

APPENDIX 3: LETTERS OF SUPPORT

PARTNERSHIPS



May 31st, 2016

Dear Authorizing Body:

This letter serves our financial commitment to Futuro Academy Charter School the opening year through year six of operation, should the charter application be approved. Collectively, as Board of Directors of Futuro Academy Charter School is excited to make a financial commitment to raise, pursue grant funding for, or provide for \$50,000 towards the school's general fund from the initial year of operation and going forward.

We believe in the mission of our proposed school and are enthusiastic about the opportunity to help marshal the resources to help students succeed to and through the university of their choice and to be positive, engaged members of the community.

Sincerely,

Brian Blaylock

Futuro Academy Board Chair



May 25, 2016

To The Nevada Achievement School District:

We are proud to support the charter application for Futuro Academy Charter School ("Futuro Academy") and the outstanding leadership of Ignacio Prado as proposed Executive Director.

Building Excellent Schools (BES) is a highly selective, nationally recognized non-profit whose flagship program, the Building Excellent Schools Fellowship, prepares outstanding candidates for urban charter school leadership. Ignacio is a gifted, trained, and prepared school leader who brings to the planning for Futuro Academy his successful urban instructional experience, charter school training, and leadership residencies at BES school Nashville Classical www.nashvilleclassical.org this past winter and at BES school Cornerstone Academy Preparatory www.sicornerstoneacademy.org this summer. Ignacio has assembled deep support for the proposed charter school, including the assembly and training of a diverse and accomplished founding team, and he brings a critical network of school support, including that of multiple BES schools across the country and that of Opportunity 180 in Nevada.

Going forward, BES will support the successful start-up and implementation of Futuro Prep through a minimal three-year commitment of BES Follow-On Support, delivered through the work of a Leadership Coach deeply experienced in successful charter school start-up and delivery of strong academic outcomes within a high needs community. We will work closely with Ignacio in all phases of the work, and will provide additional supports to the Founding Board as they transition into a Governing Board.

Ignacio's commitment to strong outcomes, his ability to mobilize a team, and his capacity to build a school of promise and results are clear. His ability to successfully manage multiple priorities, effectively communicate with a variety of stakeholders, and meticulously plan the academic, operational, and governance requirements of a high performing charter school evidence his capacity for the work.

We are honored to work with Ignacio, and have complete confidence that his school leadership and the well-researched and practice-proven components of the public charter school design for Futuro Academy, supported through the current training and longer support commitment from Building Excellent Schools, will lead to strong student achievement for the children of Las Vegas.

Respectfully,

Sue Walsh

Building Excellent Schools Senior Director



June 13, 2016

Nevada Achievement School District c/o Nevada Department of Education 9890 South Maryland Parkway #221 Las Vegas, NV 89183

Dear Ms. Wilcox-Lavin,

I am pleased to inform you that pending authorization, Opportunity 180 is prepared to provide a grant to Futuro Academy in the amount of \$250,000 if they do not receive funds from the Charter Schools Program grant.

Please let me know if I can answer any additional questions to support Futuro Academy's authorization application.

Onward,

Allison Seratin

Founder and President

Cornerstone Academy Preparatory School

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May 25, 2016

To The Nevada Achievement School District:

This letter is written in strong support of the charter application for Futuro Academy Charter School and the founding leadership of 2015 BES Fellow Ignacio Prado.

As 2008 BES Fellow, Founder and Executive Director of Cornerstone Academy Preparatory in San Jose, CA, I and my team have had the extraordinary training and support of Building Excellent Schools through all phases of our school's growth, and that support continues to the current day, as we are an active and vibrant member of The BES Network – some of the highest performing charter schools across the country. Because of the support BES has provided through its Fellowship training, its support during start-up and growth, and its steadfast commitment to quality growth, we have been able to continuously strengthen our school's culture, academic program, executive leadership, and our leadership bench. As a result of this support, Cornerstone has been the highest performing charter school in the city of San Jose in every year of testing since 2011-12, producing results on par with more affluent communities in the Bay Area.

At Cornerstone, we believe that our success was built on the lessons shared and support of other giants in the work. As such, we are committed to paying it forward by supporting promising, high potential leaders with strong visions through structured, leadership residencies at our school. We look forward to hosting Ignacio in summer residency this year, and to keeping our doors continuously open — sharing any resources that he might need as he establishes a high quality charter school for the children of Las Vegas.

