

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Attn: Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**Re: Letter of Support for the Immigrant Rights Commission Nominee,
Luis Zamora**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Dyana Delfin-Polk, Board Trustee for Peralta Community College District, and I'd like to whole-heartedly recommend Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission for the City and County of San Francisco. I have worked with Luis as a fellow Young Democrat and I have known him to be nothing but very passionate, professional, a quick study, and hard working. Luis would be an amazing addition to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

A specific example of Luis' leadership was in his role as Chief of Staff for the California Young Democrats LGBTQ Caucus. Luis was first elected to the roll of Regional Director earlier in 2017 and stood out from the pack by revitalizing engagement with the Caucus and modernizing the Caucus website. He was shortly thereafter promoted to Chief of Staff where he continued to expand the reach of the Caucus and worked on language to open up the Caucus to undocumented individuals as he feels that LGBTQ undocumented individuals have virtually no representation.

Perhaps a little closer to the mission of the IRC, Luis was also on the Board of Directors for Spectra Project, a non-profit that assisted LGBTQ refugees in the Middle East. As Director of Community Outreach, Luis advocated for LGBTQ refugees who faced threats in their home countries and countries of transit, while providing them with basic life necessities such as food, clothing, hygienic supplies and shelter, as well as connecting them to services once state-side.

As a first generation Mexican-American, Luis has a common yet underrepresented perspective that would be invaluable to the Immigrant Rights Commission. As you know, under the last administration in Washington, we were battling for human rights daily. We need to ensure that community members are represented, and I feel that Luis Zamora represents the immigrant community well, not just as the son of an immigrant, but as a person of color and someone who also identifies with the LGBTQ community, another marginalized group fighting for their rights. He would be a fantastic addition to the Immigrant Rights Commission, and I give him my full recommendation and endorsement.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dyana Delfin-Polk". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Dyana Delfin-Polk
Board Trustee, Peralta Community College District

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Immigrants Rights Commission- Jessy Ruiz Navarro
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From: Melanie Ampon <melanieampon.hrc@gmail.com>
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Subject: Immigrants Rights Commission- Jessy Ruiz Navarro

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Hello,

I urge the board to reappoint Jessy Ruiz Navarro for another term on the Immigrant Rights Commission, Seat 1. She is an essential worker and champion for language access. As a Trans Latina, Jessy's voice is important to ensure the Trans Latinx immigrant community isn't left behind and has a seat at the table. Please continue to support Trans Women of Color in leadership roles.

Best,

Melanie Ampon

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Subject: Reappoint Jessie Ruiz Navarro to Immigrant Rights Commission.

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to you and copying members of the Rules committee for posterity to urge you to reappoint Jessie Ruiz Navarro to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

She is a transgender woman, a Latina immigrant, and has limited English proficiency. She also works as an essential worker; it is very important to uplift people who belong to various groups who are vulnerable to both COVID and police violence, and she has added a voice not often heard in discourse about immigration.

One of the reasons I write this is because she is facing a competitive reappointment process, with three people jockeying for her position. As you all very well know, except for Jane Natoli and other white YIMBY transwomen, I am a HUGE proponent of trans representation on boards and commissions, and I, and so many other members of the trans community will be EXTREMELY ANGRY if Jessie is kicked off the body. Any Supervisor who tries to push her off the commission should be cancelled as a Transphobe and should expect protests from the transgender community and non-platforming. We are watching!!!!

Please reappoint Jessie Ruiz Navarro to Seat 1, and while you are at it, reappoint Ryan Khojasteh to Seat 3.

Regards,
-Jordan

Elias Barocio Jr
Hollister Migrant Center Manager

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February 19, 2021

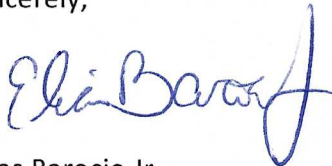
Dear Commission:

I'd like to start off by saying that I met Lucia Obregon at a National Association for Latino Community Asset Builder Fellowship in 2019. I saw a fire in Lucia's eyes when she opened up about her story and how she got to where she is at because she embraces her family, culture and her past. Lucia is so engaged in several fights against oppression. She is a leader and will not hesitate to stand up for what is right. Lucia thinks things through before she acts and looks at all sides of situations and possible outcomes.

I did not hesitate to write this letter of recommendation for Lucia because I could not think of a better suited person to be appointed to the Immigrant Rights Commission of San Francisco. It is a pleasure to write this letter. I know that Lucia will fight for all immigrants. She will not let you down.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,



Elias Barocio Jr
Hollister Migrant Center Manager

From: [Michael Gunther](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:41:23 AM
Attachments: [Letter in Support of Luis Zamora.pdf](#)

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Please accept the attached letter in support of Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission. Please feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions. Thank you for your time. MG

Michael Gunther, President (he/him/his)

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From: [Bradford Mattin](#)
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Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission
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[Bradford Mattin Endorsement Letter to IRC - Luis Zamora.pdf](#)

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Hello Aaron, Rafael, Connie and team,

It is with pleasure that I provide you a Reference Letter for Luis Zamora in consideration for the Immigrant Rights Commission. I have worked with Luis during his time with my International NGO, Spectra Project. He proved to be an essential member in our success as we grew the organization from its inception.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can answer any questions.

Respectfully,
Bradford

Bradford Mattin
President



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February 19th, 2019

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Re: Letter of Support for Immigrant Rights Commission Applicant, Luis Zamora

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Alex Barrett-Shorter, Co-President of the San Francisco Young Democrats, and on behalf of SFYD I am writing in strong support of Luis Zamora for the Immigrant Rights Commission. As San Francisco's largest Democratic club for young people ages 14 to 35, SFYD is proud to support the nomination of someone who has demonstrated their ability to organize and advance the issues of young people in San Francisco.

During his time as President, Luis was instrumental in getting more young people involved within the political process and regularly championed any efforts to expand representation to immigrants and the LGBTQ community. Specifically, Luis rallied support of our membership for SB288, a bill that would have allowed immigrants to run and serve on California Democratic Party Central Committees and as State Delegates to the Party. As a first generation Mexican-American, Luis strongly believes that immigrants deserve a seat at the table.

The San Francisco Young Democrats support young leaders in their aspirations to learn about the Democratic process and become politically involved. We represent the issues of young people through activism, outreach and endorsements.

Another example of Luis' advocacy was during his time on the California Young Democrats LGBTQ Caucus. Because Luis knew that LGBTQ immigrants had virtually no representation, he changed the caucus bylaws in order to open the caucus to undocumented individuals.

As a son of immigrants, a member of the LGBTQ community, and a conduit to the young community, we believe Luis will bring a fresh perspective to the Immigrant Rights Commission. He has our full support.

Respectfully,

Alex Barrett-Shorter

Co-President | San Francisco Young Democrats
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February 20, 2021

Good day Chair Peskin, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Member Chan:

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no.10. My name is Amelia M. Martinez-Bankhead, a San Francisco native, daughter of immigrants, who works for the City & County of San Francisco. I work directly with various immigrant communities in San Francisco and I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Lucia for over 6 years. I met Lucia while working at the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) with the Mission Promise Neighborhood.

Lucia would be an excellent candidate for this Commission because of her personal and professional experience as a Latinx immigrant, community organizer, and activist. She has worked on several key projects/movements that raise awareness of the multiple needs that our immigrant communities face as they seek just representation in a City in which they are a vital part of. She has helped immigrant parents find their voice to fight for a better education for their children. Not only has she led a group of Promotoras/Community Outreach Workers in doing this, but she has taught them to advocate themselves and has successfully done so during census campaigns, during the pandemic, and long before we sheltered in place.

She has dedicated her personal and professional life to ameliorate the state of our communities left vulnerable due to the lack of fair and much needed policies and programs that directly protect them. Her passion and love for community is a force to reckon with and would make a great addition to this Commission.

