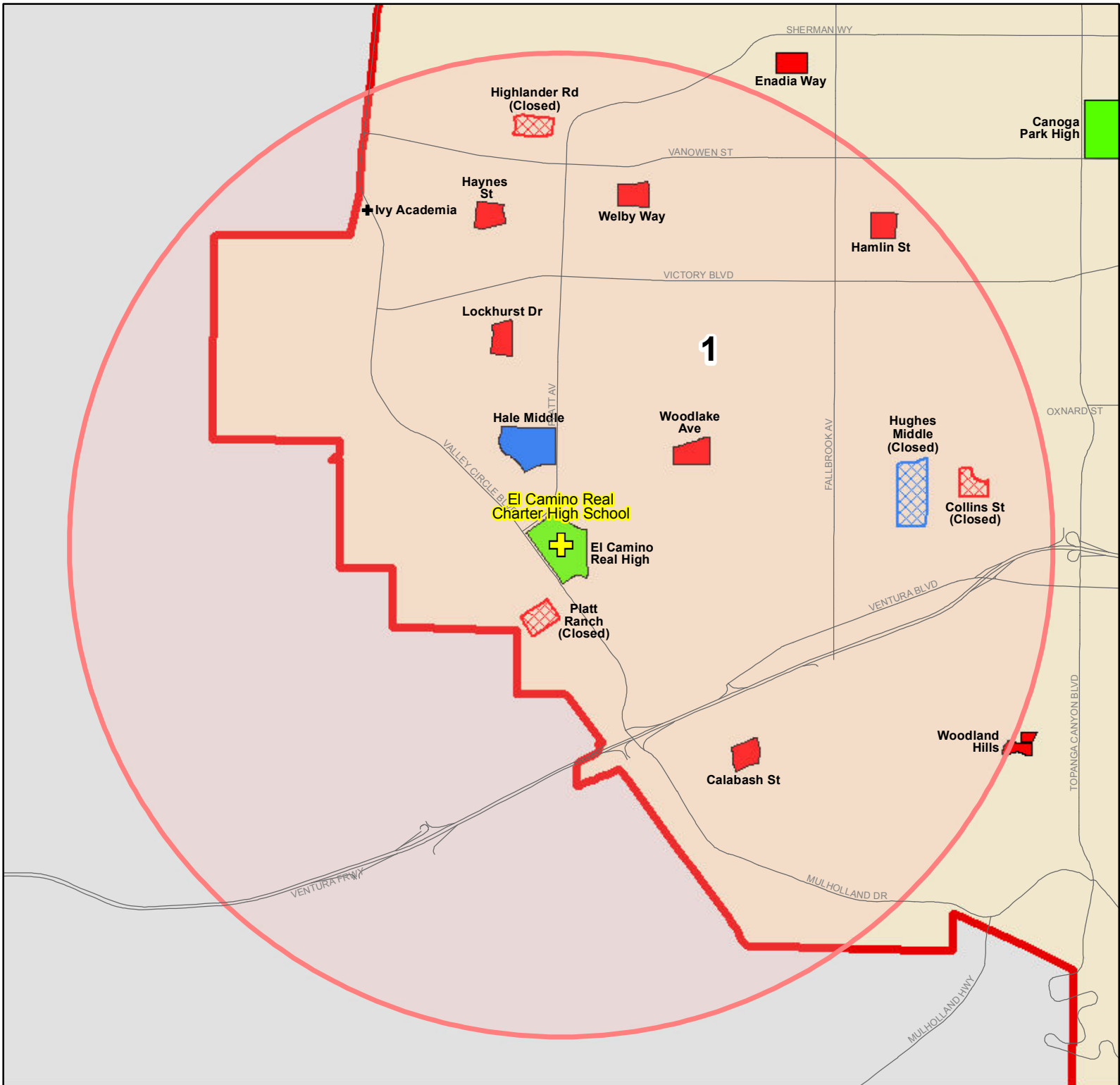
Should you have questions or comments, please call me at (213) 241-2487 or e-mail me at jose.cole-gutiérrez@lausd.net.

