

ATTACHMENT A

STAFF ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION REPORT

RENEWAL PETITION

Board of Education Report 125-25/26
November 17, 2025

School Name:	Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista			BOARD IS REQUIRED TO TAKE ACTION BY: November 19, 2025
Type of Charter School:	Start-Up Independent Charter School			
Charter Operator	Citizens of the World Los Angeles			
Location Code:	2262			
Type of Site(s):	(1) Private (2) Private			
Site Address(es):	(1) 11561 Gateway Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064 (2) 11518 West Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064			
Board District(s):	4	Region(s):	West	
Grade Levels Served:	TK-8	Current Enrollment:	464	
Grade Levels Authorized in Current Charter:	TK-8	Approved Enrollment in Current Charter:	1,070	
CONSIDERATION:	Renewal			
CDE PERFORMANCE CATEGORY: (PER CDE'S 2025 CLASSIFICATION)	High Performing			
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Approval for a six (6)-year term (2026-2032)			
PROPOSED BENCHMARKS:	None			

STAFF ASSESSMENT

I. ACTION PROPOSED

Staff recommends approval of the renewal petition for Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista (“CWC Mar Vista” or “Charter School”), located in Board District 4 and Region West, for a term of six (6) years, beginning July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2032, to serve up to 1,070 students in grades TK-8 in each year of the charter term.

Pursuant to applicable law, charter schools classified as High performing may be renewed for a term of five (5), six (6), or seven (7) years. To help determine the recommended term length in these cases, staff considers various factors related to the charter school's operations and performance during the term of the charter, as noted in the *LAUSD Policy and Procedures for Charter Schools*. Specific factors related to the charter school's performance and operations during the term of the charter include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Ratings on the Annual Performance-Based Oversight Visit Report in the areas of Governance; Student Achievement and Educational Performance; Organizational Management, Programs and Operations; and Fiscal Operations for the previous two years, and no significant unresolved issues, including, but not limited to, Notices to Cure;
- Additional academic considerations (i.e., numerically significant subgroup performance);
- Equity and access for families and pupils;
- School culture and climate; and
- Consideration of qualifying as High Performing under Criterion 1 or Criterion 2

As staff considered Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista's renewal petition and record, staff recommends a term length of six years.

II. RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon submission, District staff comprehensively reviews each renewal petition application to determine whether the school has met the requirements for renewal set forth in Education Code sections 47605, 47607, 47607.2, and 47611.5.

Criteria for Charter School Renewal and Grounds for Nonrenewal

As part of staff's holistic review of the renewal petition application, the charter school must be determined to be eligible for renewal of its charter under the specific renewal criteria outlined in the Charter Schools Act. The renewal criteria prescribed in Education Code sections 47607 and 47607.2 requires a three-pronged analysis:

- **Criterion 1:** Does the renewal petition include a sound educational program, a reasonably comprehensive description of the 15 elements required for petitions, an affirmation of each of the conditions described in Education Code section 47605(e), and are petitioners demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition? (Ed. Code, § 47607(b).)
These criteria have been determined not to be bases for denial.
- **Criterion 2:** Is the charter school “high,” “middle,” or “low” performing? (see Ed. Code, §§ 47607(c), 47607.2(a), and 47607.2(b).) Has the charter school attained measurable increases in academic achievement schoolwide and for numerically significant student groups served by the charter school, and does the charter school have strong postsecondary outcomes, if applicable?

These criteria have been determined not to be bases for denial.

- **Criterion 3:** Is the charter school serving all pupils who wish to attend, or does the charter school have substantial fiscal or governance issues? (Ed. Code, § 47607(e).)

These criteria have been determined not to be bases for denial.

Charter Petition Requirement:

In accordance with Education Code section 47611.5, a charter school charter shall contain a declaration regarding whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public school employer of the employees at the charter school for the purposes of Section 3540.1 of the Government Code, and that declaration shall not be materially inconsistent with the charter.

- Does the petition contain a declaration of whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public employer of the employees of the charter school?

This requirement has been determined not to be a basis for denial.

III. GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

A. School History

	Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista
Initial Authorization:	On February 7, 2012, Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista (formerly named Citizens of the World 3) was authorized by the LAUSD Board of Education to serve 576 students in grades K-5.
Most Recent Renewal	The charter was renewed on December 5, 2017 for a five-year term (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2023) to serve up to 1,070 students in grades TK-8. Pursuant to Education Code section 47607.4, all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2022, and June 30, 2025, inclusive, shall have their term extended by two years, and all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2027, inclusive, shall have their term extended by one additional year. Thus, by operation of law, the charter term for Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista expires June 30, 2026.
Approved Material Revisions of Current Charter:	Not applicable
Board Benchmarks in Current Charter Term:	On December 5, 2017, as part of the school's most recent renewal, the LAUSD Board of Education issued the following operational benchmark to Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista: Citizens of the World 3 will submit a written status report to the Charter Schools Division annually no later than December 1st, that

	Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista
	provides evidence of its efforts and outcomes to increase student diversity for its student subgroup population, including English Learners, Latinos, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, and Students with Disabilities, based on official student demographic information. Please see the “Additional Information” section below.
Submission of Renewal Petition Application:	Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista submitted its renewal petition application on August 21, 2025. The 90-day statutory timeline for Board action on the petition runs through November 19, 2025.
Concurrent Request for Material Revision:	Not applicable
Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners:	Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista implements its own Master Plan for English Learners and Standard English Learners.
Special Education SELPA	Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista participates in LAUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Option 2.

B. Charter School Operator

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista is operated by Citizens of the World Los Angeles (CWC LA), a California nonprofit public benefit corporation that also operates four other LAUSD-authorized charter schools.

IV. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE

a. Summary

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista has been identified by the state as a High performing charter school. The recommendation for renewal has considered the schoolwide performance and performance of numerically significant student groups and the state and local indicators reported on the California School Dashboard.

Please see the Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista data sets.

b. Measurements of Academic Performance on the California School Dashboard

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2022 Dashboard only displayed one year of data (also known as Status). Status Levels are reported based on the 2021-2022 school year data using one of five Status Levels (ranging from Very High, High, Medium, Low, and Very Low) for state measures. Please note that the Status Levels associated with the Chronic Absenteeism and Suspension Rate Indicators are reversed (ranging from Very Low, Low, Medium, High, and

Very High). Below, the 2023 and 2024 Dashboard Performance Levels (colors) based on two years' data are provided.

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista Dashboard Indicators

School Year	ELA	Math	English Learner Progress	College/Career	Chronic Absenteeism	Graduation Rate	Suspension Rate
2021-2022	Medium	Low	Low	Not Applicable	Very High	Not Applicable	Medium
2022-2023	Yellow	Green	Green	Not Applicable	Yellow	Not Applicable	Orange
2023-2024	Yellow	Orange	Green	Not Applicable	Yellow	Not Applicable	Green

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

c. English Language Arts Indicator

In 2022, 2023, and 2024 in English Language Arts (ELA), the charter school's Distance from Standard (DFS) was higher than the state for All Students, and higher than the state for all numerically significant student groups.

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - English Language Arts Indicator - 2021-2022

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Level	Charter ELA (DFS)	State Level	State ELA (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
All Students	Met	Medium	9.9	Low	-12.2	Higher
Black or African American	Not Met	Low	-13.4	Low	-57.7	Higher
Latino	Met	Low	-14.1	Low	-38.6	Higher
White	Not Met	High	38.9	High	21.9	Higher
English Learner	Met	Low	-34.1	Low	-61.2	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Low	-15.0	Low	-41.4	Higher
Students with Disabilities	Met	Low	-61.0	Very Low	-97.3	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - English Language Arts Indicator - 2022-2023

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter ELA (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State ELA (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
All Students	Met	Yellow	9.6	-0.3	Orange	-13.6	Higher
Black or African American	Met	Orange	-19.7	-5.1	Orange	-59.6	Higher
Latino	Met	Orange	-12.9	1.2	Orange	-40.2	Higher
White	Met	Blue	50.2	11.9	Green	20.8	Higher
English Learner	Met	Orange	-31.8	2.3	Orange	-67.7	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Orange	-12.7	2.3	Orange	-42.6	Higher
Students with Disabilities	Met	Yellow	-28.2	32.7	Red	-96.3	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - English Language Arts Indicator - 2023-2024

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter ELA (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State ELA (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
All Students	Met	Yellow	1.1	-8.5	Orange	-13.2	Higher
Black or African American	Met	Green	6.1	25.8	Orange	-58.9	Higher
Latino	Met	Orange	-22.7	-9.7	Orange	-39.3	Higher
White	Met	Green	43.6	-6.6	Green	19.2	Higher
English Learner	Met	Orange	-38.5	-6.7	Orange	-67.6	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Orange	-20.5	-7.8	Orange	-40.9	Higher
Students with Disabilities	Met	Orange	-37.1	-8.9	Red	-95.6	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

d. Math Indicator

In 2022, 2023, and 2024 in Math, the charter school's DFS was higher than the state for All Students, and higher than the state for all numerically significant student groups.

