



May 25, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States  
Office of the President  
VIA EMAIL

RE: Endorsing Anna Gomez for Federal Communications Commissioner or  
FCC Chair

Mr. President,

The National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA) would like to formally submit our recommendation for Anna Gomez, a current Partner at Wiley Rein, for nomination as a Commissioner of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The NHLA is composed of over 40 of the nation's leading Latino civil rights and public policy organizations. We firmly believe that Ms. Gomez has the experience and knowledge necessary to be a strong digital equity leader for the FCC, the Biden-Harris Administration, and for our country.

As we approach the first 100 days of the Biden-Harris Administration, we remain hopeful that the road to a more civil and just world for Latinx and BIPOC communities is in our future. However, to meet these crucial goals it is necessary to empower the right individuals to serve as leaders in our government. Having worked on telecom and technology issues for over 25 years, we consider Anna Gomez to be a one-of-a-kind expert in her field and a well-suited candidate for the many challenges facing the FCC. Her relevant experience is incredibly balanced with a strong reputation for data-driven, common sense policy stances that tackle communication injustices head-on in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Gomez previously served at the FCC for 12 years, where she held various management positions, including serving as Senior Legal Advisor to then FCC Chairman Kennard. She also spent over four years at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), where she was the Deputy Administrator and Acting Administrator.

It is essential for FCC Commissioners to not only have extensive experience in telecommunications and media, but also be committed to diversity and inclusion. For the last five years Ms. Gomez served as Chair of Wiley Rein's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and currently serves as Chair of the FCC's Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment. We believe Ms. Gomez's work in this field is authentic, as she has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion—particularly to the Latinx communities—all throughout her career. She created the NTIA's first Diversity and Inclusion Council and served on the Bush Administration's Interagency Task Force on Hispanic Employment.

If given the opportunity to serve, we are confident that Anna Gomez can, and will, be a leader in the ongoing discourse surrounding our nation's media and communications policy. Her perspective as a Latinx woman is an important perspective that is currently missing on the FCC Commission, and has been missing for over twenty years. Supporting Ms. Gomez is a direct challenge to the systemic issues facing our communities, like the digital divide and media diversity. It is our distinct honor to recommend Anna Gomez to the Biden-Harris Federal Communications Commission.

Sincerely,

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