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Encouraging Progress Despite Setback: Governor Newsom Vetoes SB 782, Transparency in Gubernatorial Appointments, and Commits to Consider Expanded Reporting in 2025

SACRAMENTO, CA (September 30, 2024) – Governor Gavin Newsom has vetoed SB 782, authored by Senator Monique Limón and sponsored by Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) and the California Commission on Status of Women and Girls (CCSWG). SB 782 would have required the Governor's office to produce an annual report detailing the demographic information—including race, ethnicity, gender, veteran status, and region of individuals appointed by the Governor each year.

The report sought to identify underrepresented voices and communities in decision-making roles and establish a system of accountability for future administrations, helping track progress and gaps in representation.

"I am disappointed that Governor Newsom has once again vetoed legislation that has received broad, bipartisan support in the State Legislature four years in a row," said Senator Monique Limón. "Currently just three regions in our state make up the majority of appointments, leaving out critical voices from other areas. SB 782 is a step towards ensuring board members and commissioners reflect the multitude of experiences our communities face, and critical voices are not left out of state service."

Helen Torres, CEO of HOPE shared, "While we appreciate the Governor's public acknowledgement of the value of this report, this veto delays a larger effort to drive transparency and advance representation in our Government. As the biggest appointment entity in the state, SB 782 was the Governor's opportunity to lead by example and call on other appointment entities to follow suit."

"We know the work to advance transparency continues and are heartened by Governor Newsom's commitment to expand reporting of appointed positions to the State Legislature in addition to the Governor's office. We look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature to make this vision a reality and are committed to uplifting the voices of all of California's diverse communities in this process," added Torres.

This is the fourth time HOPE has sponsored a version of SB 782 authored by Senator Limón, which has passed through the legislature with bipartisan support but has been vetoed by the Governor each time. In [his veto message](#), Governor Newsom acknowledges the value of the additional accessibility a public report would provide but affirms that this goal can only be achieved by also requiring reporting on Legislative appointments. He commits to supporting

legislation next year that “includes the same transparency requirements for appointments by the Administration as well as the Legislature.”

HOPE extends its gratitude to Senator Monique Limón, the supermajority of legislators who supported SB 782, and to our coalition of over 45 statewide organizations dedicated to advancing justice and equity. HOPE remains committed to advocating for transparency and equity in appointments and will continue working to ensure all communities have a voice at decision-making tables.

About Hispanas Organized for Political Equality (HOPE) - HOPE® is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that has empowered our communities through advocacy, Latina leadership training, and increasing knowledge on the contributions Latinas have made to advance the status of women for the past 35 years. To date, HOPE’s innovative programming has served 65,000 Latinas and touched the lives of several thousand more through our advocacy. For more information on HOPE, please visit Latinas.org or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [X \(Twitter\)](#).

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