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To the Nevada SPCSA,

My name is Avalon Korringa, and I live directly next to Sage Collegiate Public Charter School at 1019 Bedford Rd. I am commenting on the agenda item regarding Sage Collegiate's financial situation.

As a neighbor, I have been directly impacted by the school's ongoing financial mismanagement. In October 2023, my neighbor and I spoke at a Las Vegas City Council meeting about the disruption caused by the school, most notably, seemingly undersupervised children climbing the wall, and throwing items into our yards. In response, the school publicly promised to install landscaping buffers to mitigate the issues. That promise was never fulfilled. When we followed up, we were dismissively told, "That's not in the budget."

However, the school *did* find money in the budget to instead hire attorneys who sent my neighbor and me threatening letters, claiming we could not have security cameras facing the school from our private property. This was an obvious misuse of funds, especially since my camera remains legally in place and has arguably done more to deter this unsafe behavior than any action the school has taken.

Of even greater concern is the school's pattern of financial maneuvering. Sage Collegiate has congratulated itself on finally repaying its CAM loans, yet as of May 23, 2025, it is delinquent on its PERS contributions for both April and May, totaling **\$71,371.11**. This looks like a classic case of robbing Peter to pay Paul, and it must be addressed.

Operational concerns that likely stem from financial mismanagement are equally alarming. According to the 2025 SPCSA site evaluation and Sage's own board minutes:

- Staff are stretched thin, often performing multiple roles.¹
- Faculty experienced burnout by October, and Sage acknowledges paying non-competitive salaries.²
- The school has critical staffing gaps, including the continued absence of a special education teacher, director of student services, and dean of culture.³

- Leadership admitted the school will be “busting at the seams” next year, yet is still seeking to enroll more students in an already overfilled and understaffed school.⁴
- The school failed to maintain required permits for both food service and the elevator.⁵
- Sage received one-star academic ratings for both its elementary and middle school programs.⁶
- Most troubling, students reported not feeling physically or emotionally safe.⁷

As a taxpayer and neighbor, I find it deeply concerning that public funds continue to support a school that is failing its students, failing its staff through nonpayment of essential retirement contributions, and failing its community by breaking promises and issuing vindictive legal threats.

I urge the Authority to issue a notice of breach to Sage Collegiate and to seriously consider revoking its charter. This school is doing a disservice to every party involved.

Thank you for your continued oversight,
Avalon Korringa

Footnotes

1. SPCSA Site Evaluation Report, p. 5
2. Sage Collegiate Board Minutes, Jan 2025
3. SPCSA Site Evaluation Report, p. 5; Sage Collegiate Board Minutes, Jan & Feb 2025
4. Sage Collegiate Board Minutes, Feb 2025
5. SPCSA Site Evaluation Report, p. 6
6. SPCSA Site Evaluation Report, p. 5
7. SPCSA Site Evaluation Report, p. 7, 24