

From: [Angie](#)
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: SUPPORTING COR APOLONIO MORALES TO REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 9:41:30 PM

Dear Supervisors

I'm writing in support of Apolonio Morales for the Redistricting Commission. I live in Whittier in District 4. I'm a County Library Commissioner appointed by Supervisor Janice Hahn.

I'm also the President of the Whittier Latino Coalition and Apolonio is a Board of this grassroots community organization. Our mission is to promote civic participation and empowerment of our members of the community within the greater Whittier area.

Apolonio has taken a major leadership role in providing training to youth, parents and immigrants. He has participated in addressing inequalities in housing, employment and criminal justice. He always steps up when it counts. He is truly committed to the underserved.

Apolonio has the leadership skills and background to represent our community and the 4th District. I strongly recommend him for this position.

Sincerely,

Angie Medina
President Whittier Latino Coalition

Sent from my iPad

From: [Jaime López](#)
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: Support for Mr. Apolonio Morales | Citizens Redistricting Commission
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 8:29:12 PM

Esteemed LA County Supervisors,

Thank you for your service to Los Angeles County, commitment to uplift the voices of all communities of interest and uphold our Los Angeles County's citizen-led redistricting process.

My name is Jaime López and I am writing in SUPPORT of Mr. Apolonio Morales to be appointed to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission.

As a resident of the S. Whittier community in District 4 (Supervisor Hahn) and a member of SEIU 721, I have known Mr. Apolonio Morales for more than three years.

As a community leader, Apolonio has demonstrated a high level of thoughtful and intentional interactions which have served to advance community priorities and concerns and would make an excellent addition to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jaime López
S. Whittier (Unincorporated) Resident
SEIU 721 Member

From: [SEAN TAN](#)
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: Written Public Comment for LA County CRC Meeting - Dec. 21, 2020
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 8:14:06 PM

Dear LA County CRC,

Thank you for your service to Los Angeles County and your commitment to uplift the voices of all communities of interest and uphold our county's citizen-led redistricting process.

I am writing to urge the Commission to consider Apolonio Morales as one of its members because I believe that he shares the same commitment to fairness and equal representation as the Commission. He also demonstrates a fearless resolute for advocating for immigrant communities in LA County.

I want to call the Commission's attention to the fact that there are 3.5 million immigrants in Los Angeles County comprising 35% of the population — the largest number of any region. Los Angeles County is also home to a third of foreign born electorate, with 1.3 million foreign born eligible voters.

Apolonio Morales is a son of immigrants, his mother and father immigrated from Mexico in the early 1970s seeking a better life and opportunity. Because of the 1986 immigration bill, they were able to adjust their status and become lawful permanent residents and applied to become citizens of the United States. His parents' immigrant experience has taught Apolonio what it means to make sacrifices, work hard, and the value of service to others. For this reason, I believe he will be an invaluable member of the Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

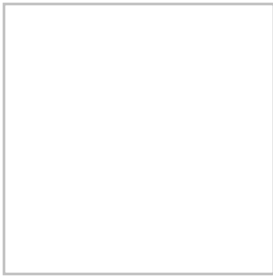
Sincerely,
Sean Tan
CHIRLA Member
LA County Resident (90066)

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BUILDING THE FUTURE IN THE HEART OF CALIFORNIA

From: [Martha Escutia](#)
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: Support for Apolonio Morales to Redistricting Commission.
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 6:46:58 PM

Dear Supervisors

Please accept this email as a wholehearted endorsement of Apolonio Morales for the Redistricting commission. I live in Whittier, CA in District 4.

Apolonio is one of our strongest and hardest working community leaders. He works with youth, he works with local community groups, all for one purpose — to train citizens in civic participation and ensure a transparent government.

That type of commitment is critical for the Redistricting Commission to ensure that its actions are transparent and responsive to the needs of the community.

At a time in which we need more responsive government and a greater faith in the political process, we need to dig deep into the community and choose leaders from the community and with the integrity to serve with honesty. Apolonio is that person for District 4.

Thank you for your kind consideration of the candidacy of Apolonio Morales for the Redistricting Commission district 4.

Sincerely,

Martha M. Escutia
Retired State Senator
Senate District 30

Martha M. Escutia



California League of United Latin American Citizens

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The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the nation's largest and oldest civil rights volunteer-based organization that empowers Hispanic Americans and builds strong Latino communities. Headquartered in Washington DC, with over 1000 councils around the United States and Puerto Rico, LULAC programs, services and advocacy address the most important issues for Latinos, meeting critical needs of today and the future.

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December 21, 2020

Sent via electronic transmission

Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission
c/o The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

RE: Support for more representation of Latina/o candidates under consideration for the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the California League of United Latin American Citizens, congratulations on your selection as the first eight commissioners for the 2020 Los Angeles Citizen Redistricting Commission (CRC). We would like to commend you all in this huge undertaking to serve in this capacity as the LA County seats its first independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC). Senate Bill 958, which established the CRC, was born out of years of historical discrimination specifically one where it diminished Latino's voting power.¹ It is imperative that we highlight your responsibility given this historical account, to ensure the fair and equal representation of Latinos in the next (6) seated commissioners.

