Dear Commission members and CCRC staff,

Hoping all is well and that this year has been very positive and rewarding after so much work last year. Recently, we published a <u>report</u> that elevates the successes and impact from our collective efforts as the IVE Redistricting Alliance and the People's Bloc in the CA and LA County redistricting processes, respectively, as well as brings forth recommendations on future policy reforms that build upon the momentum we built since the census to create more responsive and representative governments within this decade. This report is a celebration of what we were able to accomplish together and a testament to the power of low-income communities of color to positively shape democratic processes when fully engaged. It is also a testament of why independent redistricting commissions are much needed for creating a more fair, transparent, and inclusive redistricting process at all jurisdiction levels. Thank you for your dedication, commitment to fair representation, and responsiveness to the needs of diverse community stakeholders across the state. Your work was truly gigantic and everyone's efforts and sense of responsibility, from both commissioners and staff, is deeply appreciated and respected.

Hope the report captures the magnitude of our collective work and helps center the value and power of BIPOC communities in our democracy.

Thank you for your service and leadership,

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