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Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

**Name** Lorena Aboytes

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**Email** sololoy12003@yahoo.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hello my name is Lorena Aboytes. My family supports Tennessee Nature Academy because me parece una excelente opción para los niños, nuevas oportunidades.

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**Name** Dorca Constanza

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**Email** micaelaconstanza428@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hello my name is Dorca Constanza. My family supports Tennessee Nature Academy because para que los niños aprendan a la naturaleza y es muy buena distracción para toda la familia.

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**Name** Lesly Maritza Zelaya

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**Email** lachapis377@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

Hello my name is Lesly Maritza Zelaya. My family supports Tennessee Nature Academy because toda la comunidad necesitamos una academia como Tennessee Nature Academy, porque los niños y jovenes necesitan reconectar con la naturaleza y mentes sanas y una vida natural. My phone number is 615-609-6863.

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**Name** Marta Peña

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**Email** martapena79@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hello my name is Marta Peña. My family supports Tennessee Nature Academy because es in Nuevo concepto en educación apoyando la naturaleza.

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**Name** Genesis Parada

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hello my name is Genesis Parada. My family supports Tennessee Nature Academy because es una buena escuela en el aspecto de la naturaleza.

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**Name** Ana Luna

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**Email** lunaana6877@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hola mi nombre es Ana Luna. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque lo apoyamos porque la Naturaleza es importante para nuestra nueva generacion

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**Name** Luis Murallas Parada

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**Email** luismu.149@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hola mi nombre es Luis Murallas Parada. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque aprecian la naturaleza, los espacios abiertos y es una excelente forma de enseñar y spreader.

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Form Name: October 17 & 18, 2022 Commission Meeting Written  
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Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

**Name** Alma Salomon

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**Email** almasalomon19@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hola mi nombre es Alma Salomon. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque es un programa muy bonito y tambien buenas personas. Gracias Tennessee Nature Academy!

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<b>Name</b>	Beatriz Sanchez
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<b>Organization</b>	Tennessee Nature Academy
<b>Please provide your written comment below.</b>	Hola mi nombre es Beatriz. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque la naturaleza, el ambiente familiar y la code has.

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<b>Name</b>	Angie De Leon
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<b>Organization</b>	Tennessee Nature Academy
<b>Please provide your written comment below.</b>	Hola mi nombre es Angie De Leon. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque I support a nature based school.

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**Name** Jose Jose

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**Email** isthisjose@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

Hello my name is Jose. My family supports Tennessee Nature Academy because I saw it on a Facebook. I also like this place do to them and also the animals.

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**Name** Maria Ceballos

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**Email** mariaceballos372@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

Hola mi nombre es Maria Ceballos. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque me gusta lo que me explicaron y me gustaria que mis niños conocieran más sobre la naturaleza y que vivan las aventuras interactuen fuera de clase.

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<b>Name</b>	Juan Hernandez
<b>Email</b>	juanh8356@gmail.com
<b>Organization</b>	Tennessee Nature Academy
<b>Please provide your written comment below.</b>	Hola mi nombre es Juan Hernandez. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque me parece muy interesante el que los niños aprendan viendo y oyendo de la naturaleza.

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Location: 36.1671, -86.7861

**Name** Leonardo Peña

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**Email** B.nava615@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

Hello my name is Leonardo Peña. My family supports Tennessee Nature Academy because great way for kids to learn about nature. And what they can benefit from. Plus now to respect the earth and things it has to offer.

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<b>Name</b>	Cristian H
<b>Email</b>	antrohariam@gmail.com
<b>Organization</b>	Tennessee Nature Academy
<b>Please provide your written comment below.</b>	Hola mi nombre es Cristian H. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque necesitamos mad escuelas que conecten a nuestros hijos con la naturaleza.

Form Name: October 17 & 18, 2022 Commission Meeting Written  
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**Name** Maria Santana

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**Email** psanta667@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

Hola mi nombre es Maria Santana. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque es in ambiente muy agradable para los niños, muy buena oportunidad para contacto con el ambiente, la naturaleza y enseñanza a la agricultura. Muchas gracias por este dia divertido para los hijos.

