



Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Karen Bass for Mayor 2022  
777 S. Figueroa Street, Ste 4050  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Congresswoman Bass,

Los Angeles is home to nearly 2 million Latinos, making up almost half of the city's population, who for generations have worked to build up our great city. Latinos account for the fastest growing population in our city, and in the past couple of years have borne the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic and the compounded issues already facing crisis levels.

It has never been more important for Latinos to hear directly from us on our vision for our city, and our plans to address issues disproportionately impacting Latino communities—such as homelessness, crime and environmental degradation.

On August 15, my campaign received an invitation from Univision to participate in a live televised debate scheduled for August 27, a clear opportunity to reach millions of Latinos and articulate my plans to take on the big issues. As such, my campaign accepted the invitation immediately. However, I was disappointed to learn that you declined the request, and shut down the unique opportunity to address the specific issues facing our city's Latino communities.

As Univision pointed out, Latinos “make up 33% of all registered voters” and the debate was an opportunity to “affirm your campaign’s genuine interest in addressing the needs faced by Los Angeles’ fastest-growing ethnic and electoral segment of the population”.

It is irresponsible that you would pass up the unique opportunity to connect directly with Latino voters, who represent a third of voters and make up such an important part of our city.

I hope that you will reconsider your position.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Caruso". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rick Caruso  
Los Angeles Mayoral Candidate