



January 9, 2017

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer  
Co-Chair, Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General  
State Capitol, Room 4126  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Stone  
Co-Chair, Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General  
State Capitol, Room 3146  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Congressman Xavier Becerra for California Attorney General – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly members Jones-Sawyer and Stone,

San Fernando Valley LGBT Community Center is pleased to support Governor Brown's nomination of Congressman (Rep.) Xavier Becerra as California's next Attorney General. With the prospect that civil rights protections and programs protecting the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community will be under attack for the next four years, Rep. Becerra will serve the community well as the state's top law enforcement official. The San Fernando Valley LGBT Community Center it's the first one here in the valley of the 39<sup>th</sup> District. One of the first history that we made in the community and the school it was the building inside the school it was 62% and went down to 2%

Rep. Becerra is a proud member of the Congressional LGBT Caucus and has been a strong ally of the LGBT community for many years. He was one of only 67 members of Congress who opposed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) in 1996, has been a vocal supporter of marriage equality, and has championed other priorities of the LGBT community, including passage of the federal Equality Act and the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity in demographic data collection.

Rep. Becerra brings years of experience gained in the California Attorney General's office, in the state legislature, and in Congress. We are confident that he will join other state officials in defending the civil rights of LGBT people, women, and people of color, immigrants and the many communities that have been threatened following the election of Donald Trump. As the son of working-class Mexican immigrants, we are confident that Rep. Becerra will ensure that California stands strong against attempts to target any community based on sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnic or religious background, or immigration status.

For these reasons, San Fernando Valley LGBT Community Center is pleased to support the confirmation of Rep. Xavier Becerra as California's next Attorney General.

Sincerely,

*Renato Lira*

Renato Lira  
Executive Director

cc: Members and Staff, Special Committee on the Office of the Attorney General  
Cindy Morante, Special Committee Secretary