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - Math Indicator - 2021-2022

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Level	Charter Math (DFS)	State Level	State Math (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
All Students	Met	Low	-28.4	Low	-51.7	Higher
Black or African American	Not Met	Low	-63.5	Very Low	-106.9	Higher
Latino	Met	Low	-55.7	Low	-83.4	Higher
White	Not Met	High	8.3	Medium	-13.4	Higher
English Learner	Met	Low	-67.3	Low	-92.0	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Low	-55.0	Low	-84.0	Higher
Students with Disabilities	Not Met	Very Low	-99.2	Very Low	-130.8	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - Math Indicator - 2022-2023

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter Math (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State Math (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
All Students	Met	Green	-9.2	19.2	Orange	-49.1	Higher
Black or African American	Met	Yellow	-47.8	19.8	Red	-104.5	Higher
Latino	Met	Yellow	-29.5	26.2	Orange	-80.8	Higher
White	Met	Blue	30.9	23.6	Yellow	-11.1	Higher
English Learner	Met	Yellow	-47.0	20.3	Orange	-93.4	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Yellow	-32.4	22.7	Yellow	-80.8	Higher
Students with Disabilities	Met	Yellow	-38.2	63.0	Orange	-127.3	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - Math Indicator - 2023-2024

Student Group	Charter Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter Math (DFS)	Charter Change	State Color	State Math (DFS)	Charter to State Comparison (DFS)
All Students	Met	Orange	-28.2	-19.1	Orange	-47.6	Higher
Black or African American	Met	Yellow	-43.1	4.7	Red	-102.2	Higher
Latino	Met	Orange	-51.2	-21.8	Orange	-79.2	Higher
White	Met	Green	26.4	-4.5	Yellow	-10.3	Higher
English Learner	Met	Orange	-61.4	-14.4	Orange	-93.4	Higher
Socioeconomically Disadvantaged	Met	Orange	-54.3	-21.9	Orange	-78.2	Higher
Students with Disabilities	Met	Orange	-65.8	-27.6	Red	-124.3	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

e. English Learner Progress Indicator

In 2022, 2023, and 2024 on the ELPI, the charter school's English Learner Progress Rate was higher than the state.

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - English Learner Progress Indicator - 2021-2022

Student Group	Charter ELPAC Participation Rate	Charter Level	Charter EL Progress Rate	State Level	State EL Progress Rate	Charter to State Comparison
English Learner	Not Met	Low	58.3%	Medium	50.3%	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - English Learner Progress Indicator - 2022-2023

Student Group	Charter ELPAC Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter EL Progress Rate	Charter Change	State Color	State EL Progress Rate	Charter to State Comparison
English Learner	Met	Green	60.9%	4.1%	Yellow	48.7%	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista - English Learner Progress Indicator - 2023-2024

Student Group	Charter ELPAC Participation Rate	Charter Color	Charter EL Progress Rate	Charter Change	State Color	State EL Progress Rate	Charter to State Comparison
English Learner	Met	Green	61.1%	0.2%	Orange	45.7%	Higher

Data Sources: CA School Dashboard Research Files (<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/cm/dashboardresources.asp?tabsection=3>)

f. Chronic Absenteeism Indicator

In 2022 on the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator, the charter school's rate of chronic absenteeism was higher than the state for All Students and for all seven numerically significant student groups. In 2023 on the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator, the charter schools rate of chronic absenteeism was higher than the state for All Students, and for six of seven numerically significant student groups. In 2024 on the Chronic Absenteeism Indicator, the charter school's rate of chronic absenteeism was higher than the state for All Students, and for five of seven numerically significant student groups.

g. Graduation Indicator [HS only]

Not applicable

h. Suspension Rate Indicator

In 2022, 2023, and 2024, the charter school's percentage of students suspended at least once was lower than the state for All Students, and for the majority of numerically significant student groups.

i. Dashboard Local Indicators

Staff also considered the Local Indicators (e.g., Basic: Teachers, Instructional Materials, Facilities; Implementation of Academic Standards; Parent and Family Engagement; Local Climate Survey; Access to a Broad Course of Study) which have all been reported as "Met" in 2023 and 2024.

j. Additional Information

Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista's teachers are represented by United Teachers Los Angeles.

