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Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 2:13 PM
To: Commission, Prop11
Subject: Public Comment on Selection of Replacement Commissioner

Please accept and post this public comment regarding the selection of a replacement Commissioner. Additionally, please forward this comment to the 13 Commissioners.

Thank you

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ann Marie Machamer and I am one of the candidates under consideration to replace the vacancy created by Dr. Kuo's resignation. Please consider this public comment as you deliberate the relative merits of each candidate and the balance of the entire Commission.

While each candidate offers a chance for adding something new to the commission I'd like to make the case for attempting to keep the commission with the same balance with which it was originally created. The Commission was conceived to balance the demographic characteristics, geographic representation and skill sets of the applicants into an integrated body. As assembled, each Commissioner brings certain attributes to the table that are valuable in contributing to the wholeness of the Commission. In replacing Dr. Kuo it is important to keep in mind the demographic attributes, geographic representation, and skills sets she added to the Commission. Dr. Kuo and I share remarkable similarities in this respect. I reside in Santa Clara County, am female, approximately the same age as Dr. Kuo, have the same exact Ph.D. degree from UCLA and we are both Institutional Researchers at a community college.

When Dr. Kuo was randomly selected as one of the first eight Commissioners my chances of being selected for the Commission were essentially eliminated because of our

similarities. I understand that this was the process and the eight Commissioners were right to act in this way. The Commissioners maximized the diversity of demographics, geographic representation, skills and experiences by selecting 6 Commissioners that differed from the original 8. With Dr Kuo on the Commission my contributions were less valuable since she and I have such similar qualifications. However, the entire Commission was designed around Dr. Kuo's qualities and it makes sense to fill her vacancy with the person who most matches those qualities. I also like to think I add something unique and valuable to the work of the Commission and am highly qualified on my own merit. Additionally, I offer an extensive geographic background having lived in Southern California for 11 years and I have extensive experience and contacts in the San Luis Obispo area.

No doubt all the candidates are extremely qualified and you want to work with all of them. Since you can choose only one I ask that you consider my application on its own merit without prejudice given my similarities to Dr. Kuo. Additionally, I hope you consider taking into consideration the framing of the entire commission in a manner that keeps the original balance of demographics, geographic representation and skills sets intact.

I thank you for your time and consideration of my application and the good work you have done.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Ann Marie Machamer