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AB 276 (Medina): SUPPORT TRANSPARENCY

The organizations listed below urge your **SUPPORT** of AB 276 (Medina), which expressly states that charter schools and the entities managing charter schools are subject to the Brown Act (open meetings), Public Records Act (open books), and two laws preventing conflicts of interest: Political Reform Act and Government Code 1090.

This bill requires charter school governing boards to comply with laws promoting transparency and accountability to parents and the public in the operation of public schools and expenditure of public funds; it does not ask more from charter schools than of traditional public schools. This proposal prohibits charter school board members and their immediate families from financially benefiting from their schools. Public schools' conflict of interest laws and disclosure regulations should apply to charter schools that receive public funds.

Transparency necessitates that we require companies and organizations that manage charter schools to release to parents and the public how they spend taxpayer money, including their annual budgets and contracts. Companies and organizations that manage charter schools must open board meetings to parents and the public, similar to public school board meetings. The public's business should be transacted in public. Public agencies must take their actions openly and their deliberations must be conducted openly.

We urge your "AYE" vote when AB 276 (Medina) is heard.

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