



Board of Directors 3.5.2025

Donnell Beverly Jr
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To Whom it May Concern,

Stephen Prough
Co-Chair

As an organization dedicated to supporting student and parents in the most underserved communities, often working-class people of color, we are writing to express our concern about the inappropriate language and behavior that continues to take place during Council Meetings. Bigoted words should have no place in institutions where decorum should be civil enough for the students, we serve should be able to visit as a part of their civics learning.

Paul de Bernier

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Our organization relies on being able to provide public comment or advocate during Council meetings and our members are exposed to hateful language. Vulgar and offensive language does not contribute to resolving the issues at hand. Public meetings should prioritize constructive and meaningful engagement, and this type of behavior must not be normalized in any public forum.

Molly Park

Ali Powell

Vanessa Rosales

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Jaime Uzeta

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Council Chambers should be a space where all participants feel safe and where respectful dialogue is the standard. We strongly urge Councilmembers to establish and enforce clear standards to restore order and ensure a productive environment for public discourse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Veronica Melvin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Veronica Melvin
President/CEO