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Good afternoon. My name is Sky Allen and I work for IE United, located in the Inland Empire. I submit this comment recommending Vonya Quarles, Patricia Sinay, and Pedro Toledo be selected to fill 3 of the remaining 6 seats on the Commission. From what I've heard in today's meeting so far, the commission appears very interested in Patricia Sinay and curious about Pedro Toledo, but before the final decision is made, I would like to lift up Vonya as an exceptionally qualified candidate.

Vonya Quarles will offer unparalleled competency, integrity, and humility to this Commission. Her unique personal and professional experience as a systems impacted person turned criminal defense attorney and community organizer allows her to approach issues of racial, civic, and economic equity in ways few others could. She would sit as one of the only practicing attorneys on the commission, and she would represent and consider not only black residents or residents in Riverside County, but the millions of currently incarcerated, formerly incarcerated, and homeless people across the state of California.

Vonya Quarles is simply too singular a candidate to overlook, and we hope the Commission will consider her to fill one of the remaining seats.

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