Thank you for your consideration of this charter application. I believe it will be tremendously impactful for the students of Las Vegas.

Best,

Shara Hegde, Executive Director

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Cornerstone Academy Preparatory School



To whom it may concern,

I am the Founder and Head of School at Nashville Classical Charter School. We enroll 234 students in grades Kindergarten, First, and Second in Nashville, TN. We opened with just kindergarten in July, 2013 and will add one grade per year until we reach grades K-8. At our school 90% of our students read on grade level and students perform in the 94th National Median Percentile on standardized assessments. More than two-thirds of our students come from low-income families and more than 75 percent are minorities.

The proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado completed a leadership residency at Nashville Classical Charter School in January of 2016. During his residency, Mr. Prado acquired insight and knowledge of our educational model and practices with regards to instruction, culture building, and development of high-caliber staff.

I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas, and look forward to collaborating with Mr. Prado on incorporating successful elements of the Nashville Classical Charter School model.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie M. Friedman

Founder and Head of School

Nashville Classical Charter School

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May 27th, 2016

RE: Andson Inc., in support of Futuro Academy

To Whom It May Concern,

Andson Inc., is a local, 501c(3) organization, dedicated to youth services. We focus primarily in academic intervention, as well as financial capabilities programming. We believe that these two areas will most heavily impact a youth's ability for social mobility. Andson has been in Southern Nevada for 6 years, and has impacted more than 15,000 students during the 2015-16 school year.

Andson recently had the opportunity to meet with the Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado. We support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice aligns with Andson's core focus of social mobility and empowering through education. This is a much needed facility for the students of East Las Vegas.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any further questions.

Kindest Regards,

Anthony McTaggart **Chief Operations Officer**

Andson, Inc.

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To whom it may concern,

I am Sean Parker, Executive Director or Teach For America in Las Vegas, and our mission is to enlist, develop, and mobilize as many as possible of our nation's most promising future leaders to grow and strengthen the movement for educational equity and excellence (more on our mission can be found here). We do our work by recruiting and training teacher-leaders to invest themselves in the children of Las Vegas, supporting a network of organizations that are aligned with our mission, and leveraging the strength of the teachers, alumni, school leaders, and communities who are passionate about our kids and the quality of education they receive. I believe that Futuro Academy is going to be a powerful partner in ensuring opportunity for students that need it the most.

I have spoken with the proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in elementary school through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice as well as their proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Respectfully submitted, Sean Parker Executive Director, Teach For America – Las Vegas Valley



May 13, 2016

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Vegas PBS has been broadcasting public service television throughout Southern Nevada for 48 years, and is a trusted, valued and essential member of the community. Dedicated to enriching the lives of Southern Nevadans, Vegas PBS Channel 10 is one of America's most popular PBS stations, with per capita viewership ranked first in the nation among major markets in three of the past five years. Our geographic service area includes the city and residents of Clark, Nye, Lincoln, Esmeralda and parts of White Pine counties, and we seek to provide relevant content and community service outreach programming that addresses the needs of everyone in our community.

Vegas PBS has grown into much more than a television station, and now provides multiple traditional and digital content delivery platforms (including cable, DVD, broadband Internet, and mobile devices). Its diverse education, training and community outreach programs include Vegas PBS Educational Media Services, and Global Online Advanced Learning (GOAL) Workforce Training and Economic Development Center housed in our state-of-the-art LEED Gold Educational Technology Campus. All of our programs are focused on community engagement to develop and assess services in cooperation with public, private and nonprofit partners.

The mission of Vegas PBS is to use television and other technologies to educate and empower individuals and to improve the effectiveness of community organizations. Vegas PBS recognizes the importance of utilizing cutting-edge technology to reach those in our community who need it most.

I have spoken with the proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado and some of the founding board members and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

We look forward to partnering in particular because of the mission-alignment regarding the importance of education as the single biggest lever for the strength and collective direction of our community and nation. We envision, in partnership, to provide integration into our digital and online resources for students and families, collaborating on professional development for the educators at Futuro Academy, supporting with early childhood parent education, and providing resources for students with special needs such as any hearing or seeing impaired students Futuro Academy may educate in the future.

