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Good Morning Board Members and Board Chair Grijalva,

I am writing to you today about Agenda Item 14, surrendering the charter of PVHS. I am an employee of Pima Vocational High School and would like to invite you to our campus, 5025 W Ina Rd in Supervisor District 3, before making any decisions about the future of our school. Please do not base any decisions on the Memo submitted to you from Community and Workforce Development; it is inaccurate and misleading.

I have been in the education field for over a decade, both as a classroom teacher and as Support Staff. PVHS is like no other school I've worked at; I doubt it's like any school you have visited. It's a small, close knit community. I have the pleasure of knowing each and every student. I know their favorite snacks and music. I know little details about their home life. And if I do not, I guarantee another staff member or teacher does have this knowledge. This school is built on relationships. This would not be possible in a regular size high school, and our students are keenly aware of it.

Our students are desperate for community, a sense of belonging, and self actualization. Almost all have not been successful in previous school environments, but are flourishing here. Even with the mismanagement we've been subjected to, the students continue to show their resiliency and determination.

I hope you have a chance to read through the comments from students both current and former. I hope you can see that Pima Vocational High School does have a place within our County; Community and Workforce Development may no longer be a good fit, but I am sure that with the right Educational leadership at the helm, we would again be a model program.

Thank you for your consideration,

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