



ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Staff Report Findings of Fact and Recommendations California Republic Leadership Academy Orange County

January 16, 2026

I. INTRODUCTION

The following is a summary of the review conducted by Orange County Department of Education staff of the material revision request submitted by California Republic Leadership Academy Orange County, pursuant to Education Code section 47607, and recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

II. BACKGROUND

The Board approved the California Republic Leadership Academy Orange County charter petition for a five-year term, effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031. California Republic Leadership Academy Orange County is a countywide charter school that is scheduled to begin serving students in transitional kindergarten through grade twelve in the 2026-27 academic year.

On December 1, 2025, California Republic Leadership Academy Orange County submitted a material revision request to add an independent study option, the Classical Education Flex Program, to its educational program. A public hearing to assess support for the proposed revision was held on January 7, 2026.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

Material revisions of charter schools are governed by the standards and criteria described in Education Code section 47605 and shall include, but not be limited to, reasonably comprehensive descriptions of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was originally granted or last renewed.

IV. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Orange County Department of Education staff determined that the revised California Republic Leadership Academy Orange County charter petition meets the standards outlined in Education Code section 47605.

V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve the California Republic Leadership Academy Orange County material revision to add an independent study option, the Classical Education Flex Program, to its educational program.

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