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Mr. Keith Eubanks
President of the Board
Fresno County Office of Education
111 Van Ness Avenue
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RE: Support for Charter Petition for Crescent View West Public Charter School in Fresno

Dear Mr. Eubanks,

The Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board (Fresno COG) representing the County of Fresno and 15 incorporated cities in Fresno County is pleased to join with other local governmental agencies and local community members in support of Crescent View West Public Charter School (CVWPCS) in continuing its educational program through Fresno County. CVWPCS's main student population is that of students at-risk of not graduating and adding to the valley's high dropout rates. However, through the school's individualized instructional approach, students enrolled in CVWPCS's program are becoming reengaged in learning. Education is not only a key factor for a student's future success but required in maintaining a healthy, thriving community. CVWPCS has demonstrated its ability to improve student achievement through its six-year Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation, and based on its Academic Performance Index (API) score of 683, finds its program in the top three percent in the state of Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) schools and the number one performing ASAM school in the county. Furthermore, this independent study program that serves some of the county's most at-risk population is out performing many comprehensive programs throughout the valley.

CVWPCS is open year round so that its students may catch up on credit deficiencies. This unique program provides students with access to teachers, tutorials, one-on-one instruction and small group sessions from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This schedule and hours of operation are designed to facilitate the many different needs of its students who often have obligations outside of school such as parenting, working to support themselves or their families or supporting family members who are ill.

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

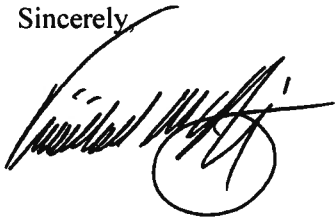
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Fresno COG is well aware of the correlation between the lack of education and high crime or poverty rates. With county and state dropout rates reaching alarming highs, it is important to sustain every viable educational option that supports student learning and ultimately contributes to the strengthening of our community.

The Fresno COG Policy Board encourages and supports Crescent View West Public Charter School in its application to the Fresno County Office of Education to continue providing educational services to valley students. It is the hope of Fresno COG that the school's petition will be strongly considered for approval by the Fresno County Office of Education's Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trinidad M. Rodriguez", with a large circular flourish at the end.

TRINIDAD M. RODRIGUEZ, Chairman
Mayor, City of Kerman