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California Citizens Redistricting Commission
c/o California State Auditor
621 Capitol Mall, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for candidates under consideration for Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) is an organization with statewide presence in California and national recognition. Our mission is to advance the human, civil rights, and full integration of New Americans and their children into the fabric of our society. CHIRLA advocates on behalf of this community through policy, organizing, education and community building. On behalf of CHIRLA, I write to press on the urgency to ensure the Citizens Redistricting Commission reflects the diversity of our state, specifically the Latinx community which is currently not represented on the Commission.

As you deliberate on the qualifications of six individuals who will serve on the remaining seats of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, CHIRLA would like to remind the commissioners again of the need for proportional Latinx representation in a state where 40% of the population is Latinx; where we contribute \$83 billion in taxes and have \$92 billion in spending power; and where Latinx owned businesses contribute 650,000 jobs to California and bring approximately \$100 billion to the economy annually. Furthermore, California is home to roughly a quarter of the nation's Latino electorate, with 7.9 million Latino eligible voters. For these aforementioned reasons we urge commissioners to prioritize the consideration of Latinx candidates.

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We are recommending the following candidates that, in our analysis, demonstrate a strong ability and experience to be impartial, have relevant analytical skills, an appreciation for California's diversity, and a commitment towards advancing racial and socioeconomic equity. Moreover, these candidates will enable the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to more holistically reflect and be able to include communities of color, immigrants, and low-income populations in the redistricting process:

Party Affiliation	Name	Race	County	City	Gender
DEM	Patricia Sinay	Latino-Other	San Diego	Encinitas	Female
DEM	Michael Gennaco	Latino-Mexican	Los Angeles	Playa del Ray	Male
NPP	Pedro Toledo	Latino-Mexican	Sonoma	Petaluma	Male
REP	Alicia Fernandez	Latino-Mexican	Yolo	Clarksburg	Female

Thank you for your service to the State of California, commitment to enhance the voices of all Californians, and upholding our state's citizen-led redistricting process. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Esperanza Guevara at the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) at eguevara@chirla.org.

Sincerely,

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