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Dear Speaker Rendon,

Thank you for appointing me to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) on April 25, 2018. Building on my own experience in environmental justice and community work, it has been an honor to serve on this commission as your recent appointee.

Now beginning a new year on the Commission, I am writing to update you on the Commission's progress and future priorities, particularly around environmental justice. Since my appointment, I have participated in six meetings of the Environmental Justice Commissioner Working Group of BCDC. Staff has conducted extensive research and mapping of vulnerable communities throughout the Bay Area, particularly through BCDC's Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) program.

In addition to its usual permitting and regulatory authority, the Commission has begun to explore how to incorporate environmental justice into BCDC's public access policies, the first of three policy areas that have been identified for amendment to the Bay Area Plan. Of course, much of our work also involves comparing and aligning approaches to environmental justice across different regional and state agencies, such as the Coastal Commission and State Lands Commission.

Finally, I continue to connect students from the Bay Area to public meetings of the Commission. UC Berkeley students and high school students from the San Francisco Unified School District have been particularly interested in the intersection of environmental justice work and government, and BCDC meetings offer opportunities for youth to see government respond to the needs of diverse stakeholders and communities.

Thank you again for your longstanding commitment to environmental justice, and I hope to continue representing your interests well on the Commission. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Best,



Eddie H. Ahn

cc: Juan Torres, Deputy Chief of Staff, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon
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