As noted above, Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista has one (1) operational benchmark in its current term. The following summarizes the outcome of the benchmark for each of the seven years (2018-2019 through 2024-2025) of the current charter term.

Benchmark: *Citizens of the World 3 will submit a written status report to the Charter Schools Division annually no later than December 1st, that provides evidence of its efforts and outcomes to increase student diversity for its student subgroup population, including English Learners, Latinos, Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, and Students with Disabilities, based on official student demographic information.*

Benchmark: Efforts and Outcomes to Increase Student Diversity						
2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met

In all years of the charter term, Charter School provided evidence of its efforts to increase student diversity. Benchmark outcomes, as determined by the CDE Data Quest Enrollment Report, were met in five of the seven years and not met in two years (2023-2024 and 2024-2025).

V. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE-BASED OVERSIGHT RESULTS

In accordance with Education Code section 47604.32, the District's Charter Schools Division (CSD) conducts at least one school site visit each year where the CSD evaluates charter school performance in the following four categories: Governance; Student Achievement and Educational Performance; Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations; and Fiscal Operations. Charter schools are rated in each category based on information and evidence gathered at the time of the annual performance-based oversight visit following a four-point rubric: (4) *Accomplished*, (3) *Proficient*, (2) *Developing*, and (1) *Unsatisfactory*. Please see below for Citizens of the World Charter School Mar Vista outcomes on its annual oversight evaluation reports for the last two years.

a. Governance

Oversight Ratings/Concerns	
2023-2024	<i>Accomplished</i>
2024-2025	<i>Accomplished</i>
Concerns	No unresolved issues pending

b. Student Achievement and Educational Performance

Oversight Ratings/Concerns	
2023-2024	<i>Proficient</i>
2024-2025	<i>Accomplished</i>
Concerns	No unresolved issues pending

c. Organizational Management, Programs, and Operations

Oversight Ratings/Concerns	
2023-2024	<i>Accomplished</i>
2024-2025	<i>Accomplished</i>
Concerns	No unresolved issues pending

d. Fiscal Operations

Oversight Ratings/Concerns	
2023-2024	<i>Proficient</i>
2024-2025	<i>Proficient</i>
Concerns	No unresolved issues pending

VI. FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

a. Fiscal Condition

CWC Mar Vista's fiscal condition is positive and has been upward trending since the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

	2020-2021 (Audited Actuals)	2021-2022 (Audited Actuals)	2022-2023 (Audited Actuals)	2023-2024 (Audited Actuals)	2024-2025 (Unaudited Actuals)
Net Assets	\$894,805	\$996,350	\$1,597,695	\$2,730,778	\$3,742,055
Net Income/Loss	\$40,917	\$101,545	\$601,345	\$1,133,083	\$1,011,277
Transfers In/Out	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prior Year Adjustment(s)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

	2020-2021 (Audited Actuals)	2021-2022 (Audited Actuals)	2022-2023 (Audited Actuals)	2023-2024 (Audited Actuals)	2024-2025 (Unaudited Actuals)
Norm Enrollment ^A	607	553	532	504	503

^A CWC Mar Vista reported 464 Norm Enrollment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. CWC Mar Vista stated that it plans to increase enrollment through various means, for example, by increasing community engagement. The CSD will continue to monitor Charter School's student enrollment and financial condition as part of its oversight process.

- b. 2023-2024 Independent Audit Report
 Audit Opinion: Unmodified/Unqualified
 Material Weaknesses: None Reported
 Deficiencies/Findings: None Reported
 Lack of a Going Concern: None Reported

- c. Other Significant Fiscal Information
 The financial condition of the charter operator is summarized in the table below.

Citizens of the World Charter School – Los Angeles					
Source: Independent Audit Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2024					
# of Charter Schools		<u>Including</u> related parties and charter schools		<u>Excluding</u> related parties and charter schools	
Operated	Authorized by LAUSD	Net Assets	Net Income / (Loss)	Net Assets	Net Income / (Loss)
5	5	\$3,383,026	\$576,478	\$52,098	\$12,819