



Dear 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission,

It is with great enthusiasm and respect, that we at the Latino Community Foundation (LCF) submit this letter in support of Pastor Trena L. Turner, to be selected as a member of the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission. For decades, Pastor Trena has been a visionary civic, corporate and faith leader who exemplifies the very best of humanity. Pastor Trena's leadership is built on values and executed with immense integrity. The force, wisdom and determination that she carries with her is unique and critical at this pivotal moment in our nation's history. We are deeply honored to submit this letter in her support.

Pastor Trena comes from Stockton, California, the most diverse city in America. Today, she leads an organization that is truly inclusive of all ethnicities, faiths, and genders. She unites people on our shared American values and wants nobody to feel left behind.

In 2017, as the Executive Director of Faith in the Valley, Pastor Trena, took part in LCF's Latino Nonprofit Accelerator, a 16-month incubator for Latino nonprofits that provides marketing training, fundraising mentorship, a series of retreats to amplify and accelerate the impact of grassroots organizations. Through the Accelerator, Pastor Trena exemplified her ability to lead. She was a rising star in the program because although she had decades of experience, she was hungry to learn and develop as a leader. She is deeply curious, inquisitive and one of the best listeners we know.

As the only African American in a Latino program, she took extra time to build trust and show sincere interest in people's personal stories, experiences and helped them celebrate their biggest wins. She went above and beyond for her organization and for others. She was extremely detail oriented, followed through on projects, and ensured that nobody's time was ever wasted. She was grateful, strategic and was skilled at articulating her deep reflections with the group. She also brought light and love to the program. She had her church choir welcome us to Stockton for one of the Retreats, she danced with everyone and told us stories about the Hmong and Mexican community over dinner.

Her unique background as a corporate, faith, now a regional nonprofit leader—gives her the deep experience and understanding necessary to sit on such an important Commission. With an open mind she is willing to learn from others but also to lead them when required. Her ability to relate to people, to listen, and to understand them is an incredible skill which would serve as a tremendous asset within the Commission.



We are personally honored to know and work with Pastor Trena. In our eyes, she is extraordinary and her impact in the Central Valley and all of California will be felt for decades to come. Pastor Trena Turner is a true community anchor because she is relentless in her pursuit of excellence and justice. She is one of hundreds of leaders of colors in California whose wisdom, experience, and multi-culturalism are needed at the decision-making table. We hope her vast experience is recognized, and her voice is appointed to this Commission.

With love and respect,

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