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**From:** Mary Ortiz  
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**To:** Public Comments; Foster, Karen  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Civil Rights

Please continue to allow students who belong to groups who have been protected to continue to do so. We might not always agree with them but they all should be included. This is after all a democracy which I love with all my being.  
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July 5, 2021

Honorable Trustees  
Washoe County School District  
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Dear Honorable Trustees,

We reach out to you on behalf of the Northern Nevada subcommittee of the Nevada Latinos Initiative. The subcommittee is composed of several Latino community leaders that include doctors, college presidents, university professors, social workers, communications experts, public servants, and more. We came together as a volunteer organization to inform and help the Latino community during the COVID-19 pandemic that devastated the Latino community in Washoe County.

The purpose of this letter is to support Mrs. Candie Lorenzo for the position of Washoe County School Board Trustee for District C. Our Latino families represent approximately 25% of the population in Washoe County according to the recent U.S. census figures. We expect that number to rise with the new census data. It is important to have a diverse board of trustees that bring experience and input from the different communities here in our state.

Mrs. Candie Lorenzo brings with her a great deal of experience both in her professional role and as a community leader. She earned a Master of Science in Leadership and Management. Mrs. Lorenzo works as a Management Analyst for the City of Reno. More importantly, she is a parent of 3 students, who have undergone public schooling in the Washoe County School District. The oldest of her students graduating from the North Valleys High School is the district. Mrs. Lorenzo serves her community through mentorship and being a coach for the soccer leagues in the North Valleys.

It is important that there is a bridge between our Spanish-speaking community and the board. We believe that Candie can bridge the gap between the school board and Spanish-speaking communities here in Washoe County. We understand that the final decision is up to the Honorable trustees and trust you have the community in mind. We thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

Respectfully,

The Northern Nevada subcommittee for the Nevada Latinos Initiative

CC: Assemblywoman Torres, NHLC Chair and Nevada Latinos Initiative Advisor  
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Cecia Alvarado, Nevada Latinos Initiative Chair



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