Ultimately, if the resources and the critical mass of parent participants is reached by Futuro Academy, we are excited not only to partner on being a provider of content for Futuro Academy's student and teacher community, but potentially partners in developing the family community of Futuro Academy for success in the 21st century workforce through partnering in adult education and directly impacting the quality of life of the families at Futuro Academy.

It is the eagerness for both Vegas PBS and Futuro Academy to engage in the work of education to make a lasting impact and improve lives in our community which will over time develop into a strong, lasting partnership which drives our support.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Solt

Director, Workforce Training & Economic Development

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April 1, 2016

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Senator Mo Denis, and I represent State Senate District 2 in Clark County. I have spent my life fighting to make education better for all of our children. I feel that schools like Futuro Academy provide options for students and parents in their educational opportunities. Students in East Las Vegas don't always have options that are viable for their circumstances. Futuro Academy is trying to provide those opportunities. They are committed to providing quality education.

I have spoken with proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado, and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Sincerely,

Senator Moises (Mo) Denis Nevada State Senate





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May 22, 2016

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of the Futuro Academy, East Las Vegas. As a longtime Las Vegas resident, parent and Professor of higher education for many years, this is a much needed addition to our academic community in las Vegas.

Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in from grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Our children are our future and I wholeheartedly support the establishment of The Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas.

Sincerely:

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Justin Brecht, founder and lead teacher of the BRICK Academy at John F. Mendoza Elementary School in Las Vegas. BRICK Academy is an extended day program focused on academic enhancement through character education. BRICK operates within a school, yet independently in terms of methodology in instruction and organization. Ultimately, BRICK is an alternative for families to traditional schools in East Las Vegas. We serve to pursue the highest levels of achievement and expectations and provide precise academic responses to community needs.

Through my work with BRICK Academy, I have seen the transformational change that alternative means of education can have not only within individual students, but on the community at large. While this work has earned me individual recognition through local news programs and the Las Vegas Review Journals Educator of the Year, the hope is for these types of programs to be the norm, not the exception.

I have spoken with the proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado and I support the authorization and establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Brecht Founder, BRICK Academy



To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Connie Yeh, and I am the Founder of 9th Bridge School. I moved to Las Vegas four and a half years ago, and have spent a lot of time touring schools both locally and nationally.

I have spoken with the proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado, and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much-needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

I am excited for Futuro Academy, and for Mr. Prado and the students of East Las Vegas. Mr. Prado has the passion, determination, knowledge, team, and support to make this school successful and high-quality. Please accept my Letter of Support for Futuro Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Yeh





To whom it may concern,

My name is Bart Patterson and I am the president of Nevada State College (NSC) in Henderson, Nevada. I met with Ignacio Prado, Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, and feel that he has drafted a solid charter that will be valuable in filling a critical need for English Language Acquisition in the East Las Vegas community. Mr. Prado has thoughtfully created a curriculum based on research and collaboration that I feel will cultivate new leaders to serve in the diverse Southern Nevada region. I was most impressed with the forward-thinking approach to reaching those students with special learning needs as well as those from vulnerable communities. At NSC our mission is to foster opportunity through innovative learning and the acquisition of interdisciplinary knowledge for a diverse population of students with a special emphasis on the advancement of a diverse and largely underserved student population. It is my hope that Futuro Academy and NSC can work together to ensure a more successful Nevada future.

I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the college of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Cordially,

Bart Patterson President





April 25, 2016

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lori Navarrete. I am a faculty member at Nevada State College (NSC) in Henderson, Nevada. My areas of expertise are in special education, curriculum and instruction, and teaching English as a Second Language (TESL). I have met with Ignacio Prado, Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, on at least three occasions over the last year. He has worked hard to draft a sound charter with a research-based curriculum that aligns with 21st Century standards and offers innovative learning opportunities. I am especially interested in the inclusive and accessible avenues that have been considered in the curriculum and student support units for students with diverse learning needs as well as those from under-resourced communities. Mr. Prado sought consult from Dr. VandeHei and myself regarding specific pedagogy for literacy and English language acquisition. It is my hope that the School of Education at NSC and Futuro Academy will seek opportunities in which to collaborate in the future.