Representation matters and this is why it is important to have someone like Lucia on bodies such as this. Please consider Lucia in order to represent not only immigrants like her who have made it their life mission to do this work, but to make sure that those who do not have a voice can be heard now and for generations to come. This is why I support and humbly ask for your consideration in appointing Lucia Obregon to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

In Community,

Amelia M. Martinez-Bankhead

Michelle Reiss-Top

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February 19, 2021

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Good afternoon Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Michelle Reiss-Top and I live in San Francisco's Mission District. I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for over 5 years. I work with Lucia at the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) and have had the pleasure of helping her with data and metrics for her community engagement projects. What is special and really impactful about her work is her inherent ability to access the power of the community members she has organized and led. She brings people into the fold in a way that makes them feel strong, capable and deserving of the equal rights, access, and power they fight for together. A Parent Leadership group she led started calling her meetings "School" because they learned so much from her each time and left each meeting with more tools and equipment than they walked in with. This was a group of mono-lingual, immigrant women who had school taken away from them too early in life. So to proudly refer to Lucia's work with them as "School" was not only high praise but genuinely impactful on their lives. I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this Commission because she not only has a deep, personal understanding of the needs of immigrants, but she demands progress be made by everyone; those in power, the systems we live under, herself, AND the immigrant community she serves.

It is my greatest honor to show her support. It is in the city's best interest that you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you,



Michelle Reiss-Top

Good day Supervisor Chan, Madelman, and Peskin,

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat number 10. My name is Shane Zaldivar, I live in San Francisco and I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for over 2 years. Within that time I have had many working experiences with Lucia where I've been able to see all the incredible qualities she possesses to be a great candidate for this Commission.

I originally met Lucia as an artist collaborating and putting together the La Diaspora Festival. She acted as a Communications and Event Production Manager. It was during this time I got to see her ability to bring local artists together to celebrate culture and also foster safe community spaces. The La Diaspora festival has been successful at impacting local and global communities through art, performance, and educating audiences on the diversity and versatility of its participants (including queer, Latinx, and immigrant experiences). This festival and collective would not have thrived as it did without Lucia's community organizing skills and commitment to healing the community through art.

Another way I have worked with Lucia is through my current role at the Office of Transgender Initiatives. As a Training Coordinator, I help to coordinate an educational and professional development fellowship for transgender and/or LGBTQ immigrants called EmergeSF. During the fellowship, we focus on ways to help our participants build their vocational skill sets. Lucia is one of our collaborators with this program, as a presenter to the 2021 cohort on the topic of building leadership skills and working with the community. In this collaboration she brings forth her experience as a Community Leadership Development Manager for MEDA (Mission Economic Development Agency) and experience as a queer & Latinx leader.

Beyond these ways I've worked closely with Lucia, I have seen her incredible work as a member of the community. I have seen how Lucia has used her skills to jump into action under the circumstances of the pandemic, by organizing virtual town halls to connect immigrant populations with resources. I've attended these sessions and others that have educated families about the 2020 census and discussed issues and policies related to immigrants who live or work in San Francisco.

By showing my support for Lucia Obregon for this seat, I know I am also considering the needs of my communities. San Francisco's Immigrant communities have so much to gain from Lucia's passion, knowledge, and leadership. It is an honor to show my support and I hope that you will seriously consider her appointment. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Shane Zaldivar (she/her)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shane Zaldivar".

Good Morning Supervisor Chan, Mandelman, and Peskin,

I am honored and pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10.

My name is Noris Chavarría, and I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for over 4 years. Lucia and I, initially crossed paths when I was the development officer at MEDA and she was the volunteer manager in 2016. Since then, I have seen her grow into a shining leader and community organizer in and out of the office space - lending her support to many causes including direct action for farmworkers and getting everyone counted on the Census.

I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this commission because she is a hardworking Latina who brings 100% of herself to support the many communities she is a part of. I believe the commission is only the first step for Lucia, into future roles within the SF City government.

It is an honor to call Lucia my sister and to support her in this endeavor. I hope you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you for all the work you are doing to keep our communities safe during this time.

Please stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Noris Chavarría', written in a cursive style.

Noris Chavarría



Thursday February 18, 2021

Greetings Chair Peskin and Members of the Rules Committee,

My name is Shirley Yee and I am the Economic Justice Director at MyPath, a San Francisco non-profit organization working to transform systems and policies to advance youth financial access and economic inclusion. I am writing this letter in the most fervent support for Sarah Souza, not only an excellent candidate, but the ideal candidate for the Immigrant Rights Commission. I met Sarah Souza in January 2018 when she came to my office in the Mission District to introduce and invite me to join the Here to Stay Coalition, a statewide group of activists, advocates and grassroots individuals and organizations working to advance immigrant financial security. MyPath joined the Coalition excited to work alongside Sarah Souza, with her breadth of knowledge, years of leadership, and many local, state and national connections.

If you know Sarah Souza, you will know that she eats, breathes, and dreams immigrant rights. She has an unwavering and inexhaustible commitment paired with a strategic and action oriented policy advocacy and organizing background. I have never met a human being more knowledgeable or more committed to making a change for all immigrants than Sarah Souza. Not only did she support my leadership within the Here to Stay Coalition, she helped lift up and support the leadership of our immigrant youth and staff who also joined the coalition. She built out an "Impacted Immigrant Leaders" 6 month training program to help develop new grassroots immigrant leaders.

Sarah Souza immigrated from Brazil to San Francisco at the age of 15. She has extensively organized to bring low-income immigrants and the most marginalized communities the tools to overcome financial barriers. Sarah Souza has been at the forefront of immigrant rights at the national, state, and local levels. She has been organizing for immigrant communities for over a decade and has met with multiple congressional members to advocate for humane and inclusive immigration reform and asset building opportunities. She proudly serves as the President of La Raza Community Resource Center and former President of the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club.

Sarah Souza is a graduate of Mission High School, holds a Master of Public Affairs, Certificate in Nonprofit Management, and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. She is a graduate of the New Leaders Council and Aspen Institute scholar. An active member of the National League of United Latin American Citizens, Sarah has participated in the national Emerge Leadership Program for Latinx leaders.

Sarah Souza is honored for the opportunity to serve on the Immigrant Rights Commission and represents the immigrant community that has been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. As a DACA recipient, she will bring her lived experience and understanding of the challenges facing

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immigrants across San Francisco. Sarah has continuously shared her story as a tool for social change and to highlight the significance of immigrant contributions and humanity. Not only does Sarah Souza know how to share her own story, she knows how to nurture the leadership of other immigrants to amplify their stories and ensure their voices are heard.

She was the co-founder of Here to Stay, a statewide coalition, focused on removing economic and systemic barriers in California. Here, Sarah developed key strategies to engage immigrant parents and youth from different backgrounds and integrated an inclusive approach to grassroots advocacy. This community-based campaign model is primarily focused on engaging immigrant leaders to advocate for legislative and corporate reforms that promote economic equity, community wealth-building, and financial security for immigrants in California. As a result of her advocacy and joint efforts with statewide leaders, the Governor has signed the expansion of Earned Income Tax Credit to immigrant workers. As a statewide leader, she brought her intersectional perspective on immigrant integration in California as a model to the entire country.

In 2019, she was appointed to the DCCC as the first Dreamer to serve on this body. During her term as a member of the San Francisco Democratic Party, she introduced resolutions in support of the public bank, strengthening the Community Reinvestment Act, immigrant inclusion within the state party, mental health support for immigrant students, and supported measures to advance racial equity.

Sarah Souza has been at the forefront of immigrant issues and worked on state legislation to amend the election code to allow non-citizens to run for delegates. As a member of the San Francisco Democratic Party, Sarah introduced a resolution to allow non-citizens to have full membership to the California Democratic Party. The Bylaws Amendment has been partially adopted to allow noncitizens to be appointed as a delegate. She is leading efforts to advance full party membership including getting elected for delegate and equitable participation. As a result of her advocacy, Sarah Souza has built momentum for immigrant inclusion and integration.

As the Co-Chair of SF Commissions for All, she led the campaign to pass a charter amendment to remove voter registration requirements to allow San Franciscans, regardless of immigration status, to serve on local boards and commissions. In partnership with immigrant-led organizations and leaders, Proposition C passed and has been implemented allowing all San Franciscans to have a seat at the table. As part of Sarah Souza's vision to expand efforts for inclusive civic engagement, she is working on community outreach to promote the importance of representation in local government.

