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Dear California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

You must not know this, because you have ZERO Latinx representation among the eight sitting commissioners, but as of 2017, there are 15.2 million Latinx in California.

That is 15,200,000 Latinxs in California.

That is almost 40% of the population in California are Latinx. FORTY PERCENT.

How can a commission fairly represent California, if it does not have representatives of one of its most populous and prominent communities? It cannot.

I am Latina and was born and raised in California. My Latinx family has lived and died in California long before it was a state. And it is disturbing to me, that in this day and age, that the Latinx community is still marginalized and underrepresented, especially by those in power.

But you can change this travesty. You can be better than those before you.

I implore you to please add not only Latinx, but specifically Latina representation to the commission. One in every five people in the state is a Latina. In the Fresno metropolitan region and the Inland Empire, one out of every four people was a Latina in 2018, and the Los Angeles metropolitan region is approaching the same ratio. It is projected Latinos will comprise 43% of California's population by 2030, increasing to 49% by 2060, with approximately half of those being Latina.

The Latina voice is an essential voice that is missing from the discussion and the decision making process in California.

This commission cannot be considered fair and cannot be considered just unless Latinas and Latinx representation are on the Commission's final six seats. I urge the 8 sitting members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to prioritize equity and representation by selecting 3 Latinas to serve in the Commission's final six seats.

Thank you.

**Sincerely,
Samantha Stewart**