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To: [Shape California's Future](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Support for at least 4 Latinx Commissioners
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Dear Redistricting Commission Members,

My name is Paul Otero. I am a second generation Mexican-American from Los Angeles. I wanted to share that I read about the absence of Latinos on the Redistricting Commission in the newspaper a couple weeks ago.

I hope the next time I read about the Redistricting Commission in the paper, I will see that you have done all you could to fix the problem by selecting as many Latinos as possible, and not ignoring the deficiencies of the lottery system.

Unfortunately, I fear I will be reading the opposite in the newspaper. I fear that I will once again be reading that Latinos did not gain fair representation.

I am disappointed to see that instead of adding more Latinos onto the proposed Slates, some are choosing to propose fewer.

Latinos and other people of color in California have historically been excluded participation, and I fear it will happen again.

As you have been reminded hundreds, if not thousands of times over the last few weeks, Latinos comprise 40% of California's population, and it is growing, and we need full and fair representation, and we are depending on all of you to help us achieve it.

If you select 4 Latinos that is only 26% representation, which is not nearly enough, but it would show your commitment to addressing the failures of the lottery system to fairly represent our community.

Consequently, I write to urge you to support Slates that include 2 Latinx Democrats, at least one Latinx Republican, and one Latinx Non-Partisan.

Please listen to the hundreds of Latinos and organizations

advocating for fair representation for the Latino community.

Sincerely,

Paul Otero