We are writing as the Largest and oldest Latino Civil Rights organization where our mission is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political

¹ Richard, Simon. Judge finds Anti-Latino History. *Los Angeles Times*. 26 July 1990. <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1990-07-26-ti-625-story.html>



California League of United Latin American Citizens

influence, housing, health, and civil rights of the Latino population. We have been engaged in redistricting issues at both the state and local level. We encouraged and educated our membership on the application process for the redistricting commission. We worked alongside other community organizations, and civil rights organizations calling for good faith governance. We worked alongside the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder County Clerk (RR/CC) in disseminating information across our social media platforms in both English and Spanish to ensure Latino/a representation in the first (60) most qualified applicants considered for the CRC. The work of this commission will impact over 10 million people. We are strongly committed to creating a redistricting process that fully exemplifies the state mandate and creates the bridge to a much fairer process.

As was written into law, SB 1959 Section 21532 Subsection (7) and (H)(2) states: That the Commissioners should “possess experience that demonstrates an appreciation for the diverse demographics and geography of the County of Los Angeles” and that “the six appointees shall be chosen based on relevant experience, analytical skills, and ability to be impartial, and to ensure that the commission reflects the county’s diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity.”

In reviewing the pool of current applicants, we remain confident that the commissioners have the ability to choose well qualified Latinos/as to serve in this capacity of redrawing the lines for our county’s supervisorial districts. As of 2019, Latinos accounted for more than 48 % of the population in our diverse county.² As of 2018, according to the UCLA report, Evaluating Latino Voter Mobilization, there were 1.7 million registered Latino voters in LA county.³ With that being said, we hold the opportunity of restoring public faith in our democracy by ensuring that each district can elect a candidate that will represent the needs of our community. You can fulfill that commitment by selecting 3 Latinos/as to serve on the remaining seats of the commission. We understand the responsibility you all hold and will continue to work alongside you in ensuring a fair and inclusive process. Thank you for your service and your commitment to the redistricting process. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at Yvonne5.lulac@gmail.com.

Yvonne Gonzalez Duncan,
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²U. S. Census Bureau. Los Angeles County, 18 July 2019. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/losangelescountycalifornia,CA/RHI725219#RHI725219>

³ Barreto, Diaz, Et al., Evaluating Latino Voter mobilization. Altamed archives. June 2018. https://www.altamed.org/sites/default/files/2019-07/UCLA%20LPP%20AltaMed_Report.pdf

From: [Primo J. Castro](#)
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: Public Comment - Support for Apolonio Morales
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 9:26:58 AM
Attachments: [cancer-action-network-logo.png](#)

My name is Primo Castro and I am commenting as a resident of the La Habra Heights community in District 4 (Supervisor Hahn). I serve as the Government Relations Director for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

Thank you for your service to Los Angeles County, commitment to uplift the voices of all communities of interest and uphold our Los Angeles County's citizen-led redistricting process.

I have known and worked with Mr. Morales for several years and can attest to his integrity, fitness, character and passion to deliver equal access to all communities, regardless of their background.

As a community leader, Apolonio has demonstrated a high level of thoughtful and intentional interactions which have served to advance community priorities and concerns and would make an excellent addition to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Primo Castro

Primo J. Castro, MPA

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December 21, 2020

Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission
c/o Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., President
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Los Angeles, CA 90067

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Apolonio Morales

Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

As the Executive Director for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA), I give my sincere recommendation of Apolonio Morales for the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Committee.

Over the course of the past seven years, CHIRLA has witnessed Apolonio's ability to take on leadership roles which have served to advance the rights and representation of immigrants in our community. He has demonstrated a fearless and resolute affinity to inspire our immigrant community to action in pursuit of social justice. In his role as Director of External Affairs, he has demonstrated a high level of thoughtful and intentional interactions which has allowed for the strengthening of our organizational relationships. His engagement with community leaders and members from community, faith, labor, refugee and immigrant rights organizations have resulted in long-standing relationships that are based on mutual respect and dignity.

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Apolonio is no stranger to applying his analytical and research skills to help inform our coalition partners about the complexity of policy and legal matters as they relate to the issue of immigration. In fact, his work within the coalitions CHIRLA leads has demonstrated his compassion and commitment to a better future for all immigrants based on the belief that everyone should feel like they belong in our society. His work and dedication have resulted in helping immigrant youth and their parents share their voice and be heard. This core belief of inclusion and belonging is deeply rooted in his view of true representative democracy. Time and time again, he has relied on using his ability to investigate and reason giving him the clarity necessary to decipher truth from opinion and fact from fiction. With these skills, he has been able to articulate and demonstrate how we must take each individual, whether they have achieved legal status or not, as valuable members of our society.

