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FYI. I received this from an interested third party.
Please post for public comment.
Thank you!

M.A.Parvenu

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Greetings Distinguished Panel:

I congratulate you for being selected to serve on this historic, first-time-ever Commission. I am a Public Administrator for the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). I have observed the selection process through its various stages, and I applaud the ARB for setting the standard and raising the bar in terms of maintaining openness and transparency in the most professional way.

One matter gravely concerns me at this point; and that is the matter of equitable racial and/or ethnic representation. The current Commission of 8 is lacking the presence of an African-American male figure. I can not believe that there are no qualified African-American males to serve on this important and highly visible State-wide Commission, and indeed, such is not the case! I have reviewed the backgrounds of the only two African-American males remaining in the applicant pool of 28. While both appear highly qualified and quite capable of serving the Commission well, I find the background and specialized skill sets of **Mr. M. Andre Parvenu** to be especially befitting for the position. Mr. Parvenu's extensive background in geography, cartography, urban planning, project management, public affairs, and community outreach, to name just a few of the most relevant areas of expertise, makes him the perfect candidate to round out the final Commission of 14. Whatever the decision may be, I feel that it would be a disservice and an injustice to the African American community in the great State of California (of which 24 million residents are African-Americans) for the Commission to proceed without the presence of at least one strongly qualified Black male also seated at the table.

Thank you for your consideration.