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Nevada State Public Charter School Authority
Attn: Board Members / Executive Director

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in response to the public comment submitted by Jennifer Braster to the SPCSA Board, dated May 29, 2025, regarding a protective order initiated by Sage Collegiate in 2024. In that letter, Ms. Braster also includes a quote attributed to my ex-husband, claiming I am “crazy” and “unstable,” and presents this as a factual basis for action. I would like to formally dispute this characterization and correct the public record.

It is true that a temporary protection order was granted against me in April 2024, and that the court extended it for one year. However, during the hearing, the court dismissed the majority of the claims brought by the school. The only remaining issues, and the sole basis for the court’s decision, was my act of sitting on my own roof observing supervision and also recording video of the school’s boom box playing “Baby Shark” on repeat. I did not film students. I did not pose a threat to anyone. This context matters, and it was misrepresented in the letter.

The inclusion of hearsay from my ex-husband, a person from whom I was actively seeking recovery due to physical and emotional abuse, is especially troubling. I was under medical care for PTSD as a direct result of that relationship. The City of Las Vegas has filed criminal charges against him for battery and domestic violence against me¹, and his trial is currently scheduled for July 1, 2025. Quoting a person who has been formally charged with abuse, and presenting their comments as credible, is reckless and unethical. Seeking professional help for trauma is not a sign of instability. It is a sign of survival and strength. Using mental health language to try to discredit someone, especially when that language originates from a known abuser, is not only harmful to me, it also sends a dangerous message to the students and families served by Sage Collegiate.

When school leadership uses words like “crazy” and “unstable” to describe someone in trauma recovery, it reinforces the idea that mental health struggles are shameful and that those who seek help deserve to be dismissed or ridiculed. This kind of rhetoric creates an atmosphere of fear and silence, not one of safety or growth. It teaches students to hide their pain instead of healing it. That is not the environment any school should be cultivating. It is not nurturing. It is harmful.

I am requesting that this letter be included in the public record as a rebuttal to Ms. Braster's May 29th statement. I also urge the SPCSA and Sage Collegiate to consider how language used by school leadership reflects on their professionalism and judgment. When leaders treat individuals with lived experience as threats rather than verifying facts, it raises serious concerns about how power is being used.

It is also worth recognizing that institutional behavior can sometimes mirror the dynamics of interpersonal abuse. When a school leader repeats the words of a known abuser without verification or context, it reinforces harmful power structures and normalizes the misuse of authority.

I am not "crazy." I am a person who experienced trauma, received care, and moved forward. There should be no place for misrepresentation or character attacks in public education leadership. I expect this matter to be taken seriously and addressed appropriately.

Respectfully,
Avalon Korringa

1. Case Number: 24-040462 – *City of Las Vegas v. Dennis Frank Chairez*, Battery / Domestic Violence