

Pat Burns | Mayor

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Honorable Buffy Wicks, Chair Assembly Appropriations Committee 1021 O Street, Suite 8220 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 84 School accountability: Office of the Education Inspector General: school financial and performance audits: charter school authorization, oversight, operations, and contracting: data systems. OPPOSITION

Dear Chair Wicks,

On behalf of the Huntington Beach City Council, I am writing to respectfully oppose Assembly Bill 84, which would require all instructional services in non-classroom-based charter schools to be provided solely by credentialed educators.

Students in these programs benefit from hands-on instruction led by skilled professionals in fields like art, music, technology, agriculture, and the trades. While these instructors may not hold teaching credentials, they offer invaluable real-world expertise. Under AB 84, these learning opportunities would be lost.

All such programs are approved and supervised by credentialed teachers, who ensure curriculum quality, student progress, and compliance with state standards. Prohibiting participation by community experts would limit educational diversity and weaken vital school-community partnerships.

Community-based learning builds practical skills, fosters civic engagement, and supports local economies. AB 84 threatens these benefits and restricts innovative, effective education.

Please oppose AB 84 and support policies that preserve meaningful, diverse learning opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,

Pat Burns Mayor