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**Name** Ingrid Pinto

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**Email** ingridpinto14@icloud.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hola mi nombre es Ingrid Pinto. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque nos gusto el ambiente.

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Form Name: October 17 & 18, 2022 Commission Meeting Written  
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**Name** Efugenio Tiburcio

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**Email** zaraycalderon1981@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hola mi nombre es Efugenio Tiburcio. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque creo que es una buena escuela porque se relaciona con la naturaleza y la fauna.

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Form Name: October 17 & 18, 2022 Commission Meeting Written  
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**Name** Delsy Ramos

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**Email** ajoselin715@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Hola mi nombre es Delsy Ramos. Mi familia apoya a Tennessee Nature Academy porque es un lugar muy bonito e interesante donde los niños pueden aprender y divertirse con la naturaleza.

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**Name** Bill DeLoache

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**Email** bdeloache@gmail.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.** Members of the Commission:

As a Trustee of the Joe C. Davis Foundation (JCDF), I have separately submitted a letter indicating JCDF's commitment to provide funding to TN Nature Academy (TNA) during the next year, should some of its expected grants not come to fruition or should they experience significant cost overruns.

In addition, I want the Commission to be aware that I am part of a loosely affiliated group of five or six funders who have frequently supported Nashville charter school startups. Everyone in the group is familiar with, and very supportive of, TNA and its leadership. I am highly confident that other funders, in addition to JCDF, would be willing to step in to help TNA financially over the next year should the need arise.

I have worked with numerous talented charter school founders over many years: Randy Dowell, Charlie Friedman, Lagra Newman, Todd Dickson, Kristin McGraner, etc. I believe TNA's founders, Jay Renfro and Sarah Savage, whom I know well, are just the sort of educational entrepreneurs we need to build on the successes of these earlier founders. Jay has amazing entrepreneurial instincts, deep roots in the Cane Ridge / Antioch community, and a natural ability to connect with kids. Sarah has deep knowledge of curriculum and academics. They are a great match of talents. They have a unique outdoor school model that is sorely needed in this time of kids overwhelmed by electronic devices. Parents in the Cane Ridge / Antioch areas are in great need of new school options.

I urge the Commission to approve Tennessee Nature Academy.

Sincerely,  
Bill DeLoache  
Nashville, TN

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Location: 55.6808, 12.542

**Name** Chris Barbic

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**Email** chris@city-fund.org

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

Dear Tennessee Charter School Commission:

I am writing to inform you that on Sep 29, 2021, the City Fund board of directors approved the budget for a \$200,000.00 (two-hundred thousand dollars) grant to support the Tennessee Nature Academy (TNA). The purpose of the grant is to support TNA's incubation and start-up costs as it continues the authorization process for a single-site, nature-based public charter school serving grades 5-12 in the southeast Nashville community.

City Fund paid the first installment of \$50,000 to Tennessee Nature Academy on 9/1/2022, with the additional installments contingent on authorization by the Commission.

We are confident in the financial and leadership capacity of the TNA founding team to launch a high quality charter school in the Cane Ridge Community, and we respectfully request the state charter commission to authorize the school.

TNA's investment and leadership in the community to date is a testament to the founding team's commitment to the students and families in southeast Nashville.

Sincerely,  
Chris Barbic  
Partner, City Fund

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Location: 29.7495, -84.8162

**Name** Michael Korak

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

My wife and I attended the TNA First Fall Festival last Saturday. We had a wonderful time enjoying the weather, beauty, and environment of the Antioch area. More importantly, the goals of the TNA are definitely in keeping with our perspective on the needs of today's children and their well-rounded education...to include outdoor educational activities that bring them closer together and need for sustainable management of our world and its gifts that God has given us to respect and responsibly manage. If you can accept this message as my statement of support for the TNA Program and its certification process, please do so. I am a resident of Davidson County. Thank you for your vision, Michael Korak Hermitage, TN

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**Name** Kissie Gutierrez

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**Email** kissie@vocesdenashville.com

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

Hello, my name is Kissie Gutierrez. I am writing to you both as the newest member of the Tennessee Nature Academy team and as a mother who is looking for an excellent middle school option for my son. Since COVID-19, I have worked as an adult Spanish teacher with Voces de Nashville and as a preschool leader in the Southeast Community. Before that, I worked for ten years in finance in Family Remittances and a treasury and investment analyst. My job responsibilities were to manage daily, weekly, and monthly cash flow for accounts. I am confident in my knowledge of managing assets and liabilities and can help TNA maintain financial liquidity as their organization grows and the budget becomes more complex. I began working with TNA on September 21 and have used my data management skills to double our community engagement numbers.