Thus, it is for all these reasons and more that I recommend in the strongest possible terms Sarah Souza for the Immigrant Rights Coalition.



Sincerely,

Shirley Yee
Economic Justice Director



From: [Luis Vasquez Gomez](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Lucia Obregon's Appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:37:15 AM

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Supervisor Chan,

It's a pleasure to write this letter of support for Lucia Oregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10.

My name is Luis Vasquez Gomez and I live and work in the Mission District of San Francisco. I have known Ms. Obregon for more than three years, working collaboratively in different projects with immigrants. I consider Ms. Obregon is a great candidate for this Commission because of her commitment and dedication to work with the immigrant population. She is an efficient community organizer who has led several community initiatives and an excellent public speaker.

Best,

Luis Vasquez Gomez
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Letter of Support

Greetings Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin,

I am honored to write this letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Kristen Acosta and I both live and work in the Mission District and I have had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for the past 2 years. I met Lucia at a community event and since then have been in contact with her both through community work and collaboration between the organizations we work for which focus on the empowerment and dignity of the immigrant community. Lucia was and is a key part of establishing legislation that incorporates immigrants to the democratic process including Prop N in 2016 which gave the rights for parents to vote regardless of immigration status.

I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this Commission because Lucia is the embodiment of an activist and community worker. Even before I knew her personally, I was aware of her work as she has always been actively involved in the community through her art, volunteer work, organizing events, fundraising efforts and so much more!

COVID-19 has only intensified her efforts and highlighted her commitment to community as she has quickly pivoted her work and organizing to the virtual world and engaging community members with information and resources that have been invaluable during this time. Using her personal platform she fundraised 5k for Direct Action for Farm Workers, Houseless Outreach Myriad Project and care packages for newcomer students. I am continually in awe of all the endeavors she leads and is involved in and know that she will be a great addition to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

It is my greatest honor to show her support and I hope you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kristen Acosta

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristen Acosta", is written over a light blue horizontal line.



Letter of Support

Greetings Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin,

I am honored to write this letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Kristen Acosta and I both live and work in the Mission District and I have had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for the past 2 years. I met Lucia at a community event and since then have been in contact with her both through community work and collaboration between the organizations we work for which focus on the empowerment and dignity of the immigrant community. Lucia was and is a key part of establishing legislation that incorporates immigrants to the democratic process including Prop N in 2016 which gave the rights for parents to vote regardless of immigration status.

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It is my greatest honor to show her support and I hope you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kristen Acosta

From: [Lucia Obregon](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Subject: Appointment for Immigrant Rights Commission: Lucia Obregon
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 2:44:00 PM

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Good afternoon Supervisor Chan and Supervisor Mandelman.

It was great to virtually meet you and introduce myself to you. As I mentioned, it was an honor to live through this experience and having this opportunity. I am a community organizer on the ground, I have no party affiliations and I just want to be a voice for my community.

With that being said I want to stay true to my values and convictions and I do truly believe that this seat should go to a DACA recipient or undocumented person. I do believe that it is time to lift other voices of those who traditionally haven't had a seat at the table. Therefore, I am withdrawing my application from seat 10. I recognize that having the privilege of having citizenship means that sometimes I need to know when to step back in order to step up. I am more than happy to recommend Sarah Souza for this seat as I have tremendous love and respect for her.

Adrienne Pon made a recommendation for me for seat 11, a seat I was not aware I could be eligible for. I am not sure if there's an opportunity to run for that seat but if that is not a possibility, I would be happy to withdraw my application completely. I appreciate your understanding.

On a separate note, I did want to bring up that I had a lot of people who wanted to support me during the hearing, however they were monolingual speakers and without any translation services it made it really hard and intimidating for people to participate. This is something I have experienced before as an organizer trying to get immigrant communities to participate in other committees as well, interpretation has always been a struggle. I would love the opportunity to discuss how we can better improve these systems to ensure everyone can participate on a daily basis if they chose to. Who would be the right people to connect with?

Mil gracias!

Lucia Obregon

From: [Rafael Moreno](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
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Good afternoon Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name Rafael Moreno and I live in the Mission District and I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for many years. I met Lucia during through organizing efforts for the cultural districts and various other Latinx focused efforts in the community. I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this Commission because she is passionate, shows up for our community and is accountable

It is my greatest honor to show her support and I hope you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you,

Rafael Moreno

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Rafael Moreno | Youth Services & FRC Director

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Luis Zamora**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

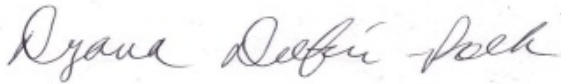
My name is Dyana Delfin-Polk, Board Trustee for Peralta Community College District, and I'd like to whole-heartedly recommend Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission for the City and County of San Francisco. I have worked with Luis as a fellow Young Democrat and I have known him to be nothing but very passionate, professional, a quick study, and hard working. Luis would be an amazing addition to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

A specific example of Luis' leadership was in his role as Chief of Staff for the California Young Democrats LGBTQ Caucus. Luis was first elected to the roll of Regional Director earlier in 2017 and stood out from the pack by revitalizing engagement with the Caucus and modernizing the Caucus website. He was shortly thereafter promoted to Chief of Staff where he continued to expand the reach of the Caucus and worked on language to open up the Caucus to undocumented individuals as he feels that LGBTQ undocumented individuals have virtually no representation.

Perhaps a little closer to the mission of the IRC, Luis was also on the Board of Directors for Spectra Project, a non-profit that assisted LGBTQ refugees in the Middle East. As Director of Community Outreach, Luis advocated for LGBTQ refugees who faced threats in their home countries and countries of transit, while providing them with basic life necessities such as food, clothing, hygienic supplies and shelter, as well as connecting them to services once state-side.

As a first generation Mexican-American, Luis has a common yet underrepresented perspective that would be invaluable to the Immigrant Rights Commission. As you know, under the last administration in Washington, we were battling for human rights daily. We need to ensure that community members are represented, and I feel that Luis Zamora represents the immigrant community well, not just as the son of an immigrant, but as a person of color and someone who also identifies with the LGBTQ community, another marginalized group fighting for their rights. He would be a fantastic addition to the Immigrant Rights Commission, and I give him my full recommendation and endorsement.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dyana Delfin-Polk". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Dyana Delfin-Polk
Board Trustee, Peralta Community College District

From: [Eva Mas](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Enthusiastic Recommendation for Lucia Obregón on seat 10 Immigrant Rights Commission
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:19:34 AM

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Dear Connie Chan, Victor Young and Ian Fregosi,

I am writing to enthusiastically support Lucia Obregón for seat 10 of the Immigrant Rights Commission of San Francisco. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Lucia Obregon on the Latino Cultural District Expansion, La Diaspora Fest and on community organizing in solidarity with the Movement for Black Lives. I also am very familiar with the incredible work Lucia does at Mission Economic Development Agency.

Lucia knows the realities of the immigrant community through her own experience immigrating the United States as a child from Guatemala. She is a strong and warm mentor for countless promotoras and by doing this work Lucia is constantly helping the Latinx community build power through the real grassroots. Lucia is a strategic big picture person who is patient with all the small steps it takes to approach the vision. She deeply understands intersectionality and is ensuring the translatina community is accessing many resources years ago they weren't, by partnering with the Office of Transgender Initiatives and MEDA to offer EL.LAs a paid job readiness program of high quality.

I have seen people step in and out of the work with the Expansion Of the Latino Cultural District. Lucia has been committed and active day in and day out, holding the relationships and consensus vision building, and supporting everyone with their busy lives to continue to stay active in this important initiative. Lucia is always ensuring that new stakeholders are added that truly represent the truly diverse immigrant community of the Mission.

With La Diaspora Fest, Lucia organized an incredible online event to promote the Census, partnering with MEDA, and giving a platform to artists who had just been slammed into isolation in March 2020. I saw no one able to pull off such a successful online event that quickly! The audience was mostly monolingual spanish speakers and thanks to this event, many became aware that it was safe and extremely necessary to participate in the census regardless of their immigration status.

