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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your service to California and your communities. I don't envy the task before you and I know each of you are well equipped to help shape California's future.

All I can do to support each of you is to share my honest opinion and experiences with one of the candidates to join you on the commission - Linda Akutagawa (ID #22971). I've already submitted a letter of recommendation for Linda, but I hope to add my voice to the chorus advocating for Orange County representation.

Linda is supremely qualified and she would be the only representative for Orange County, a region that I believe represents where California is headed. Linda also works in Los Angeles when she is not safer at home or traveling extensively throughout California and the United States for her important work. She also works closely with members of the Pacific Islander community, who will not otherwise be directly represented on the commission.

On the notion that Orange County would be engaged regardless, I would like to point out that the type of engagement would likely come from political operations and not from the everyday folks supporting Linda's candidacy. As her immediate past board chair and current board member, I will opine that without the official commissioner position, it would be much harder for Linda to devote the necessary time to the work of the commission when her day job is so full.

I trust you will select your fellow commissioners to the best of your collective abilities and look forward to your work. I sincerely hope Linda Akutagawa will join you on the commission and I know she will be able to contribute so much to your overall success.

Best,

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