



November 10, 2021

Dear President Li,

Subject: 11.10.21: Agenda Item 10B: Governing Board Reports

As members of CCC Latinx for Inclusion, we are very proud of the ethnic diversity of the Board which not only represents the population of Contra Costa County but the student population as well. Many immigrant students and their families have fled brutal dictatorships and economic hardships from their home country to build a new life here in the Contra Costa County.

That is why it is incumbent on you as President to hold yourself to the highest ethical standard of governance, which is to be fully transparent and accountable for your actions, especially as an example to our immigrant students. The pillar of our democracy stands on the shoulders of many who fought and gave their lives so we could have a government "for and by the people."

Unfortunately, Trustee Li, under your leadership as President, you've repeatedly violated the Brown Act and governed with two different sets of standards for transparency and accountability.

For example, at the May 26, 2021 4CD Board Meeting you read a prepared statement on your reasoning for recommending censure of Trustee Marquez. You stated: that you had grave concerns with Trustee Marquez's conduct as he violated the confidentiality of closed session discussion". This recommendation of censure of Trustee Marquez was an "action" by the Board and was not listed on the agenda,

under closed session or as a regular agenda item. **You gave the public no opportunity to participate on this matter.**

Trustee Marquez, the most senior member of the Board, has requested twice that your censure for violating the confidentiality of closed session at the June 23 board meeting be placed on the agenda. Yet this request continues to be ignored.

President Li, I have reviewed that video of the Board's discussion on Agenda Item 18B: Interact Communications \$10M Contract, which you stated was discussed in closed session. You were also cautioned by Trustees Barrett, Marquez and Sandoval, as well as Attorney Meola about this.

We are merely requesting that you and the Board honor the request by Trustee Marquez as he eloquently stated at the last Board meeting, "We all, above all else, want to treat everyone equitably and just while addressing the issues that the ACCIC have asked us to address for the board members behavior."

CCC Latinx for Inclusion submits this correspondence per Board Policy 1024, as a written request to you and Chancellor Reece by the November 22, 2021 deadline, to place this matter on the next regular Board Agenda, December 8, 2021 so that the Board can deliberate Trustee Marquez's request of your censure and the public can participate per the Brown Act. Our students and the taxpayers deserve no less.

Sincerely,

CCC Latinx for Inclusion

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cc: Chancellor Bryan Reece