Lucia holds integrity in her work at all times, and is never afraid to speak up. She is a supportive team player, and completely committed to the cause of immigrant rights. She would be an asset to the Immigrant Rights Commission and this seems like a clear next step in her incredible trajectory. Finally, and most importantly, I know without a doubt, that the immigrant community of San Francisco will have a real voice if Lucia sits on seat 10.

Sincerely,

Eva Mas

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Immigrants Rights Commission- Jessy Ruiz Navarro
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 9:38:28 AM

From: Melanie Ampon <melanieampon.hrc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 9:10 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Immigrants Rights Commission- Jessy Ruiz Navarro

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Hello,

I urge the board to reappoint Jessy Ruiz Navarro for another term on the Immigrant Rights Commission, Seat 1. She is an essential worker and champion for language access. As a Trans Latina, Jessy's voice is important to ensure the Trans Latinx immigrant community isn't left behind and has a seat at the table. Please continue to support Trans Women of Color in leadership roles.

Best,

Melanie Ampon

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February 21, 2020

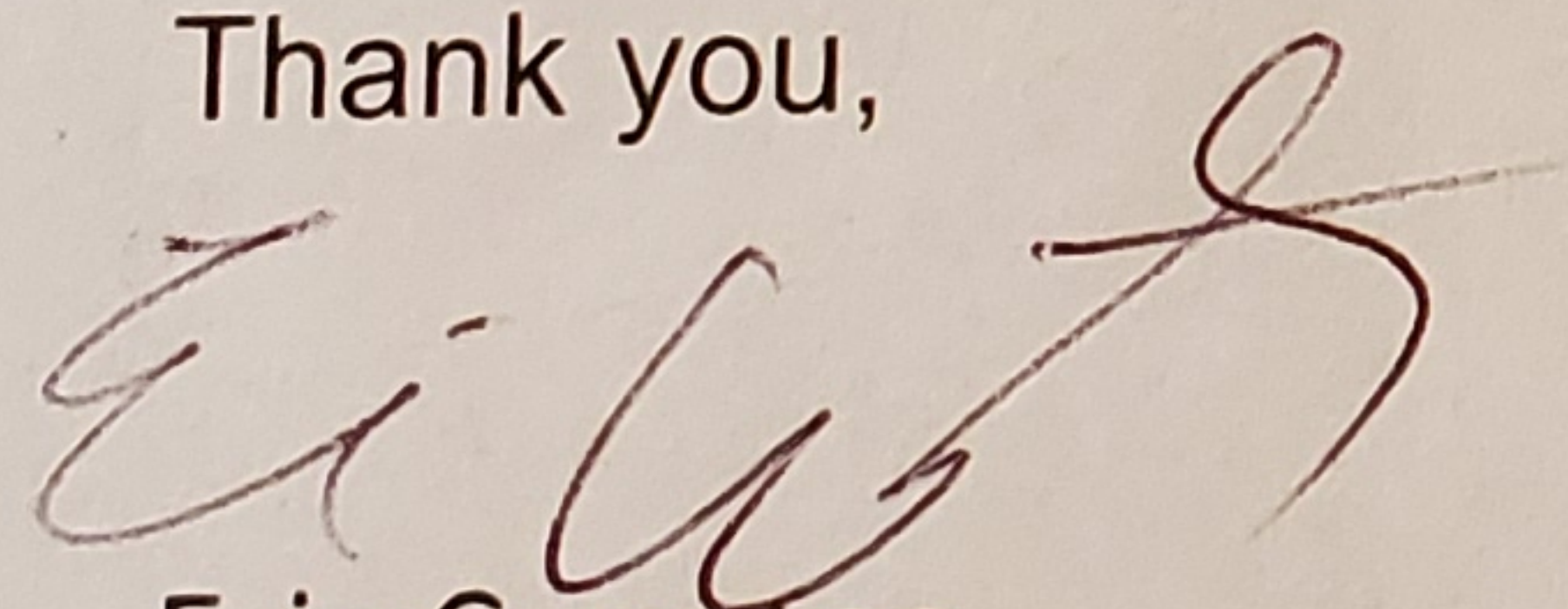
Good afternoon Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Eric Cuentos and I live at 229 Theresa St., San Francisco CA 94112. I've had the pleasure of working in community with Lucia for almost 5 years, while she has been working as Community Leadership Development Manager at MEDA and I have worked in a similar position at Mission Graduates. During this time, I have had many opportunities to appreciate the passion, creativity and determination with which she approaches her work on behalf of immigrants every day.

One example that comes to mind was in December 2019, when a number of us were looking for new and creative ways to spread the word in the Latinx community about the 2020 Census, Lucia was able to convene some of us to organize a series of Census-themed Loteria nights, with custom-made Loteria cards and hosted by her team of promotoras. She was also an inspiration to many of us when, shortly after the first COVID lockdown was in place in March 2020, Lucia started using Facebook Live to reach families in ways that we had previously only done with in-person workshops.

I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this Commission because she is not only a passionate immigrant rights activist and supporter, but she is an excellent member to have on your team. You can count on her to bring the ideas and the willingness to put them into action. As a friend, colleague and resident of San Francisco, I think the City would be well-served by Lucia Obregon to be a part of the Immigrant Rights Commission.

Thank you,



Eric Cuentos

Senior Director of Family Engagement

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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Reappoint Jessie Ruiz Navarro to Immigrant Rights Commission.
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021 3:55:08 PM

From: Jordan Davis <jodav1026@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:41 PM

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>; ChanStaff (BOS) <chanstaff@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Angulo, Sunny (BOS) <sunny.angulo@sfgov.org>; Souza, Sarah (BOS) <sarah.s.souza@sfgov.org>; Hepner, Lee (BOS) <lee.hepner@sfgov.org>; Yan, Calvin (BOS) <calvin.yan@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Temprano, Tom (BOS) <tom.temprano@sfgov.org>; Bintliff, Jacob (BOS) <jacob.bintliff@sfgov.org>; Adkins, Joe (BOS) <joe.adkins@sfgov.org>; victoria.gu@sfgov.org; Groth, Kelly (BOS) <kelly.groth@sfgov.org>; Fregosi, Ian (BOS) <ian.fregosi@sfgov.org>; Hsieh, Frances (BOS) <frances.hsieh@sfgov.org>

Subject: Reappoint Jessie Ruiz Navarro to Immigrant Rights Commission.

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to you and copying members of the Rules committee for posterity to urge you to reappoint Jessie Ruiz Navarro to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

She is a transgender woman, a Latina immigrant, and has limited English proficiency. She also works as an essential worker; it is very important to uplift people who belong to various groups who are vulnerable to both COVID and police violence, and she has added a voice not often heard in discourse about immigration.

One of the reasons I write this is because she is facing a competitive reappointment process, with three people jockeying for her position. As you all very well know, except for Jane Natoli and other white YIMBY transwomen, I am a HUGE proponent of trans representation on boards and commissions, and I, and so many other members of the trans community will be EXTREMELY ANGRY if Jessie is kicked off the body. Any Supervisor who tries to push her off the commission should be cancelled as a Transphobe and should expect protests from the transgender community and non-platforming. We are watching!!!!

Please reappoint Jessie Ruiz Navarro to Seat 1, and while you are at it, reappoint Ryan Khojasteh to Seat 3.

Regards,
-Jordan

Good Morning Supervisors,

I'd like to offer my apologies for not being able to attend the Rules Committee hearing this morning to advocate for my re-appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission. Mondays are notoriously challenging days for me. I am the single Assistant District Attorney running an entire courtroom calendar until noon and unfortunately do not have the opportunity to step away. I have been in this role for a year (today is actually my one-year anniversary working for DA Boudin) and am honored to serve the city and county.

