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Hello CCRC,

Please see this letter on behalf of HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality) regarding the selection of 3 Latina's in the remaining 6 seats.

Best,  
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**Subject: Consideration & Selection of Three Latinas as part of CCRC**

Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

HOPE (Hispanas Organized for Political Equality) is a non-profit, non-partisan, organization committed to ensuring political and economic parity for Latina's through leadership, advocacy and education to benefit all communities and the status of women.

We are concerned that, to date, there are ZERO Latinos represented among the eight sitting commissioners despite the fact that Latinos are the largest ethnic group in California, accounting for nearly 40% of the state's 40 million residents. Not only does this mean the largest Latino population of any state is completely neglected in an entity designed to represent the most populous state in the nation, it also highlights that another essential voice is completely missing from the discussion and decision making process: a Latina voice.

Latinas in the state numbered 7.72 million, or 19.5% of California's total population in 2018. One in every five people in the state is a Latina. In the Fresno metropolitan region and the Inland Empire, one out of every four people was a Latina in 2018, and the Los Angeles metropolitan region is approaching the same ratio. It is projected Latinos will comprise 43% of California's population by 2030, increasing to 49% by 2060, with approximately half of those being Latina.

We strongly believe the absence of the Latina perspective will negatively impact the purpose of the Citizens Redistricting Commission and be detrimental in fulfilling its voter approved mandate to fairly represent the diversity of the vast state for the next decade.

**HOPE urges the 8 sitting members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to prioritize equity and representation by considering and selecting at minimum 3 Latinas to serve in the Commission's final 6 seats.**

Sincerely,

Helen Iris Torres  
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