

LIVE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LIVE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT TO SAFE, INCLUSIVE, AND EQUITABLE EDUCATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Live Oak Charter School recognizes that recent policy announcements and executive actions at the federal level have created uncertainty and unease among students, families, and staff, particularly among immigrant and LGBTQ+ communities; and

WHEREAS, Live Oak Charter School is committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and equitable educational environment that upholds the rights and dignity of all students regardless of immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, or other protected characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States, in *Plyler v. Doe*, affirmed that all children, regardless of immigration status, have the right to a public education, a ruling that remains the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code mandates that all students have the right to a school environment free from discrimination, harassment, bullying, violence, and intimidation; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Place to Learn Act (AB 827) and Assembly Bill 1266 provide critical protections for LGBTQ+ students, including requirements for inclusive curricula and the right of transgender students to use facilities consistent with their gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Live Oak Charter School affirms that diversity in curriculum and instruction enhances student engagement and learning outcomes by reflecting and celebrating the varied perspectives and experiences within our community; and

WHEREAS, school site administrators have the legal authority to limit disruptions to learning and to restrict access to students, including declining collaboration with immigration enforcement officers except in cases where a signed judicial warrant or exigent circumstances, as defined by law, are presented; and

WHEREAS, Live Oak Charter School is committed to providing ongoing training and informational sessions to staff and educators to ensure that legal rights, responsibilities, and best practices in protecting students and fostering an inclusive environment are well understood and implemented;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Live Oak Charter School hereby:

1. Affirms its unwavering commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and equitable educational environment for all students, regardless of immigration status, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, or ethnicity.
2. Reaffirms its adherence to all federal and state laws that protect students' rights to an education free from discrimination, harassment, and intimidation.
3. Directs school administrators to take all legally permissible steps to protect students and staff from any policies or actions that may compromise their safety and well-being.
4. Pledges to continue advocating for policies and practices that support and uplift all students, particularly those from historically marginalized communities.
5. Commits to ongoing education, training, and support for staff, students, and families to uphold the values of equity, inclusion, and diversity in our school community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2025, by the Board of Directors of Live Oak Charter School.