I have also dutifully served the city and county for the past four plus years as a commissioner on the Immigrant Rights Commission. I was first appointed as a first semester first year law student and I have grown tremendously both personally and professionally. In this time, I have been an active member of this body's Executive Committee working alongside the Executive Director of OCEIA, the Chair and Vice-Chair on shaping the commission's agenda. I have been the Co-Chair of our Immigration Policy Ad-Hoc Committee as well as the Chair of the Racial Equity Working Group.

In these capacities, I have helped spearhead the authoring of resolutions and the organizing of hearings. I have volunteered to take on additional responsibilities and have worked collaboratively with our other commissioners. The Immigrant Rights Commission is full of some of the most passionate, talented, and bold leaders I have had the privilege of working with and befriending. I hope to have the honor of continuing in this role and fighting for our immigrant communities in San Francisco and beyond. Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: [Mariam Tiwana](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Item 6 Testimony - Lucia Obregon Matzer
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 12:25:57 PM

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Victor Young,

I was unable to provide my testimony on today's call, and would like to email my testimony now.

My name is Mariam Tiwana, I worked with Lucia Obregon Matzer as delegates in our undergraduate Model United Nations program here at SFSU. Through the 9 years I've known this colleague, her unstoppable determination for uplifting the immigrant community has been unparalleled. She has lived it. As a local community organizer, activist, immigrant, and queer artist who has been working to serve the people since she graduated here at our local SFSU, I can't imagine anyone working as relentlessly and passionately for her community as this nominee.

Elias Barocio Jr
Hollister Migrant Center Manager

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February 19, 2021

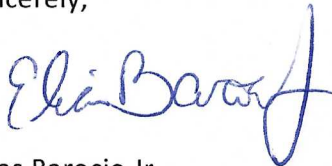
Dear Commission:

I'd like to start off by saying that I met Lucia Obregon at a National Association for Latino Community Asset Builder Fellowship in 2019. I saw a fire in Lucia's eyes when she opened up about her story and how she got to where she is at because she embraces her family, culture and her past. Lucia is so engaged in several fights against oppression. She is a leader and will not hesitate to stand up for what is right. Lucia thinks things through before she acts and looks at all sides of situations and possible outcomes.

I did not hesitate to write this letter of recommendation for Lucia because I could not think of a better suited person to be appointed to the Immigrant Rights Commission of San Francisco. It is a pleasure to write this letter. I know that Lucia will fight for all immigrants. She will not let you down.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,



Elias Barocio Jr
Hollister Migrant Center Manager

From: [Michael Gunther](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:41:23 AM
Attachments: [Letter in Support of Luis Zamora.pdf](#)

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Please accept the attached letter in support of Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission. Please feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions. Thank you for your time. MG

Michael Gunther, President (he/him/his)

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From: [Bradford Mattin](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter in Support of Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 5:07:27 PM
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[Bradford Mattin Endorsement Letter to IRC - Luis Zamora.pdf](#)

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Hello Aaron, Rafael, Connie and team,

It is with pleasure that I provide you a Reference Letter for Luis Zamora in consideration for the Immigrant Rights Commission. I have worked with Luis during his time with my International NGO, Spectra Project. He proved to be an essential member in our success as we grew the organization from its inception.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can answer any questions.

Respectfully,
Bradford

Bradford Mattin
President



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SAN FRANCISCO YOUNG DEMOCRATS

February 19th, 2019

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Attn: Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Letter of Support for Immigrant Rights Commission Applicant, Luis Zamora

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Alex Barrett-Shorter, Co-President of the San Francisco Young Democrats, and on behalf of SFYD I am writing in strong support of Luis Zamora for the Immigrant Rights Commission. As San Francisco's largest Democratic club for young people ages 14 to 35, SFYD is proud to support the nomination of someone who has demonstrated their ability to organize and advance the issues of young people in San Francisco.

During his time as President, Luis was instrumental in getting more young people involved within the political process and regularly championed any efforts to expand representation to immigrants and the LGBTQ community. Specifically, Luis rallied support of our membership for SB288, a bill that would have allowed immigrants to run and serve on California Democratic Party Central Committees and as State Delegates to the Party. As a first generation Mexican-American, Luis strongly believes that immigrants deserve a seat at the table.

The San Francisco Young Democrats support young leaders in their aspirations to learn about the Democratic process and become politically involved. We represent the issues of young people through activism, outreach and endorsements.

Another example of Luis' advocacy was during his time on the California Young Democrats LGBTQ Caucus. Because Luis knew that LGBTQ immigrants had virtually no representation, he changed the caucus bylaws in order to open the caucus to undocumented individuals.

As a son of immigrants, a member of the LGBTQ community, and a conduit to the young community, we believe Luis will bring a fresh perspective to the Immigrant Rights Commission. He has our full support.

Respectfully,

Alex Barrett-Shorter

Co-President | San Francisco Young Democrats
sfydpresident@gmail.com

The San Francisco Young Democrats support young leaders in their aspirations to learn about the Democratic process and become politically involved. We represent the issues of young people through activism, outreach and endorsements.

Good afternoon Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Monica Almendral and I live (D11) and work (D9) in San Francisco and I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for 4 years. I met Lucia at Mission Economic Development Agency. She started as my intern mentor and soon became an inspirational colleague and friend. I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this Commission because she has dedicated her work and free time to the betterment of the immigrant community through her policy and social justice work over the years.

Through our work at MEDA and in our free time I have been blessed to share space with Lucia in the highlights following:

- **Her community organizing on the ground. Not only during our work hours but as volunteers - organizing on her own and volunteering for mutual aid groups.**
- **Witnessing her activism through organizing multiple communities around the Bay Area around racial justice, police brutality and immigration reform.**
- **Leading teams of community leaders to increase civic participation and parent involvement in schools among immigrant parents.**
- **During Census she helped create a Loteria game that would teach families about the census and play a fun game.**
- **Since Covid she has fundraised close to \$5,000 for Direct Action for Farm workers, Houseless outreach Myriad Project, care packages for newcomer students**
- **She has organized coalitions such as United to Save the Mission and continues to play an active role in the efforts to expand the Latinx Cultural District.**

It is my greatest honor to show her support and I hope you seriously consider her appointment. Thank you.

Monica Almendral

February 20, 2021

Good day Chair Peskin, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Member Chan:

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no.10. My name is Amelia M. Martinez-Bankhead, a San Francisco native, daughter of immigrants, who works for the City & County of San Francisco. I work directly with various immigrant communities in San Francisco and I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Lucia for over 6 years. I met Lucia while working at the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) with the Mission Promise Neighborhood.

Lucia would be an excellent candidate for this Commission because of her personal and professional experience as a Latinx immigrant, community organizer, and activist. She has worked on several key projects/movements that raise awareness of the multiple needs that our immigrant communities face as they seek just representation in a City in which they are a vital part of. She has helped immigrant parents find their voice to fight for a better education for their children. Not only has she led a group of Promotoras/Community Outreach Workers in doing this, but she has taught them to advocate themselves and has successfully done so during census campaigns, during the pandemic, and long before we sheltered in place.

She has dedicated her personal and professional life to ameliorate the state of our communities left vulnerable due to the lack of fair and much needed policies and programs that directly protect them. Her passion and love for community is a force to reckon with and would make a great addition to this Commission.

Representation matters and this is why it is important to have someone like Lucia on bodies such as this. Please consider Lucia in order to represent not only immigrants like her who have made it their life mission to do this work, but to make sure that those who do not have a voice can be heard now and for generations to come. This is why I support and humbly ask for your consideration in appointing Lucia Obregon to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

In Community,

Amelia M. Martinez-Bankhead

February 19, 2021

Good afternoon Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Efrain Barrera and I live in San Francisco's District 9. I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for 3 years. I met Lucia during her policy and advocacy work at MEDA.

I worked with her on multiple projects including Parent Council, Parent Leadership Academy, Latinx SFUSD School Resolution, Census Awareness Campaign, among others. I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this Commission because: she embodies the tenets of the commission around improving and enhancing the civic participation of all immigrants in the City of San Francisco. Her work with our parent leaders has been exceptional in showcasing their leadership, spirit of advocacy and dedication to improving the education systems in our school district.

Ms. Obregon's is a dedicated organizer in service of the communities of color, particularly the immigrant moms who have become promotoras and parent leaders in the community.

