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To whom it may concern,

My name is Adrienne Sanchez and I have been a part of the Discovery Charter School family for the past 10 years. I started as a parent and am currently in my 4th year of teaching at the Hillpointe campus. When we moved to Las Vegas at the end of 2012, I chose to enroll my children at this school due to the smaller campus size, the tight knit community, and the more diverse student body than my zoned school, also located in Summerlin. I have watched as the school enrollment has grown to include 37 different zip codes, with many of our families driving over 20 minutes each way to bring their children to school. Throughout the growth we have seen an increase in leadership and academics. My love for this school led me to a career change that I am so grateful to have made. I have seen the many changes over the past decade and can confidently state that Discovery Charter School has never been better.

Discovery Charter School is seeking an amendment to increase enrollment at the Hillpointe campus and I feel this change will have a positive impact on the current and future student population. By increasing our student body, we will have the opportunity to construct a new building to provide designated spaces for many of our programs. These include our counseling services, specials, GATE/STEAM program, the after school program, and our SPED department. While Discovery does a good job working with our current space, I know that an additional building will allow us to expand our programs and offer them to more students. The after effects of the pandemic have proved to be extremely detrimental to the mental health of our youth. Our counselor currently has to shift spaces for each child that she meets with. A designated space for our counselor to attend to the serious needs of these children is needed. Our SPED team is currently operating out of a hallway/former office space area. We are seeing an increase in students requiring SPED services and the students and teachers need a classroom that suits the growing demand. Our GATE/STEAM teacher operates from an outdoor space, which limits the activities that her students can engage in.

I am proud to be a mother and teacher at this school and would like for the board to consider how an increase in enrollment will allow Discovery Charter School to tend to the demands of our growing kindergarten and middle school waitlists. Voting in favor of this amendment will provide an opportunity for children that they may not receive at their zoned school and allow more children to thrive in a safe and inclusive environment. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,  
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