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Honorable State Auditor and Commissioners,

We hope all of you are staying safe during these very difficult times. Below I have submitted a letter on behalf of our LULAC OF RIVERSIDE COUNCIL 3190. Please do let me know if you received it.

Thank you,

Yolanda A. Esquivel, President
LULAC OF RIVERSIDE COUNCIL 3190



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July 28, 2020

California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners
c/o California State Auditor
621 Capital Mall, Suite 1200
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Dear Commissioners:

During the last California redistricting campaign a special committee made up of members from LULAC of Riverside Council # 3190 had the opportunity to attend many of the Redistricting Commissioners meetings in western Riverside County. Our committee also had the opportunity of working with the cartographer from Berkley assigned by the Commissioners to help communities design and prepare the maps that we felt truly represented our areas of common interest. I'm happy to say that most of the maps that were submitted by our LULAC Committee for western Riverside County were selected by the Redistricting Commissioners as the new district boundaries for our area.

We want to congratulate each of you in being selected as the first 8 members of the Redistricting Commission and we want you to know that we understand how difficult a job you have undertaken. The commission however must reflect the state's diversity and the absence of Latinos who by the way represent almost 40% of the state's population leaves a glaring discrepancy that needs to be corrected. We also want to remind you that one of the criteria you were required to fulfill when you applied for the CCRC was to demonstrate appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography.

The lottery system by which the first 8 commissioners were chosen has up to now not achieved the diversity needed. So according to government code it is now up to the first 8 commissioners the select the next 6 with Latino diversity in mind. The lack of Latino representation on the CCRC would undermine the confidence of all Californians in the work of the CCRC. We sincerely believe that all of you share our concern for this matter and will work to secure a robust and inclusive democratic process in California. Thank you so much for your commitment and wiliness to give so much of yourselves for the welfare of our state.

With Hope and Respect,

Yolanda Esquivel, President
LULAC OF RIVERSIDE
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