Ms Obregon has demonstrated a passion for social justice through the multi community organizing she has done around police brutality, racial justice and in support of closing the illegal camps to end the cruel treatment of families at the border.

It is my greatest honor to show her support and I hope you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you,

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Efrain Barrera

Michelle Reiss-Top

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February 19, 2021

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Supervisor Connie Chan, Member (connie.chan@sfgov.org)

Aide: Ian Fregosi (ian.fregosi@sfgov.org)

Clerk: Victory Young (Victor.young@sfgov.org)

Good afternoon Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Michelle Reiss-Top and I live in San Francisco's Mission District. I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for over 5 years. I work with Lucia at the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) and have had the pleasure of helping her with data and metrics for her community engagement projects. What is special and really impactful about her work is her inherent ability to access the power of the community members she has organized and led. She brings people into the fold in a way that makes them feel strong, capable and deserving of the equal rights, access, and power they fight for together. A Parent Leadership group she led started calling her meetings "School" because they learned so much from her each time and left each meeting with more tools and equipment than they walked in with. This was a group of mono-lingual, immigrant women who had school taken away from them too early in life. So to proudly refer to Lucia's work with them as "School" was not only high praise but genuinely impactful on their lives. I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this Commission because she not only has a deep, personal understanding of the needs of immigrants, but she demands progress be made by everyone; those in power, the systems we live under, herself, AND the immigrant community she serves.

It is my greatest honor to show her support. It is in the city's best interest that you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you,



Michelle Reiss-Top

Good day Supervisor Chan, Madelman, and Peskin,

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat number 10. My name is Shane Zaldivar, I live in San Francisco and I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for over 2 years. Within that time I have had many working experiences with Lucia where I've been able to see all the incredible qualities she possesses to be a great candidate for this Commission.

I originally met Lucia as an artist collaborating and putting together the La Diaspora Festival. She acted as a Communications and Event Production Manager. It was during this time I got to see her ability to bring local artists together to celebrate culture and also foster safe community spaces. The La Diaspora festival has been successful at impacting local and global communities through art, performance, and educating audiences on the diversity and versatility of its participants (including queer, Latinx, and immigrant experiences). This festival and collective would not have thrived as it did without Lucia's community organizing skills and commitment to healing the community through art.

Another way I have worked with Lucia is through my current role at the Office of Transgender Initiatives. As a Training Coordinator, I help to coordinate an educational and professional development fellowship for transgender and/or LGBTQ immigrants called EmergeSF. During the fellowship, we focus on ways to help our participants build their vocational skill sets. Lucia is one of our collaborators with this program, as a presenter to the 2021 cohort on the topic of building leadership skills and working with the community. In this collaboration she brings forth her experience as a Community Leadership Development Manager for MEDA (Mission Economic Development Agency) and experience as a queer & Latinx leader.

Beyond these ways I've worked closely with Lucia, I have seen her incredible work as a member of the community. I have seen how Lucia has used her skills to jump into action under the circumstances of the pandemic, by organizing virtual town halls to connect immigrant populations with resources. I've attended these sessions and others that have educated families about the 2020 census and discussed issues and policies related to immigrants who live or work in San Francisco.

By showing my support for Lucia Obregon for this seat, I know I am also considering the needs of my communities. San Francisco's Immigrant communities have so much to gain from Lucia's passion, knowledge, and leadership. It is an honor to show my support and I hope that you will seriously consider her appointment. Thank you very much.

Regards,

Shane Zaldivar (she/her)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shane Zaldivar".

Good morning Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin

I am pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's, a queer Latinx immigrant activist, appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Tanya Macedo and I live in Daly City, CA and I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for about a year. I met Lucia through a mutual friend while organizing a community event and connected with her after asking for her help in planning the event. She was introduced to me as a rock-star community activist and organizer with years of experience leading community advocacy work – which I've learned to be true. After that experience, I have seen her serve as the MC of multiple human rights demonstrations, educate the community on issues impacting immigrants and underrepresented communities and volunteer multiple hours with mutual aid groups.

I consider Lucia to be a great activist in the community and have seen her dedication through her work organizing several protests on racial justice, police brutality and immigration reform. Lucia would make a great candidate for this Commission because as a queer Latinx immigrant activist, with years of direct experience fighting for human and immigrant rights, she has a deep understanding of the issues impacting underrepresented communities and will bring great solutions to the table.

It is my greatest honor to show her support and I hope you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you,

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Tanya Macedo



February 21, 2021

Rules Committee, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors:

We are writing as Co-Chairs of the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club to recommend Luis Zamora for the San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission. We believe Luis is capable and qualified for the position, with a demonstrated history of leadership and advocacy, and we welcome his nomination as an important step toward greater representation of the LGBTQ community on our City's boards, commissions, and task forces.

It has been our pleasure to work with Luis both as a former Co-President of the San Francisco Young Democrats and as a current member of the Alice B. Toklas board. Especially as COVID-19 continues to drastically, disproportionately impact our immigrant communities, we believe that Luis' lived experience and his proven commitment to action will be an asset to the IRC and San Francisco. A favorable administration in Washington presents San Francisco with an opportunity to lead the charge on policies that will benefit our immigrant residents and now have a chance of being adopted nationwide. Luis' experience as a first generation Mexican-American, as well as his dedicated work for SFYD, Alice, the California Democratic Party, and many other organizations, demonstrates the value he will bring to this position.

We ask for your support for Luis' application to the IRC. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you would like to discuss Luis or any other candidates in the future. You can email us at cochairs@alicebtoklas.org or reach us by phone at 415-305-7604 (Catie) or 415-845-3263 (Gary).

We look forward to helping to move our City forward together, ensuring that the full spectrum of our community is represented.

Sincerely,

/s/ Catie Arbona
Catie Arbona, Co-Chair

/s/ Gary McCoy
Gary McCoy, Co-Chair

cc:
Supervisor Connie Chan
Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Mayor London Breed
Victor Young, Assistant Clerk
Luis Zamora

February 22, 2021



Subject: Endorsement of Luis A. Zamora for the Immigrant Rights Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Committee:

The Latinx Young Democratic Club is thrilled to endorse Luis A. Zamora for a position on the Immigrant Rights Commission. Luis' experience, passion and dedication make him an ideal fit for the commission, which has the ability to create meaningful policy that can positively alter the experience of immigrants in San Francisco.

Luis has consistently advocated on behalf of LGBTQ communities — particularly through his work with the LGBT Caucus of the California Young Democrats, his position on the Board of Directors of the Spectra Project and in his current role as Chair of Public Policy for the Golden Gate Business Association. While these organizations all have different priorities, Luis' role in all three was similar: provide leadership to ensure that key decision makers are coming from diverse backgrounds. Given the historical marginalization of the LGBTQ community, having a powerful voice who has ample experience working closely alongside them. His success in securing safe housing for hundreds of LGBTQ refugees in the middle east solidifies his effectiveness as a leader in the policy-making space.

San Francisco is a vibrant and diverse community that should be represented as such. Luis would add valuable perspective as a first-generation Mexican-American whose own life experiences could allow him to better empathize with the trials and tribulations surrounding life as an immigrant in San Francisco. When creating policy to better people's experience, having someone present who readily understands (and is perhaps directly impacted by) these changes is vital to ensuring actual progress. Luis more than checks this box.

Finally, Luis' current role as an ex-officio member of the rules committee of the California Democratic Party has allowed him to observe the procedures of government as part of the next generation of the party's leaders. As a part of the "CYD Ambassador" program, Luis has been able to develop relationships with lawmakers, understanding how to create progressive and meaningful policy in a tangible way. This valuable experience will translate well to the Immigrant Rights commission, given that working alongside lawmakers is crucial to the responsibility.

We cannot recommend Luis enough, and hope that you carefully consider his candidacy and all of the valuable insight he will bring to the position.

