



February 22, 2019

**VIA E-mail and Online Portal**

The Honorable Connie Leyva  
State Capitol, Room 2083  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 126 (Leyva) – Charter Schools - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Leyva:

**The League of Women Voters of California writes in strong supports of SB 126 (Leyva),** which would require the governing boards of charter schools to comply with a variety of the same open meeting, conflict-of-interest, and disclosure laws as the governing boards of traditional school districts are obligated to follow.

The League believes that all publicly funded educational institutions should abide by the same transparency and accountability rules. We, along with other advocates, have consistently supported legislation to promote these principles. Now, with the recent state Attorney General's opinion rejecting arguments that charter schools are exempt, and with Governor Newsom's vocal support, the time is ripe to explicitly clarify the matter through legislation.

SB 126 has moved through the legislature very quickly and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Education in less than a week. **The League of Women Voters of California requests to be added to the list of organizations in support, and we strongly urge passage of this bill.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen L. Hutchison".

Helen L. Hutchison  
President

cc: Senator Patrick O'Donnell  
Members and Committee Staff, Assembly Committee on Education