November 30, 2018

City of Sunnyvale Planning Commission City Hall 456 W. Olive Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94086

RE: Summit Denali high school facility in Sunnyvale

Dear Members of the Sunnyvale Planning Commission,

As Sunnyvale continues to grow, we need to ensure quality schools thrive in our community. The Summit Denali public charter school is a proven asset to Sunnyvale. By allowing the school to establish a permanent home on San Aleso Ave., this innovative school will provide a continued benefit to the families who make the city, and this neighborhood, their home.

Here are some reasons why Summit Denali would provide a positive impact to the community..

- Summit Denali will draw more students from the surrounding neighborhood providing a walkable option for families who will live in these new homes.
- Summit Denali offers a truly unique opportunity for students to excel at their own pace. This allows students to excel beyond their grade level.
- With a small student body, Summit Denali offers a positive environment where students
  are supported by their peers and where mentorship is a key component in the program.
- As a college prep school, Summit Denali helps students successfully prepare to enter a 4-year college.

As the Summit project comes before the Planning Commission for review, please consider the tremendous value that this school will bring to our community and I ask for your support.

Sincerely,

Joyce Ling, Parent 1372 Hoffman Lane Campbell, CA 95008

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My son does not really fit in the traditional public school. He does not like the traditional lecture based school. Summit Denali high school is the other option for kids like my son.

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Sincerely, Yen-Pin Wen 5815 Amapola Drive, San Jose, CA 95129

Yen-Pin Wen 1/29/18

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE STATEMENTS ABOUT SUMMIT DENALI @ SAN ALESO:

- Since 2012, newly approved housing developments in Sunnyvale will bring over 5,000
  people to the community. As a result, demand for quality, neighborhood schools will
  grow in the years to come.
- Summit Denali is the only public high school to open in Sunnyvale in over 35 years.
- Once Summit Denali is in a long-term facility, it will draw more students from the surrounding neighborhood providing a walkable option for families who will live in these new homes.
- All charter schools face the same challenge finding adequate facilities. In 2000, California voters passed Proposition 39 which requires school districts to share public school facilities with charter schools if requested. Summit decided to forgo this avenue and rather than burden local school districts. Denali found its own facility that would meet the needs of the community.
- In line with the needs of Sunnyvale families, Summit is investing in the community by updating 824 San Aleso Ave. to be a brand new high school that will serve the neighborhood after opening in 2019.