Sincerely,

Karol Ruiz & Luis Avalos
Co-Presidents, Latinx Young Democrats

February 22, 2021



Subject: Endorsement of Sarah Souza for the Immigrant Rights Commission

Dear Members of the Rules Committee:

As you consider your addition to the Immigrant Rights Committee, The Latinx Young Democrats would like to express our support for the selection for Sarah Souza, whose unparalleled track record as an economic justice & immigrant rights advocate makes her a natural fit for the role.

As the first Dreamer in California appointed to the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee, Souza has proudly served as a fierce leader and advocate for immigrant rights in San Francisco and beyond. Her unbridled passion, fearless leadership and strong work ethic have made her a force to be reckoned with within the city's political landscape. She proudly serves as the Board President of La Raza Community Resource Center and is the former President of the San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club.

As a member of the San Francisco Democratic Party, Sarah introduced a resolution to allow non-citizens to have full membership to the California Democratic Party and is leading the efforts to ensure its full implementation. In 2020, she was appointed as a DSCC member as the first Dreamer in the history of California to officially join the California Democratic Party.

Souza is a true trailblazer, who continues to rise to the occasion when it comes to fighting for her community. She is a true bastion of hope and an inspiration to many. Sarah is an undeniably qualified candidate who is sure to bring a powerful, passionate and insightful presence to the Immigrant Rights Committee. Our organization has worked with Sarah on a number of projects and knows from firsthand experience the expertise and political acumen she brings to the table.

Sincerely,

Karol Ruiz & Luis Avalos
Co-Presidents, Latinx Young Democrats

Good Morning Supervisor Chan, Mandelman, and Peskin,

I am honored and pleased to write a letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10.

My name is Noris Chavarría, and I've had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for over 4 years. Lucia and I, initially crossed paths when I was the development officer at MEDA and she was the volunteer manager in 2016. Since then, I have seen her grow into a shining leader and community organizer in and out of the office space - lending her support to many causes including direct action for farmworkers and getting everyone counted on the Census.

I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this commission because she is a hardworking Latina who brings 100% of herself to support the many communities she is a part of. I believe the commission is only the first step for Lucia, into future roles within the SF City government.

It is an honor to call Lucia my sister and to support her in this endeavor. I hope you seriously consider her appointment.

Thank you for all the work you are doing to keep our communities safe during this time.

Please stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Noris Chavarría', written in a cursive style.

Noris Chavarría

From: [Austin Truong](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment Support for Sarah Souza for Immigrant Rights Commission
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 12:07:34 PM

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Hello Supervisors Peskin, Chan, and Mandelman,

I hope this email finds you all rested and in good health.

I am submitting my formal support for Sarah Souza for the Immigrant Rights Commission **[Item 6. 210013 [Appointments, Immigrant Rights Commission]]**.

Sarah Souza has shown deep commitment to speak out in the face of injustice, to build from a place of storytelling, to challenge the status quo, and to listen to all members in the movement for justice. She has been organizing for immigrant communities for over a decade and is a fierce leader for affordable housing, immigration, economic justice, and equitable education.

As someone, born and raised in San Francisco growing up in a SRO in Chinatown and in affordable housing in Tenderloin - I am glad to know such a fierce advocate is throwing her hat into the ring to advocate on the needs of my community.

In the name of Shirley Chisholm “If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.” Well, Sarah didn't just bring a folding chair, she's been working deep in legislation, in relationship building, in the frontlines to amend election codes to allow non-citizens to be part of the conversation. That's some deep commitment for the people, not for herself, to do this system-change work.

I've had the honor of building community with Sarah through Prop C and Vote16SF - and I hope that Supervisors, you know that Sarah will do this work in and out of City Hall.

Take care,

Austin Truong
Pronouns: they/them

From: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Mariam Tiwana](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Item 6 Testimony - Lucia Obregon Matzer
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:01:19 PM

I'm looping in the clerk of the Rules Committee but I'm recused from this item.
Aaron

From: Mariam Tiwana <mtiwana@ucdavis.edu>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>
Subject: Item 6 Testimony - Lucia Obregon Matzer

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Aaron Peskin,

I was unable to provide my testimony on today's call, and would like to email my testimony now.

My name is Mariam Tiwana, I worked with Lucia Obregon Matzer as delegates in our undergraduate Model United Nations program here at SFSU. Through the 9 years I've known this colleague, her unstoppable determination for uplifting the immigrant community has been unparalleled. She has lived it. As a local community organizer, activist, immigrant, and queer artist who has been working to serve the people since she graduated here at our local SFSU, I can't imagine anyone working as relentlessly and passionately for her community as this nominee.

February 21, 2021

Immigrant Rights Commission
Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs
City and County of San Francisco

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to offer my enthusiastic recommendation for Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission of San Francisco.

I have known Lucia for over 2 years, having met when we both participated in the Pete Garcia Community Economic Development Fellowship program. The fellowship, hosted by the National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders, brings together Latino leaders from across the country to build the capacity of Latino-serving community development and asset building practitioners. During our time together as fellows, Lucia was an active participant always open to sharing her lived experience and continuously demonstrated her innate passion advocating for her community. The fellowship provides a culturally relevant curricula and the opportunity to learn from leadership development experts, however I felt I learned most from the interactions with my fellow peers, especially Lucia.

Since our time as fellows, Lucia and I remain in touch with our cohort regularly updating each other on our personal and professional milestones and offering guidance on a variety of issues. Lucia continues to share her expertise working within the immigrant community in San Francisco and has influences others in our network working with similar populations across the country.

Lucia is an outstanding advocate for immigrant rights. She is a fierce and passionate advocate for lifting the voices of her community. She has a wealth of knowledge and well-established interest in issues affecting immigrants in San Francisco and possesses expert community organizing leadership skills that she has honed as Community Leadership Development Manager at Mission Economic Development Agency. Lucia would be a tremendous asset to the commission.

I would be happy to answer any questions or discuss my recommendation further. Please feel free to contact me at 347.515.0299 or Diana.Caba@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Diana Caba



Thursday February 18, 2021

Greetings Chair Peskin and Members of the Rules Committee,

My name is Shirley Yee and I am the Economic Justice Director at MyPath, a San Francisco non-profit organization working to transform systems and policies to advance youth financial access and economic inclusion. I am writing this letter in the most fervent support for Sarah Souza, not only an excellent candidate, but the ideal candidate for the Immigrant Rights Commission. I met Sarah Souza in January 2018 when she came to my office in the Mission District to introduce and invite me to join the Here to Stay Coalition, a statewide group of activists, advocates and grassroots individuals and organizations working to advance immigrant financial security. MyPath joined the Coalition excited to work alongside Sarah Souza, with her breadth of knowledge, years of leadership, and many local, state and national connections.

If you know Sarah Souza, you will know that she eats, breathes, and dreams immigrant rights. She has an unwavering and inexhaustible commitment paired with a strategic and action oriented policy advocacy and organizing background. I have never met a human being more knowledgeable or more committed to making a change for all immigrants than Sarah Souza. Not only did she support my leadership within the Here to Stay Coalition, she helped lift up and support the leadership of our immigrant youth and staff who also joined the coalition. She built out an "Impacted Immigrant Leaders" 6 month training program to help develop new grassroots immigrant leaders.

Sarah Souza immigrated from Brazil to San Francisco at the age of 15. She has extensively organized to bring low-income immigrants and the most marginalized communities the tools to overcome financial barriers. Sarah Souza has been at the forefront of immigrant rights at the national, state, and local levels. She has been organizing for immigrant communities for over a decade and has met with multiple congressional members to advocate for humane and inclusive immigration reform and asset building opportunities. She proudly serves as the President of La Raza Community Resource Center and former President of the San Francisco Latino Democratic Club.

Sarah Souza is a graduate of Mission High School, holds a Master of Public Affairs, Certificate in Nonprofit Management, and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. She is a graduate of the New Leaders Council and Aspen Institute scholar. An active member of the National League of United Latin American Citizens, Sarah has participated in the national Emerge Leadership Program for Latinx leaders.

