



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 388 without my signature.

This bill would establish the California Latino Commission to advise and make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor on policy matters affecting Latino communities.

California is home to more than 15 million Latinos – nearly 40 percent of the state's population. Latinos play a central role in California's economy and culture, and my Administration will continue ongoing work to identify and address the challenges that face this community. While I am appreciative of the intent to provide this distinct venue to further address disparities and drive opportunity through data collection and analysis, initiatives, partnerships, evaluation, and other powers and duties, this bill would lead to ongoing implementation costs in the millions of dollars while duplicating existing efforts, many of which are supported by state funding.

In partnership with the Legislature this year, my Administration has enacted a balanced budget that recognizes the challenging fiscal landscape our state faces while maintaining our commitment to working families and our most vulnerable communities. With significant fiscal pressures and the federal government's hostile economic policies, it is vital that we remain disciplined

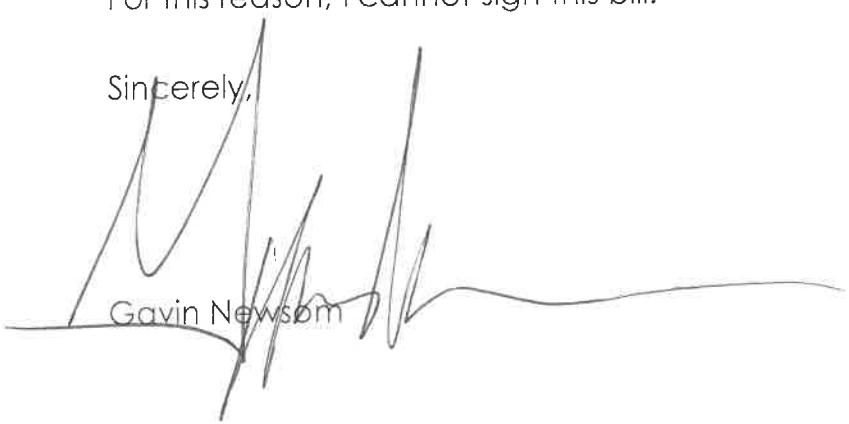


when considering bills with significant fiscal implications that are not included in the budget, such as this measure.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Gavin Newsom", is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.