

## **Educate for the Future Charter Schools Resolution**

WHEREAS, local public schools in San Bernardino County are investing in students with the greatest needs by implementing evidence-based strategies, providing stable learning environments, and employing highly skilled education professionals;

WHEREAS, neighborhood public schools in San Bernardino provide programs for English Language Learners that provide targeted curriculum in math, social studies, science, reading and writing;

WHEREAS, neighborhood public schools in San Bernardino do not deny admission to any Special Education or disabled students and work with families to develop and implement Individual Education Programs (EIP) and 504 plans;

WHEREAS, most charter school management companies restrict admission to exclude special education and fail to provide transportation to low-income families;

WHEREAS, charter schools with privately appointed boards do not represent the public but make decisions about how public tax dollars are spent;

WHEREAS, We believe that charter schools must reflect their communities, and thus must accept and retain proportionate numbers of students of color, students with disabilities and English Language Learners in relation to their neighborhood public schools.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the San Bernardino County Democratic Party

- (1) calls for legislation that requires all schools utilizing public funding to be democratically governed and subject to local school district authorization and control;
- (2) opposes for profit Charter schools and Charter management organizations,
- (3) supports charter schools following the same public information, transparency and conflict of interest laws as public schools
- (4) supports traditional public schools and dependent and authorized charter schools working together to ensure a coordinated approach to meeting the educational needs of their communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be sent to all members of the San Bernardino County legislative delegation to the State Assembly and Senate as well as all San Bernardino County Democratic Clubs.

Approved by the members of San Bernardino County Democratic Central Committee May 26, 2022