Sarah Souza is honored for the opportunity to serve on the Immigrant Rights Commission and represents the immigrant community that has been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. As a DACA recipient, she will bring her lived experience and understanding of the challenges facing

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immigrants across San Francisco. Sarah has continuously shared her story as a tool for social change and to highlight the significance of immigrant contributions and humanity. Not only does Sarah Souza know how to share her own story, she knows how to nurture the leadership of other immigrants to amplify their stories and ensure their voices are heard.

She was the co-founder of Here to Stay, a statewide coalition, focused on removing economic and systemic barriers in California. Here, Sarah developed key strategies to engage immigrant parents and youth from different backgrounds and integrated an inclusive approach to grassroots advocacy. This community-based campaign model is primarily focused on engaging immigrant leaders to advocate for legislative and corporate reforms that promote economic equity, community wealth-building, and financial security for immigrants in California. As a result of her advocacy and joint efforts with statewide leaders, the Governor has signed the expansion of Earned Income Tax Credit to immigrant workers. As a statewide leader, she brought her intersectional perspective on immigrant integration in California as a model to the entire country.

In 2019, she was appointed to the DCCC as the first Dreamer to serve on this body. During her term as a member of the San Francisco Democratic Party, she introduced resolutions in support of the public bank, strengthening the Community Reinvestment Act, immigrant inclusion within the state party, mental health support for immigrant students, and supported measures to advance racial equity.

Sarah Souza has been at the forefront of immigrant issues and worked on state legislation to amend the election code to allow non-citizens to run for delegates. As a member of the San Francisco Democratic Party, Sarah introduced a resolution to allow non-citizens to have full membership to the California Democratic Party. The Bylaws Amendment has been partially adopted to allow noncitizens to be appointed as a delegate. She is leading efforts to advance full party membership including getting elected for delegate and equitable participation. As a result of her advocacy, Sarah Souza has built momentum for immigrant inclusion and integration.

As the Co-Chair of SF Commissions for All, she led the campaign to pass a charter amendment to remove voter registration requirements to allow San Franciscans, regardless of immigration status, to serve on local boards and commissions. In partnership with immigrant-led organizations and leaders, Proposition C passed and has been implemented allowing all San Franciscans to have a seat at the table. As part of Sarah Souza's vision to expand efforts for inclusive civic engagement, she is working on community outreach to promote the importance of representation in local government.

Thus, it is for all these reasons and more that I recommend in the strongest possible terms Sarah Souza for the Immigrant Rights Coalition.



Sincerely,

Shirley Yee
Economic Justice Director



STATEMENT OF JESSY RUIZ

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Hello everyone,

My name is Jessy Ruiz. I am a San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commissioner. It has been [a little over] a year since I was appointed to be on the Immigrant Rights Commission. During this year, I have learned a lot about the problems that impact our immigrant community. I know I still have a lot to learn and that is why I would like to continue to serve as an Immigrant Rights Commissioner. I know we have lived through a very difficult year with the COVID-19 pandemic, which left thousands of immigrants without work and homeless during this pandemic time. Every Friday when I get off work, I go to food banks and pick up 20 boxes of food to give to the families that need it most. This is why I would like to continue to serve as a Commissioner. Thank you very much.

Hola a todos mi nombre es Jessy Ruiz soy comisionada de derecho de los inmigrantes en la ciudad de San Francisco ya a pasado [un poco más de] un año desde que fui seleccionada para estar en el comité de los derechos de los inmigrantes en este año he aprendido muchas cosas sobre los problemas que existen afuera que afectan a nuestra comunidad inmigrante se que me falta mucho por aprender y por eso es que me gustaría postularme una vez más para seguir siendo comisionada de los derechos de los inmigrantes y se que emos vivido un año muy difícil con esta pandemia del COVID 19 dende miles de personas imigrantes se quedaron sin trabajo y sin hogar durante este tiempo de pandemia cada viernes cuando salgo de trabajar voy a los bancos de comida y recojo 20 cajas de comida para dárselas a las familias que mas lo necesitan es por eso que me gustaría seguir siendo comisionada muchas gracias.

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To: [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: ee.hepner@sfgov.org; [Hepner, Lee \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Lucia Obregon - Immigrants Rights Commission Seat 10
Date: Sunday, February 21, 2021 10:47:39 PM

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Dear Supervisors Peskin, Chan and Mandelman-

We are writing today to express our support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat number 10.

In a city at the forefront in the fight for immigrant rights, for immigrant opportunities and for social justice solutions, Lucia brings her own strong matching skill set to the commission. We have worked alongside Lucia for over 4 years as coalition members of United to Save the Mission. In that time, Lucia has demonstrated tremendous leadership capabilities as well as a mastery of creating framework goals and policies that center the voices of those who are least heard.

This past year alone,

- We saw Lucia advocate within the Latinx/Xicanx community to teach the importance and benefits of completing the Census bolstering confidence amongst traumatized and fearful immigrant families unsure about their status in their new home.
- We watched her helm the creation of video chats and programming with her team at MEDA to provide real time Covid-19 information centered in Spanish language discussions, featuring City officials and community leaders as the crisis unfolded.
- We watched her organize immigrant merchants of the Mission Corridor to support one another, to advocate for themselves, and to create solutions to save their businesses as part of leading the Cultural District Expansion.
- We watch Lucia continue to work closely and mentor the MEDA Promotoras. While she is a strong advocate organizing and raising the voices of immigrants, her greatest strength is in coaching immigrant families and especially immigrant women to inhabit their own voice and power to achieve self determination in a country where they often feel overwhelmed.

Lucia's experience working at MEDA, and organizing within the larger community, closely parallels the goals of the commission. Her personal outreach and organizing has led to the vast participation of so many community members who might not have otherwise been a voice at the table. She deeply understands their needs, makes easy connections with those she meets and in her they see a brilliantly shining example of the promise of the immigrant experience, the promise of their future and that of their children.

As our City is now looking to emerge from a once in a lifetime challenge, now is a time for optimism. We are optimistic that our next generation of leaders will meet this moment. We can say from our experiences that Lucia has demonstrated that she is one of those leaders who is ready to step up to any challenge.

Please appoint her to be the next Immigrant Rights Commissioner for seat number 10.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hill and Larisa Pedroncelli

larisa pedroncelli (she/her)
kelly hill (he/him)

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From: [Luis Vasquez Gomez](#)
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Fregosi, Ian \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for Lucia Obregon's Appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 11:37:15 AM

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Supervisor Chan,

It's a pleasure to write this letter of support for Lucia Oregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10.

My name is Luis Vasquez Gomez and I live and work in the Mission District of San Francisco. I have known Ms. Obregon for more than three years, working collaboratively in different projects with immigrants. I consider Ms. Obregon is a great candidate for this Commission because of her commitment and dedication to work with the immigrant population. She is an efficient community organizer who has led several community initiatives and an excellent public speaker.

Best,

Luis Vasquez Gomez
Family Resource Specialist
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(415)863-0764 Ext. 132



Letter of Support

Greetings Supervisor Chan, Madelman and Peskin,

I am honored to write this letter in support of Lucia Obregon's appointment to the Immigrant Rights Commission, seat no. 10. My name is Kristen Acosta and I both live and work in the Mission District and I have had the pleasure of knowing Lucia for the past 2 years. I met Lucia at a community event and since then have been in contact with her both through community work and collaboration between the organizations we work for which focus on the empowerment and dignity of the immigrant community. Lucia was and is a key part of establishing legislation that incorporates immigrants to the democratic process including Prop N in 2016 which gave the rights for parents to vote regardless of immigration status.

I consider Lucia to be a great candidate for this Commission because Lucia is the embodiment of an activist and community worker. Even before I knew her personally, I was aware of her work as she has always been actively involved in the community through her art, volunteer work, organizing events, fundraising efforts and so much more!

COVID-19 has only intensified her efforts and highlighted her commitment to community as she has quickly pivoted her work and organizing to the virtual world and engaging community members with information and resources that have been invaluable during this time. Using her personal platform she fundraised 5k for Direct Action for Farm Workers, Houseless Outreach Myriad Project and care packages for newcomer students. I am continually in awe of all the endeavors she leads and is involved in and know that she will be a great addition to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Kristen Acosta



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Kristen Acosta