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# CCAP Newsletter

## AUTHORIZERS *In Action*

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### **Oakland Unified School District: Bridging Divisions Through Transparency & Trust**

Long before he was elected to the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Board of Education in 2020, Board President Mike Hutchinson was staunchly and publicly opposed to charter school expansion in the district.

“My line will always be that charter schools are not public schools, so I don't want our public school resources to be used for charter schools,” explained Hutchinson.

“That’s the philosophical line that I hold.” ...[\[READ MORE\]](#)

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# Keeping up with CASI

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The Charter Authorizer Support Initiative (**CASI**), which CCAP implements in collaboration with the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Charter Schools Department on behalf of the California Department of Education, is making great progress in engaging school districts and county offices of education that authorize charters. Participation in monthly Charter Chats at 10:00 a.m. on the last Wednesday of the month, and in quarterly trainings, keeps growing. At this point over half of California Authorizers have participated in a CASI event. Recordings and accompanying resources are available [on the CASI website](#).

CASI is taking the show on the road! Might authorizers in your county or community be interested in a local onsite opportunity for training and networking? CASI can provide a free overview training and/or a training focused on authorizing challenges of particular local importance. Got mostly small districts with "dependent" schools? OK. Nonclassroom based programs? Check. Financial oversight for those without financial backgrounds? We'll be there. An authorizer training also could be paired with an additional training for charter leaders to connect more about authorizing.

Plans already are underway for upcoming events in Tulare, Kings, and Humboldt Counties. If you'd like to brainstorm, [reach out to CASI](#).



**Come Again!  
Or Come for the First Time!  
Attendees Share Their  
Conference Favorites!**

Dr. Jeffrey Hunt is a familiar face at CCAP's Charter School Authorizers conferences. He attended the inaugural 2022 conference in Costa Mesa and returned in 2023 for the Palm Springs conference as an attendee and as presenter at the session on Student-Centered Charter School Oversight. In 2024, he is looking forward to a further expanded presence...[\[READ MORE\]](#)

## Charter School Authorizers Conference

June 18-21, 2024

Irvine Marriott

Check out the website page for CCAP's 2024 conference for the latest updates:

[calauthorizers.org/conference](https://calauthorizers.org/conference)

### Keynote speaker!

One of the conference plenary sessions will feature [Macke Raymond](#), founder and director of the Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) at Stanford University, who is one of the nation's leading researchers on charter school performance. Come hear the latest and bring your questions!

### Calling all presenters!

CCAP welcomes proposals for presentations for sessions of 60-75 minutes' duration including discussion and Q&A. Proposals will be favored that include at least one authorizer presenter. We thank you for your understanding that all presenters are expected to register for the conference and that CCAP cannot cover presenter expenses. Proposals are due by **Monday**,

Register now! A significant discount is available for [CCAP members](#). All members of the Small School Districts' Association ([SSDA](#)) automatically are CCAP members, and others can join. The optional, stand-alone "Charter Authorizing & Oversight 101" preconference presented by the Charter Authorizer Support Initiative ([CASI](#)) is once again offered for just \$50. As the preconference once again will be split over two half-days, reimbursement of the intervening night's lodging at the conference hotel is available.



### Conference Venue: Irvine Marriott

The [Irvine Marriott](#) will be taking bookings at the conference basic room rate of \$219 per night until **Tuesday, May 24**. The Marriott is located less than a mile from John Wayne Airport and offers a free airport shuttle.

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## Update on Fraud Prevention Initiative

The broad-based, statewide **Anti-Fraud Task Force** initiated by CCAP is finalizing recommendations for the deterrence, detection, and prosecution of fraud in charter schools and California's larger public school system. The recommendations will address support for more universal implementation of existing sound practices, ensuring that all stakeholders know where to seek help when something doesn't seem right, and more systemic changes that require the attention of policy-makers. The Task Force hopes to release its report this month.

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