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COMMENT:

Dear Esteemed Commissioners,

I want to begin by thanking you for your service. Your work is both difficult and critically important to our State and especially to our communities.

I am writing to urge you to appoint **Linda Akutagawa** as a commissioner. Linda works in downtown Los Angeles, but is a resident of Orange County. Her role as the CEO of one of the largest, most influential Asian and Pacific Islander American non profits in our State and in our Nation has her very familiar with the demographic, political, electoral, and socio-economic issues of many of the different Asian Pacific Islander American communities throughout our State.

I just recently retired as a Vice President from a community college in the San Gabriel Valley and from a 41-year career in higher education, with the last 26 being at 2 community colleges. I spent 10 years at Santa Ana College and am very familiar with the nuances of Orange County and that is why it is important to have a commissioner represent not only Orange County, but the Asian Pacific Islander American perspective as well.

I urge you to appoint **Linda Akutagawa** as a commissioner. I know that she is conscientious, studious, and a very good listener. She would be a critical representative on your commission.

I appreciate your consideration and attention to this.

Sincerely,  
Henry Gee