My biggest reason for wanting TNA to succeed is because I want it to be the school home for my elementary-aged son. I did not find any satisfactory public school options in Southeast Davidson County and so my husband and I are paying for private school. Tennessee Nature Academy is exactly the type of school model families like mine are looking for. Please approve us. Thank you.

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<b>Name</b>	David McGowan
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<b>Organization</b>	Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

This letter is to indicate our support for the authorization of Tennessee Nature Academy for the 37013 community. Upon authorization, we plan to grant TNA a 23-acre parcel of land to become the permanent site for their school facility in the targeted 3,000 home Cane Ridge Community of Carothers Crossing.

This parcel of land has been approved for use as a school site in the Carrothers Farms Urban Design Overlay and will not need to go through rezoning. Site plans and architectural plans will be required to be approved by a grantee of McGowan Family as well as approved by the City of Nashville's planning department.

As a developer with decades of experience, we have the capacity and resources to support in the infrastructure build-out and site plan permitting and development, to put TNA on the fast track to moving into their permanent site.

We hope this unprecedented investment in a public charter school can serve as an example for future developers and public-private partnerships in the future.

Please reach out for more information.

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**Name** Ashley Heard

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**Email** ahead@diversecharters.org

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**Organization** Tennessee Nature Academy

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**Please provide your written comment below.**

I write to share Diverse Charter Schools Coalition's (DCSC) support of Roy Renfro's application to open a new, diverse-by-design charter school in Nashville, TN. DCSC's mission is to catalyze and support the creation and expansion of high-quality diverse public charter schools through strategic research, advocacy, membership activities, and outreach.

Last year, through a competitive application process, Roy was awarded a fellowship in DCSC's School Launch Fellowship Program, UnifiED. UnifiED, in collaboration with host school site leaders, member schools, and local partners, recruits and prepares future school leaders for new, excellent diverse-by-design charter schools. Successful Fellows of UnifiED are entrepreneurial leaders with a deep understanding of the diverse-by-design model. They establish a clear vision and lead people toward it by creating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive school community. They use data to inform decisions and measure outcomes. Ultimately, they launch diverse-by-design charter schools that lead students to strong academic results for all students and are closing the gaps in student performance, family satisfaction, and staff retention across relevant subgroups.

Over the course of the year-long program:

The Fellowship arms Fellows with broad access to experts and resources. Experts from across the Coalition lead all content sessions at Workshops, Kickoff, and Capstone. Workshops are held in conjunction with Coalition-wide events, such as Regional meetings and the Annual National Convening, so that Fellows expand their network of experts in diverse-by-design schools. Finally, outside presenters with expertise in diversity, equity, and inclusion work with Fellows over the course of the year.

During the Fellowship, Fellows are exposed to exemplary diverse-by-design models from across the Coalition. Fellows tour 12 schools during three Excellent School Visits, participate in three in-person Workshops, attend Kickoff, and present at Capstone over the course of the Fellowship.

We coordinate across and among stakeholders to ensure all learning is individualized, relevant, and actionable. Fellows develop their own strategic plans to guide their learning throughout the Fellowship. The individual goals within Fellows' strategic plan inform the schools they tour on Excellent School Visits, the professional development they participate in during Workshops, their work at Kickoff and Capstone, and their ongoing coaching.

As alumni, Fellows will continue to receive individualized support, a Coalition member mentor, and participate in Excellent School Visits. We are excited by Roy's leadership and development as a Fellow and about the charter school application for Tennessee Nature Academy. We support their application to open an excellent diverse-by-design charterschool for the students and families of Nashville. Sincerely,  
Ashley Heard, Diverse Charter Schools Coalition

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