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L. Karen Monroe, Superintendent
Alameda County Office of Education
313 West Winton Avenue
Hayward, CA 94544

**Re: Withdrawal of Conservatory of Vocal/Instrumental Arts Charter School
Petition on Appeal to the Alameda County Board of Education**

Dear Superintendent Monroe:

I am writing on behalf of the Conservatory of Vocal/Instrumental Arts (“COVA” or the “Charter School”) which submitted an appeal of its charter renewal petition denial by the Oakland Unified School District, to the Alameda County Board of Education (the “County”) on June 30, 2017. The purpose of this letter is to voluntarily withdraw COVA’s charter renewal appeal from consideration by the County.

The COVA Education Charter Resources, Inc. Board of Directors, which operates the Charter School, took action on September 25, 2017 to authorize me to withdraw the charter renewal appeal. We understand that this means that the COVA charter expired on its own terms, effective June 30, 2017, and can no longer operate. The Board will devote its time to sharpening its focus on best supporting our current and future students at the COVA high school.

The Board appreciates the time and effort that County staff have put into reviewing the renewal charter appeal, and staff’s efforts to build a positive relationship. COVA would appreciate a copy of the County’s staff draft review of its charter, so that we may continue to refine our service of the students and families of Oakland.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sandy Carpenter
Lead Petitioner

CC: Teresa Kapellas, Executive Director, Administrative Services, ACOE
Silke Bradford, Director, Quality Diverse Providers, OUSD
Cindy Chan, Director, Charter Schools Division, CDE