I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Navarrete, Ph.D Associate Professor





To Whom It May Concern:

I met Ignacio Prado years ago during his tenure as one of the most outstanding teachers at Long Elementary School. Working together as a member of the Teach for America Las Vegas Valley Alumni community on a variety of education equity issues, I quickly realized his passion for systemic change. It was not enough for him to ensure that his students would be academically success without creating a space where all of his East Las Vegas would have successful academic futures.

So I could not have been more excited to learn that Ignacio was opening Futuro Academy. Not only is Ignacio backed by the outstanding support network of Building Excellent Schools, but he has also selected a committed, rising star in the local law community, Brian Blaylock as his board chair whose leadership while we were in law school together at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas bodes very well for his leadership of this board. I know several other members of the Futuro Academy proposed Governing Board and they represent the exact type of broad community support necessary to execute Futuro's vision of educating all students to and through the college of their choice.

It is with great excitement that I submit this letter of support for Futuro Academy's application, and I look forward to working with their leadership as part of our growing charter school community.

Sincerely,

Colin E. Seale



To whom it may concern:

My name is Victor Wakefield and I represent District 1 on Nevada's State Board of Education. Today the educational outcomes in East Las Vegas do not meet our aspiration. There is nothing more important than ensuring we have great schools, quality educators, and strong leaders for all of Nevada's children and I believe that we should put a premium on developing great schools in areas of our community most in need.

I have spoken with the proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado and I support the authorization and establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. I've known Ignacio for five years – starting in my previous capacity as the Executive Director of Teach For America, Las Vegas Valley. I've observed Ignacio consistently combine an ability to set vision and direction with a relentless work ethic and strong personal integrity. In addition, the fellowship opportunity he has pursued through Building Excellent Schools has a strong track record, selects carefully, and from what I understand builds a strong business and academic acumen within their fellows.

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I share my endorsement for Ignacio Prado and optimism for the future of our students and families in East Las Vegas.

Respectfully submitted, Victor Wakefield District 1, Nevada State Board of Education



To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for enhanced education for the children of Nevada, such as the one implemented by the Futuro Academy. As a member of this community, in my professional role and as a parent, I value high-quality education for children. I support any endeavor that promotes, facilitates or increases the availability of such high-quality education across the state of Nevada.

I have spoken with Jorna E. Clark, Board Member and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 702-789-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Arredondo

Community Health Director American Heart Association

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May 13, 2016

Futuro Academy Charter School

Letter of Support

Honorable Members of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority,

The Culinary Academy of Las Vegas, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), is dedicated to its vision of reducing poverty and eliminating unemployment by providing employability and vocational skills to youth, adults and displaced workers. Each year, the Academy prepares several thousand individuals in 12 job classifications for the hospitality industry including baker's helper, bar apprentice, bar porter, bus person, food server, fountain worker, guest room attendant, house person/utility porter, professional cook, sommelier, steward, and wine server. Our instructional model simulates actual working conditions wherever possible.

As an educational institution who dedicated changing lives through education and vocational training we have a vested interest in Futuro Academy providing the ability for a student to receive a quality education regardless of a circumstance or situation. It is important for a community to have education choice options and we applaud Futuro for taking this step for the East Las Vegas community.

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Executive Director of Student Services

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Ana Puliic

Respectful.

Executive Director of Student Services



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 10, 2016

Futuro Academy Charter School

RE: Letter of Support

To whom it may concern:

As Director of the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), I am in full support of the proposed charter school to be built in East Las Vegas. We are always excited to further our state's educated workforce efforts. Preparing and training our youth for employment today creates a sustainable economy for Nevada's future.

I have spoken with the proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Soderberg

Director



To Whom It May Concern,

Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow (FTI) is a local workforce development non-profit. FIT provides job training; coaching and support, based on job seekers' individual needs and skills employers tell us they are looking for. FIT graduates get jobs, employers get great results. At FIT we understand that education is a vital component of obtaining self-sufficient employment and it is even more imperative to start that education early. FIT fully supports the Futuro Academy and their quest to prepare the youth of East Las Vegas to succeed.

I have spoken with Jorna E. Clark, Board Member and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Casey MSW, LSW

Program Director

Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow



May 10, 2016

Re: Letter of Support

To Whom it May Concern:

As Interim President and founder of NAAAP@ Las Vegas, I fully support the proposed Futuro Academy Charter School. National Association of Asian American Professionals is a non-profit organization that cultivates and empowers Asian & Pacific Islander leaders through professional development, community service, and networking. We actively support and promote children, youth and families and the endeavors to promote education.

