Before the

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of )

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Petition for Waiver of )

FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline )

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Los Angeles International Charter High School ) CC Docket No. 02-6

(BEN 16065013) )

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Schools and Libraries Universal Service )

Support Mechanism )

**Petition for Waiver of**

**FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017**

**RE: FCC Form 471** 16065013

**I.**  **INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

Los Angeles International Charter High School (LAICHS) serves low income High School students in Los Angeles. Since 2016, Los Angeles International Charter High School has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

LAICHS submitted and certified their Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 #171049499, in the “Apply Online” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on July 31, 2017 just 82 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of May 11, 2017.

Our staff member Omar Leon works E-Rate into his already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. Mr. Leon had previously turned in two form 471’s which were successful and fully funded for the school year 17-18. However, due to miscommunication and little to no knowledge of how E-Rate continues to provide funds from previous years, Mr. Leon was unware a form 471 was needed for continued services that had a multi-year contract.

**II.** **Request**

Los Angeles International Charter High School respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 filing deadline to allow the Out of Window submission of E-Rate Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 #171049499, due to lack of proper training and knowledge. It was not until now that Mr. Leon was made aware that a form 471 will always be needed in order to receive funding for approved funds from previous years. Mr. Leon has tackled E-rate by reading and attending several webinars but missed the detail of this process. Most schools hire consultants but our school is limited by funds since we are a small charter school. As with anything in life, we will learn from this mistake, and we hope to be granted the waiver to continue helping our school improve and continue to help the children of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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