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*Dear Commissioners:*

*I am reaching out today to respectfully urge the eight of you to prioritize the representation of the Latino community onto this incredibly important commission and **am specifically advocating for Patricia Sinay.***

*There are currently no Latino commissioners, but there are a total of 7 Latinos in the pool of remaining applicants that you could select from. Latino's make up 39% of California's population and the complete lack of Latino representation thus far is deeply concerning.*

*Latinos are needed at tables of power like this one to voice the concerns and needs of the largest ethnic group in the state. Systemic breakdowns throughout the entire application process—from the underrepresentation of the applicant pool to the probability of random drawings—have left the Latino community shut out of this commission.*

***Patricia Sinay embodies the following assets:***

- ***Equity Lens and vast experience/ track record of practice through her role as Encinitas School Boardmember, connecting funders through innovative grantmaking with smaller, lesser known non-profits in key areas as education, healthcare, women, immigrant/ refugee rights, and making tents larger to fit all in need***
- ***Facilitator/ strategic planner/ communicator***
- ***Academic/former school board/nonprofit/philanthropy***
- ***Immigrant with diverse Latinx experience***
- ***Worked in Orange County, the Bay Area, and San Diego plus grew up in the South Bay in LA***
- ***Native Spanish speaker***
- ***Integrity, open to diverse opinions and not afraid to change my mind***

***With so much at stake, and fair representation on the line, I urge all of you to keep Latino representation in mind when selecting the next six commissioners and choose Patricia Sinay as Latinx Commissioner.***

*Respectfully,*

*Ana Melgoza*



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