

March 22, 2010

Voters FIRST Act, Bureau of State Audits
555 Capitol Mall, Suite 300
Sacramento CA. 95814

Re: Applicant Jeanne Raya,
Unique ID Number 12283

Dear Panel Members,

I welcome this opportunity to share with you, through his letter of recommendation, some thoughts about the applicant's qualifications and suitability to serve on this extraordinarily important commission. I have known Jeanne Raya (12283) for approximately thirty years as an attorney, business person and friend. I believe her life experiences and talents would acquit her well in grasping and handling the challenges that will face each member of the commission.

Testimony to the diversity of her interests and the wide scope of her thinking are the great variety of organizations and activities that she has participated in and committed to. Her interests and concerns are not just business or just legal or just charitable, or just socially oriented matters. Nor are they of recent vintage. In fact, they span the full course of her adult and professional life. I know from personal knowledge her commitment and leadership in her high school alumni activities. However, her educational concerns do not stop with her own alma mater. She has been active in La Casa de San Gabriel, a non-profit school that is focused on helping the poor of the San Gabriel area. Professionally, as a lawyer, she was president of the state hispanic bar association. That group was not only dedicated to the greater inclusion of hispanics in the legal profession but was also focused on ending historical injustices that have faced the latino community in general. Her well-roundedness is exemplified by her presidency of the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber, of course, is an eclectic group of business persons coming from a variety of political and cultural backgrounds. I cannot speak to all that she has done over the years within the community but, at least, to the above I can do so confidently.

Jeanne Raya has been an integral part of her family insurance business for many years. In that capacity she has supervised employees, negotiated with others, guided and protected clients, and has done all those things needed to successfully run a business. I believe her business experience along with her legal background equips her to be highly meticulous, analytical and astute so as to be able to handle the complex and sometimes delicate work of the commission. She is not a disinterested member of society who sits by and lets others do her work. It is her nature to become involved in those things she believes to be important, hence, her concern in political and social matters.

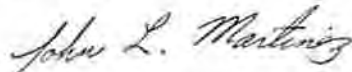
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Over the years, as a trial judge, I had occasion to tell jurors that in performing their duties as jurors we were not asking them to erase their life experiences or to function as automatons. What we asked of them, for the singular purpose of a trial, was to recognize any biases or unhelpful tendencies that they may have possessed and to place them on the shelf so that they would not play a role in the trial's outcome. Jeanne Raya, like everyone else has her own views and opinions on public matters, but I am confident she understands that there is a higher purpose in the commission's charge and that she would be able to perform her role on the commission fairly, impartially and with distinction.

If you have any questions please call me directly at Redacted

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. Martinez".

John L. Martinez
Judge of the Superior Court, Retired