

Public comment from C. Lee

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your commitment and support of families, children, and immigrant communities. My comment is in reference to Agenda Item No. 9 - Update on the Client & Family Leadership Committee (CFLC) & Cultural & Linguistic Competency Committee (CLCC) on the August 28, 2025 meeting agenda. I oppose the combination of these long-standing committees into one committee for the following reasons:

Perspectives and priorities of underserved racial/ethnic/LGBTQ+ communities are different from the consumer/family communities. Combining these two committees will mean less time and attention focused on the unique needs of each community. OCAPICA is co-sponsor of AB 1242, Language Access for All, which has made its way to Senate Appropriations. We are sponsoring this bill because of the importance of supporting language access for all our immigrant communities, especially in the current moment and federal Executive Orders for English-only programs. Policies and bills such as this should and could be supported by the Cultural & Linguistic Competency Committee. These language access needs will get weakened or possibly excluded in a joint committee. Secondly, the proposed membership for the combined committee excludes underserved Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islanders, LGBTQ+ communities and many community-based organizations who serve these communities.

Thank you for your consideration.



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