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2009 BASE API AND 2010 GROWTH API DEMOGRAPHICS
SCHOOLS WITHIN A 2-MILE RADIUS

School: El Camino Real Charter HS
Address: 5440 Valley Circle Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367
Span: Grades 9 - 12

LD	BD	Loc Code	School	2010 Growth API Testing Enrollment	Multi-Track	2010-11 PI Status Blank = not in PI	Met 2010 Schoolwide Growth Target	Met 2010 Subgroup Growth Targets	2010 Growth API	2009 Base API	2009 Base API State Rank	2009 Base API Similar Schools Rank	% Free/Reduced Lunch	% Sp Ed	% GATE	% EL	% RFEP	% Hisp	% White	% Af Amer	% Asian	% FI I	SCI
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1	3	8169	HALE MS	1984	No		Yes	Yes	821	807	7	3	31	13	34	5	13	29	48	9	9	0	178.600
R	3	4672	IVY ACADEMIA	895	No		Yes	Yes	845	837	7	8	22	4	5	4	7	32	41	7	6	0	177.080
1	3	8617	EL CAMINO REAL SH	2603	No		Yes	No	798	773	7	3	24	9	41	4	16	25	52	6	10	0	175.390
1	4	2704	CALABASH EL	198	No		Yes	Yes	873	871	9	3	17	15	20	10	5	21	63	13	2	0	186.570
1	3	7877	WOODLAKE EL	407	No		Yes	No	864	866	8	2	19	14	22	9	4	18	68	8	5	0	185.820
1	3	4349	HAMLIN EL	218	No		Yes	Yes	889	886	9	10	47	18	14	22	9	38	39	12	9	0	177.020
1	3	7637	WELBY EL	640	No		Yes	Yes	923	924	10	1	17	6	36	2	5	17	60	8	14	0	192.380



L.A.U.S.D. FACILITIES WITHIN A TWO MILE RADIUS OF EL CAMINO REAL CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

LAUSD Facilities and Planned Projects

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|---|--------------------------------|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
| + | Charter School | ■ | Elementary School | ⊖ | Elementary School Search Area |
| ● | Elementary School | ■ | Middle School | ⊖ | Middle School Search Area |
| ■ | Middle School | ■ | High School | ⊖ | High School Search Area |
| ▲ | High School | ■ | Span School | ⊖ | Span School Search Area |
| ● | Planned Early Education Center | ■ | Magnet School (Fill Color Indicates Grade Level) | | |
| ★ | Planned Classroom Addition | ■ | Charter School (Fill Color Indicates Grade Level) | | |
| ⊕ | Planned Playground Expansion | ■ | Planned School (Color Indicates Grade Level) | | |
| ★ | Planned School Reconfiguration | ■ | Closed School (Color Indicates Grade Level) | | |
| ⚠ | Planned Continuation School | ■ | Opportunity School or Non K-12 School | | |
| ⬛ | Administrative Office | ■ | Special Education School | | |
| | | ■ | Administrative Site | | |

LAUSD Boundaries

- LAUSD Boundary
- Local District 1 Area
- Area Outside of LAUSD

Area of Interest

- 2 mi. Radius of El Camino Real Charter High School
- + El Camino Real Charter High School (Located in Board of Education District #3)



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FINAL PETITION **AND BUDGET**

The final petition and budget are available for perusal in the Innovation and Charter Schools Division at 333 S. Beaudry Ave. 25th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
(213) 241-2487

El Camino Real Charter High School

2011 /2012 Application Form

(Submitting an Application Form does not automatically guarantee enrollment)

Student Information *(Please print using black or blue ink)*

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Primary Address _____
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Primary Phone #: _____ Male Female

Present Grade _____ Applying for Grade _____ Birthdate: _____

School District of Residence: _____

Please Note: Information on this form may be shared with the chartering agency.

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Home Phone (if different from above): _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Address (if different from above): _____

Home Phone (if different from above): _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone _____ Email: _____

Does the student have a sibling attending El Camino Real Charter High School: Yes No

Name Grade/School Name Grade/School Name Grade/School

Name Grade/School Name Grade/School Name Grade/School

The undersigned declares that the above information is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date