I have spoken with Jorna E. Clark, Board Member and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Nguyen

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May 13, 2016

Futuro Academy Charter School

RE: Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

I am reminded of a quote that I most recently read. "Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings, who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives." As the Executive Director of New Genesis you have my full support of the proposed charter school to be built in East Las Vegas. Here at New Genesis our program is designed out of a need to more successfully improve the lives of the homeless, our organization provides a stable environment, helping people get off the streets and back into society. New Genesis works to provide more than just emergency services to the homeless; each year, we assist over 600 people off the streets and back into a fully productive lifestyle.

Families with children are by most accounts among the fastest growing segments of the homeless population. In the United States today, an estimated 1.35 million children are likely to experience homelessness over the course of a year (The Institute for Children and Poverty, 2004). This number represents two percent of all children in the United States, and ten percent of all poor children in the United States.

Every time a child has to change schools, his or her education is disrupted. Without an opportunity to receive an education, homeless children are much less likely to acquire the skills they need to escape poverty as adults. School is one of the few stable, secure places in the lives of homeless children and youth. It is a place where they can acquire the skills needed to help them escape poverty

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Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Page

Maurice Page Executive Director New Genesis Las Vegas 702-836-3272 Office mpagenglv@aol.com



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May 2, 2016

To whom it may concern:

Re: Letter of Support

Honorable Members of the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority

As Founder and Executive Director of Southern Nevada Children First, I am in full support of the proposed charter school. Educating and training our youth is a program that we here at our agency fully believe assists the youth we serve on their transition to self-sufficieny.

Southern Nevada Children First was founded in 2007 to serve the needs of the homeless pregnant and parenting youth in the community by providing the tools necessary to transition them to self sufficiency. Our mission is to "strengthening the lives of children and families".

I have spoken with Jorna E. Clark, Board Member and I support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas.

Respectfully,

Jounder/Executive Director

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Spawning of a Renaissance: Education, Leadership, Veterans Steven Seroka, Colonel USAF (retired)

Letter of Support

Subject: Letter of Support: Futuro Academy, Las Vegas, Nevada

To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. As a US Air Force Colonel (retired), Developmental Education Businessman, Public Speaker, Education Advocate and Community Leader for for our Veterans it is clear our region's future success stands on the foundation of its education.

In my roles in the classroom instructing, as the state of Nevada's Vice-Chairman of Employer Support to the Guard and Reserve and as an active volunteer for Communities in Schools is see the value of establishing a solid educational foundation from the start. I also see the negative impact and struggle that comes from failing to nurture all of our children before they enter adulthood and our workforce.

I have spoken with Jorna E. Clark, Board Member, and I strongly support the establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven G. Seroka

Colonel, USAF (retired)

Vice Chairman, ESGR

Commissioner, North Las Vegas VCC

Founder, SOAR



March 24, 2016

Re: Letter of Support Futuro Academy

To whom it may Concern,

As a practicing architect in this valley for over 25 years, I have had the privilege of not only growing two prominent and successful architectural practices, but to have served this community as means of giving back. I have held an array of AIA leadership positions, from president of local and state components to serving as an AIA national board member for the Western Mountain Region. As a past adjunct professor at UNLV's College of Architecture, I continue to guest lecture in professional practice classes and juries 5th and 6th year design studios. I served on the board of trustees as vice president for the Lied Discovery Children's Museum for 15 years, served on the executive board of the Boy Scouts of America, the TPC Board of Governors, and am a former Nevada State coordinator for NCARB's Intern Development Program.

Our philosophy has always been to "do well and then to do good". Educational and children's development programs have always been at the forefront of our giving and support for the future of any community is its youth.

I have recently spoken with the proposed Director and Lead Founder of Futuro Academy, Ignacio Prado and I very much support the authorization and establishment of Futuro Academy in East Las Vegas. Futuro Academy's mission of educating all scholars in grades K-8 through rigorous academics and personal excellence to prepare for the university of their choice and proposed model will provide a much needed educational option to the students in East Las Vegas.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please call me directly at 702-946-8195. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Vance, FAIA, NCARB

Founder & CEO Richard Upjohn Fellow

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