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Applicant: Angelo N. Ancheta
Number: 34353

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am writing to strongly recommend Angelo N. Ancheta to serve as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

I work as a Clinical Supervising Attorney at the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center, Santa Clara Law School, and am also a Lecturer in Law. I have supervised law students working in the Immigration Program of the Law Center since 2000. Angelo N. Ancheta has served as the Executive Director of the Law Center since 2005, and for the past 5 years I have worked closely with Angelo on both academic matters, as well as grant application efforts.

During these past five years, I have observed Angelo to be unbiased, analytical, and knowledgeable and appreciative of California's diverse population and geography. His work as a professor and a researcher, as well as his experience providing services in the community, inform the skills he would bring to the work of the Commission. Angelo's knowledge, experience, and traits make him an asset as a member of the Commission.

In the years that I have worked with him I have noticed that Angelo gives careful thought to endeavors and decisions before him, is extremely observant, and is unbiased and impartial in his work and views. He is able to analyze and present issues from alternative perspectives, as well as to articulate his assessment and reasoning clearly. His years of teaching have provided Angelo with extensive experience fielding differing opinions and perspectives on issues. Angelo possesses an ability to acknowledge various positions, while challenging underlying assumptions, in order to promote a more complete analysis of the issues at hand.



As a professor and lecturer, Angelo encourages student discussion and expression of diverse opinions. He poses questions and hypothetical situations to his students in order to further their analysis of issues from all perspectives and to promote questioning of deeply held beliefs. In his role as teacher, he brings various points of view to the table in order to foster dialog and critical thinking.

Angelo's experience in nonprofit legal services has strengthened his understanding and appreciation of the breadth of California's diverse geography and demographics. As a California native, Angelo has a personal knowledge of the disparate communities. His teaching and nonprofit work has provided Angelo with an opportunity to explore the nuances of community dynamics and civil rights in California. His work at the Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center has promoted the provision of services to low-income Latino, Asian American, and African families, which simultaneously provides a window into the challenges faced by various communities in our State. In his previous work, Angelo has addressed issues of diversity, as well as formation of collaborative efforts across distinct communities. All of these experiences and knowledge will strengthen and enrich his contribution to the work of the Commission.

As an attorney and a professor, Angelo possesses the skills of critical thinking and analysis. He has an interest in the area of voting rights and civil rights, as demonstrated by his work and teaching. His experience includes his work on redistricting in California in the early 1990's. Angelo's interest in combination with his skills in informed analysis and critical thinking are attributes which will enhance his work as a member of the Commission.

Angelo is a thoughtful, fair, ethical, and articulate person. It is a pleasure to work with Angelo on projects within the office, as well as to observe him in group settings. He is both an independent thinker and skilled at forming consensus.

For all of the reasons stated above, I enthusiastically recommend Angelo to serve as a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me at [Redacted]

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lynette Parker
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Katharine & George Alexander Community Law Center, School of Law

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