



Candidate: Christine Hower

Parent of: Hannah (K) and Dean (TK 2027)

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a Parent Board Member on Encino Charter Elementary's Charter Leadership Council. The continued strength of ECES is important to me, and I would be happy to contribute my experience, judgment, resourcefulness, and perspective as a parent to decisions affecting our community.

I have more than 15 years as a television and marketing producer, including in senior and supervising roles. Much of my work involves evaluating information, solving complex problems, managing budgets and schedules, collaborating with people who have different perspectives, and making hiring decisions. I have hired and managed directors, producers, researchers, and other members of production teams, so I understand the importance of looking beyond a résumé to consider common sense, judgment, soft skills, and how someone will contribute to a larger team.

I have had experience with a deliberative selection process outside of my professional work as well. I served on the Rector Search Committee at Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in Woodland Hills, where our committee reviewed extensive application materials for seven candidates, including statements of interest, résumés, letters of recommendation, and detailed questionnaires. The process required our group of 10 committee members to carefully evaluate candidates, discuss differing viewpoints, ask thoughtful questions, and ultimately consider what would best serve the long-term needs of the parish community.

I also have experience being actively involved in an LAUSD elementary school community. During my daughter's TK year, I volunteered extensively at Nestle Avenue Charter Elementary School and served as a Room Parent. That experience gave me a direct understanding of the communication and coordination that takes place among teachers, school staff, parents, and volunteers, as well as the importance of making families feel informed, included, and connected to their school community.

Most importantly, I have a personal investment in the future of Encino Charter. I currently have a child in kindergarten at ECES, and my younger child will begin TK next year. Our family expects to be part of this school community for many years, and I would like to play an active role in

helping ECES continue to be a strong, supportive, and well-run school for all of its students and families.

I believe I would bring to the Board a well-rounded combination of professional leadership experience, research and communication skills, firsthand experience supporting an LAUSD school community as a Room Parent and volunteer, and a genuine willingness to listen to and represent the interests of the broader ECES paren