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LCCC Participates in Fresno Press Conference Urging Governor Newsom to Appoint a Latino/a Senator to Replace Vice President-Elect Harris

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, the Latino Caucus of California Counties (LCCC) participated in a Fresno press conference at City Hall with numerous California Central Valley and Central Coast Latino/a leaders urging Governor Gavin Newsom to appoint a Latino/a Senator to replace Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris. The LCCC issues the following statement from **Monterey County Supervisor Luis Alejo**:

“I was honored today to join fearless Latino/a leaders from throughout the Central Valley and Central Coast to strongly urge the Governor to appoint a Latino/a Senator,” **said Supervisor Alejo**. “In 2019, California accounted for \$50,116,898,000 in agricultural cash receipts, which was 13.52% of the total U.S. amount. This was more than the next top two states combined – Iowa (7.43%) and Nebraska (5.83%). As we all know, none of this would be possible without the hundreds of thousands Latino/a farmworkers that work and reside in California’s Central Valley and Central Coast. In a state that relies so heavily on the Latino/a workforce to quite literally put food on the table, it is appalling that we have never had a Latino/a U.S. Senator to represent us in Washington D.C. With Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris’ pending move to the White House, Governor Newsom can address this issue immediately with the appointment of a Latino/a Senator.

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The Latino Caucus of California Counties is an organization which encourages the engagement and involvement of its Board and membership, works to provide solutions to issues and concerns of our Latino communities, and promotes Latino leaders.