



Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission Applicant Review Panel

Please accept my highest recommendation and full support for Pedro Toledo's application to serve on the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Over the last ten years, I have worked closely with Pedro on many initiatives to improve the health of Sonoma County community members, particularly low-income individuals. Pedro is an experienced non-profit health care executive, a tireless advocate for children, and a trusted leader who is committed to creating ladders of opportunity into the middle class for low income and minority populations.

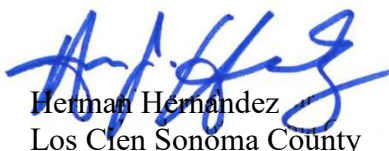
Pedro is committed to a vision that everyone can access to high quality health care services, and he is focused on the elimination of health disparities and creating health career pathways for low income and minority populations. I've seen his work at Redwood Community Health Coalition, and most recently at Petaluma Health Center. Working collaboratively, Pedro has led successful efforts to expand safety net medical and dental services, to create health career pathways for minority students, and to reduce barriers to health care services.

As an advocate for children, Pedro led Sonoma County's Children Health Initiative, *Healthy Kids Sonoma County*, whose mission it is to ensure that every child in Sonoma County has access to prevention-focused health care, affordable health insurance and nutritious foods. Under his leadership, the program has expanded to provide health coverage and public benefit application assistance to tens of thousands of Sonoma County households. Pedro's work reduces the number of uninsured children in the county and results in fewer children going to school hungry.

Pedro shares my belief that that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive. He is committed to their well-being, demonstrates a commitment to providing a better future for vulnerable populations, and collaboratively works with others to raise awareness about children's issues. Over the years, he has proven his ability to be impartial, to possess strong analytical skills, and to appreciate the State's diversity. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors recognized his work by awarding the Jefferson Award for Public Service to Healthy Kids Sonoma County and the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County awarded Pedro the Children's Champion Award. He also was recognized in the North Bay Business Journal's 40 Under 40 award, received NAMI Sonoma County's Hero award, and the California Food Policy Advocates' Local Advocate award, among many others.

I am proud of the work Pedro has done to improve the quality of life for our community, and am thrilled to recommend Pedro Toledo to serve on the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Sincerely,



Herman Hernandez
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