The National Charter Schools Founders Library team is collaborating with the Charter Schools Development Center in Sacramento to capture the stories from California's Pioneers through oral histories and original documents. These will be preserved and made digitally available to anyone interested in learning more about the important milestones of chartering in California. We have the opportunity to bring to life the oral histories of three key pioneers and you are invited to share in this experience!

On Thursday afternoon, April 11, beginning at 2 p.m. in the California State Capitol Senate Hearing Room 113, join former Minnesota State Senator Ember Reichgott Junge, sponsor of the nation’s first charter school law, and former Senator Gary Hart, Sue Burr and Eric Premack. Together, they will unfold the unique California charter school story and reflect on how California’s law influenced the spread of chartering throughout the nation. Seating is limited and doors will close at 2 PM.

These oral histories are key to helping us launch the Library! We know that history enables us to learn from the past and better shape the future. These histories will be connected to digitized documents kindly gifted to the Library by these early pioneers.

Whether or not you can join us for the live recording, please consider becoming a sponsor for this important work in California and other states. To learn more about how to get involved with the National Charter Schools Founders Library, please visit www.charterinstitute.org/library or contact Ember Reichgott Junge, the National Founders Library Lead, at 612-750-1262 or ember@visi.com. Thank you to the Charter Schools Development Center of California and the National Charter Schools Institute who are making this important initiative possible!