For this reason, I am fully convinced that Apolonio will make a great addition to helping to ensure equal representation to advance and uphold our democracy for the greater good now and into the future as a representative of the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Committee.

If you have any further questions regarding Mr. Morales' qualifications, I will be more than happy to add more details and direct experiences in our work.

Sincerely,

Angelica Salas
Executive Director
CHIRLA-Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights



From: [Karen Diaz](#)
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: Support for Candidates under consideration for Citizens Redistricting Commission
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 10:16:32 AM
Attachments: [Support for Candidates under Consideration for the Los Angeles County CRC.pdf](#)

Dear Commissioners,

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) and California League of Conservation Voters & California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund would like to share a letter of support for candidates under consideration for the Los Angeles County Citizen Redistricting Commission. Please find the letter attached.

Warm Regards,

Karen Diaz

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December 21, 2020

Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission
c/o Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., President
Executive Director
KH Consulting Group
1901 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90067

RE: Support for Candidates under consideration for Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Commissioners:

Congratulations on your selection as the first eight members of the 2020 Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC)! We commend you on your sense of duty to serve and commitment to uphold a transparent district line-drawing process that is inclusive of all residents in Los Angeles County. We are a diverse partnership of 2 statewide and regional organizations committed to racial and economic equity, writing to press on the urgency to ensure the Citizens Redistricting Commission reflects the diversity of Los Angeles County, specifically the immigrant community which is currently not represented on the Commission.

As you deliberate on the qualifications of six individuals who will serve on the remaining seats of the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission, the undersigned organizations would like to remind the commissioners of the need for proportional immigrant representation in a county where nearly 3.5 million immigrants live here –

comprising 35% of the population — the largest number of any region. Where we contribute \$17.3 billion in federal taxes in the county and have \$232.9 billion in spending power; and immigrants made up more than half—51.5 percent—of Los Angeles County’s self-employed workers and they generated \$7.2 billion in business income. Furthermore, Los Angeles County is home to a third of foreign born electorate, with 1.3 million foreign born eligible voters. For these aforementioned reasons we urge commissioners to prioritize the consideration of a candidate

We are recommending Apolonio Morales as a candidate, in our analysis, he demonstrates a strong ability and experience to be impartial, has relevant analytical skills, an appreciation for Los Angeles diversity, and a commitment towards advancing racial and socioeconomic equity. Moreover, Mr. Morales will enable the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission to more holistically reflect and be able to include communities of color, immigrants, and low-income populations in the redistricting process.

We are also recommending Doreena Wong and Priya Sridharan as candidates. Both Ms. Wong and Ms. Sridharan have experience with redistricting and reapportionment over the course of multiple cycles, and would bring substantial expertise to the County Redistricting Commission's deliberations. Ms. Wong was, per her application, was one of the first attorneys to articulate AANHPI as a community of interest under a Special Masters' Plan, in 1992. Ms. Sridharan, similarly, led outreach with Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities during the 2001-02 redistricting process. Moreover, as the Commission endeavors to attempt to fully reflect the broad diversity of the County, Ms. Wong and Ms. Sridharan's experience with AANHPI communities as redistricting specialists, attorneys, and educators.

Party Affiliation	Name	Racial or Ethnic Background	District	City	Gender
DEM	Apolonio Morales	Mexican/Mexican American	SD 3	Whittier	Male
DEM	Priya Sridharam	Asian Indian	SD 5	South Pasadena	Female
DEM	Doreena Wong	Chinese	SD 3	Los Angeles	Female

Thank you for your service to Los Angeles County, commitment to enhance the voices of all Californians, and upholding our county’s citizen-led redistricting process. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Karen Diaz at the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA) at kdiaz@chirla.org.

Sincerely,

Angelica Salas
 Executive Director
 Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

Samuel P. Sukaton
 Redistricting Coordinator
 California League of Conservation Voters & California League of Conservation Voters
 Education Fund

From: [Louis Reyes](#)
To: [CommServ](#)
Subject: Redistricting Commission Appointment
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 8:04:37 AM

My name is Louis Reyes. I am contacting you as a resident of the community of Whittier in District 4 (Supervisor Hahn). I am also a member of Sustainable City Whittier that advocates for environmentally friendly policies in our community.

I am submitting my comments in regards to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission and the board's consideration of appointments of its membership.

I am voicing support of an applicant, Apolonio Morales, who I have known for over 5 years in my community organizing work to promote sustainable policies in our community.

As a community leader, Apolonio has demonstrated a high level of thoughtful and intentional interactions which have served to advance community priorities and concerns. He would make an excellent addition to the Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Louis R. Reyes

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Commission Selection

From: Stevan Colin <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 12:42 PM

To: Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Commission Selection

Thank you and selected members of the Redistricting Commission for again ignoring Native Americans in this Commission. Please make a public note of the omission.