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Dear Ms. Brown:

We, the undersigned, are Latino nonprofit leaders, philanthropists, advocates and allies in California motivated to turn out the Latino vote in the 2020 Presidential Election. Although our state may not be in contention in presidential elections, we are eagerly awaiting to play our part in becoming informed voters by watching the upcoming presidential debates. With less than four months from the next presidential election, we respectfully write the Commission to invite a Latino journalist to moderate one of the three presidential and/or vice-presidential debates.

The Latino community is one of the most vibrant, industrious and civically engaged demographic groups in the United States with over 60 million people. From artists like Lin Manuel-Miranda who have sparked a revival of our nation's grounding values and principles to the jurisprudence of Supreme Court Justices like Sonia Sotomayor, Latinos continue to shape the American story every single day.

Our economic and civic power is also on the rise. Latino purchasing power in the United States will grow to \$1.9 trillion becoming one of the largest economic drivers of our country. And, according to the Pew Hispanic Research Center, over 32 million Latinos will be eligible to vote in the 2020 Presidential Election. Latinos are one of the most critical voting blocs in places like Arizona, Florida, and Texas. The success and strength of America's economy and democracy therefore hinges on Latinos' ability to prosper in our economic and civic life.

But since the arrival of Covid-19 on America's shores, the Latino community has been hard hit by this global pandemic. Over one-third of positive cases in the United States are Latino, 60% have lost jobs or had pay cuts, and thousands have already died from this virus because of their "essential" status. To add further injury, one-half of Latino small-business owners did not receive any federal assistance to help mitigate losses resulting from Covid-19.

This is why we share the Commission's mission of ensuring that all Americans can hear from the leading presidential and vice-presidential candidates for the 2020 Presidential Election. The problems facing America are intertwined with the hopes and plights of the Latino community. A Latino moderator is no longer considered a nice-to-have, but essential to fulfill the Commission's mission and to be in tune with the needs and opportunities of the American electorate.

A trusted Latino moderator can therefore serve multiple purposes in this historic election. It can provide greater context of the issues facing the American electorate today, expand viewership, and mobilize Latinos to participate in the 2020 Presidential Election. Journalists like Ilia Calderon and Jorge Ramos of Univision News, Alicia Menendez of MSNBC, Maria Elena Salinas of CBS News, Vanessa Huac of Telemundo and Cecilia Vega of ABC News, who have a nuanced understanding of the issues that affect the Latino

community, come to mind as stand-out options to accomplish these goals. There are of course several others that the Commission should consider outside of these options.

Latinos will play a historic role in electing our next president and we hope you take this letter into consideration as you navigate the moderator selection process over the coming weeks. We welcome further conversations with you and your staff on this very important topic. For any follow up, you can contact Christian Arana, Latino Community Foundation Policy Director, at [carana@latinocf.org](mailto:carana@latinocf.org) or via 415-236-5145.

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