



**ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**Staff Report Findings of Fact and Recommendations**  
**Magnolia Science Academ-Orange County**  
**March 18, 2025**

**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 Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County in compliance with Education Code section 47607 and recommendations for consideration by the Orange County Board of Education (the Board).

**II. BACKGROUND**

The Board approved the Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County countywide charter petition for a five-year term from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2029. Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County is a countywide charter school that will begin serving students in transitional kindergarten through twelfth grade in the 2025-2026 school year. The original petition included the following districts as potential site locations: Irvine Unified, Orange, Placentia-Yorbal Linda Unified and Saddleback Valley Unified.

On January 31, 2025, Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County submitted a material revision requesting to open a school facility within the boundaries of Anaheim Union High School District and Anaheim Elementary School District. A public hearing was held on March 5, 2025, to consider the level of support for the material revision.

**III. LEGAL STANDARD**

Material revisions of charter schools are governed by the standards and criteria described in Education Code section 47605.6, including, but not limited to, reasonably comprehensive descriptions of any new requirement of charter schools enacted into law after the charter was initially granted or last renewed.

**IV. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

Orange County Department of Education staff determined that the revised Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County charter petition meets Education Code section 47605.6 standards. Per Education Code section 47605.6(a)(3), on January 21, 2025, the petitioner notified Anaheim Elementary School District and Anaheim Union High School District of the proposed facility.

**V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Orange County Department of Education staff recommend that the Board approve the Magnolia Science Academy-Orange County material revision to open a charter school facility in the city of Anaheim.

## **VI. CONCLUSION**

The Board has three options for action regarding a charter petition material revision:

- Option One: Approve the material revision.
- Option Two: Approve the material revision with conditions. This action would result in the approval of the revised charter petition and require the charter school to address concerns raised by the Board by established timelines.
- Option Three: Deny the material revision.

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