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To: [Shape California's Future](#)
Subject: Please prioritize Latino reps and select Patricia Sinay!
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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.

I have been told that so far, there are 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. So please keep Latino representation in mind in your selections of the next six commissioners on Wednesday!

As someone who's known Patricia Sinay professionally for some 20 years, I feel strongly that her unique credentials should further make her one of your choices.

She is a woman who is open to others' opinions, is able to bridge across deep differences, bases her own conclusions on facts, and actually upon occasion changes her mind! Her growing up in the South Bay in LA, and her working across various geographies including Orange County, the Bay Area and San Diego, give her the ability to understand the state's broad geographic differences. Like many immigrants, she sees things from both the inside and the outside, and her ability to see multiple sides as a Latina is deepened by her South American (not Mexican or Mexican-American) heritage. And her skills in strategic planning, leadership training, and facilitation will make her a very useful participant in complicated discussions.

For 23 years, I have headed up a nonprofit, Community HousingWorks, that has developed thousands of affordable apartments statewide and has conducted hundreds of difficult community conversations across every type of California community, geography and racial and ethnic group. I have an inkling of what you're in for and who you might be looking for. I think Patricia is probably one of those people you need.

Thank you for being willing to do this hard and important work.

Best,

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