

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,

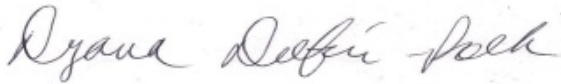
My name is Dyana Delfin-Polk, Board Trustee for Peralta Community College District, and I'd like to whole-heartedly recommend Luis Zamora to the Immigrant Rights Commission for the City and County of San Francisco. I have worked with Luis as a fellow Young Democrat and I have known him to be nothing 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 handwriting 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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From: Jordan Davis <jodav1026@gmail.com>

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Subject: Reappoint Jessy 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 Jessy 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 Jessy 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 Jessy 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

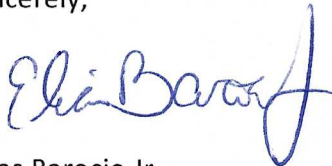
Dear Commission:

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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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
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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

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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

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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
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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

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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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Thank you for your consideration.

Kristen Acosta