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Charter Authority Members,

My name is Erika Hilgaertner and I am writing on behalf of Necca Academy. I am on the Committee to Form and a parent of a child who has been enrolled in several schools in Las Vegas throughout growing up. We lived in TX for a while and moved back to Vegas for a better environment for him as he is part of the LGBTQIA+ community, and the current laws ran counter to our ability to provide him with the medical care he needs. He is a knowledgeable, intelligent, and creative person. Unfortunately, due to social anxiety and other health issues, he has experienced bullying and difficulty forming and keeping friends.

My interest in Necca Academy is to help build community schools that provide opportunities for kids like mine and others who might not fit well in a typical high school.

I wish I could be there today in support of Necca Academy; however, my work schedule conflicted with the meeting. Our team has worked hard towards a successful application with the charter authority. While we are saddened by the recommendation for denial, we are grateful to be part of the process and receive detailed feedback from the SPCSA on where we can improve.

I am personally committed to continuing as part of the Necca Academy team and partnering with the SPCSA to create the first 9th-12th grade early college high school in Nevada - a project we will all be proud of over the years.

We respect whatever decision you make today and look forward to your continued support.

All the best,

Erika Hilgaertner
Parent and Las Vegas/Henderson Resident for 10+ years