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**From:** Mary Ellen Brooks <mebrooks@sbceo.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** CEO Redistricting RES  
**Subject:** 4th district candidate concerns

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Dear commissioners: I have concerns about the possible appointment of Jim Bray to this commission. Mr. Bray, although a very nice gentleman with a strong sense of civic mindedness, worked for local oil companies for approx. 30 years and often appeared at BOS public hearings to promote oil projects in this area. As a paid employee, I feel this is very close to being a lobbyist; hence, I feel Mr. Bray should be disqualified.

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**From:** Christian Arana <carana@latinocf.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** CEO Redistricting RES  
**Cc:** Jose Garcia; Eduardo Garcia  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Latino Community Foundation  
**Attachments:** Letter from Latino Community Foundation - Santa Barbara Redistricting Commission.pdf

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Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Latino Community Foundation, I congratulate you on your recent draw to serve onto the Santa Barbara County Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission. It is on this occasion that I respectfully ask you to prioritize the representation of the Latino community on this important commission as you take on the role of filling the remaining six slots on the commission.

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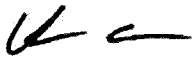
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It is for these reasons that we implore you to live up to a core democratic principle that all people deserve fair representation. The commission must prioritize the remaining Latino candidates in the finalist pool. The legitimacy and the successful implementation of redrawing the political lines are at stake.

We offer to be a strong partner in your next steps and look forward to seeing your final decisions.

LCF is the premier statewide foundation focused on unleashing the civic and economic power of Latinos in California. The foundation has the largest network of Latino philanthropists in the country and has invested \$10 million to build Latino civic and political power and leadership in the state.

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October 20, 2020

**County of Santa Barbara**  
**2020 Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission**  
105 E. Anapamu Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Submitted via email [redistricting@countyofsb.org](mailto:redistricting@countyofsb.org)

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**From:** Lee Heller <k9krma@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 21, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** CEO Redistricting RES  
**Subject:** [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] comments for Redistricting Commission Meeting Oct 22, 2020

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you so much for being willing to serve on the Redistricting Commission. I am grateful that you are making this commitment on behalf of our entire County!

Once you are oriented, you will of course face the critical task of selecting your fellow Commissioners. As you know (or will learn), the terms of the ballot measure call on the Commission to be as demographically diverse as the County where possible, and for the five of you to consider diversity as you select the next six members. Your job will be harder since the pool of 45 candidates that were chosen from the 200 original applicants does NOT reflect our County's diversity as it should. But I know you will make every effort, as you select from the remaining 38 members of the pool, to bring demographic representation to the Commission. That is our best chance to ensure that the final membership reflects, and represents, the concerns and perspectives of the County's residents.

Thank you again and best of luck!

Sincerely,

Lee E. Heller, Ph.D., J.D.  
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Santa Barbara CA 93109