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The Honorable Mike Antonovich  
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The Honorable Zev Yaroslavsky  
The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas  
The Honorable Don Knabe  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

On behalf of the Latino Legislative Caucus I am writing to urge you to support supervisorial redistricting maps that would result in fairer representation for Los Angeles County's Latino community and avoid violations of Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

The S-2 map proposed by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas provides an immediate opportunity for the creation of two Latino-majority voting age population districts and we support the adoption of this plan. These boundaries would allow for governmental representation that would better reflect the needs and desires of the community and the diversity of the constituents living there.

The purpose of our national census is to ensure that political boundaries reflect demographic shifts. However some members of your board advocate drawing district boundaries that reflect the demographic realities of 20 years ago and ignore the recent growth of the Latino community.

Redistricting effects the representation of our constituents and the boundaries you approve will impact their voice for the next decade. Don't repeat history by ignoring the pleas of California's largest growing population group. Make history by approving the S-2 plan.

Please don't squander this opportunity to do the right thing for Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

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Assemblymember, 56<sup>th</sup> District