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Dear Commissioners,

I respectfully urge the eight of you to prioritize the representation of California's Latino community on this important body.

You currently have no fellow Latino commissioners, but there are a total of 7 Latinos in the pool of remaining applicants. That is not to say that they should receive "preferential treatment" or "affirmative action" with respect to their qualifications, but that representing the Latino community ought to be considered an important qualification in itself. Latinos make up nearly 40 percent of our population, and California is the most populous state in the union. It behooves this body to provide representation to a person with the lived experience of this community.

To be blunt, the days of Pete Wilson are over. California's Latino community now holds major positions of power in its legislature, and the grassroots support of Latino-aligned groups can swing elections. Latinos merit a seat at the table to attest to the needs of the largest ethnic group in the state, yet the entire application process has effectively shut them out.

With democracy itself on the line, I ask you to keep Latino representation in mind when selecting the next six commissioners.

Thank you,

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