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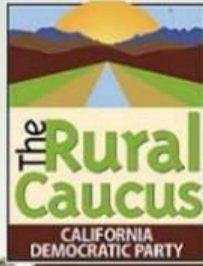
Proposing a Special Advisor On Rural Interests

Dear Fellow Rural Caucus Members,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed the beautiful rain and clear, clean skies this weekend.

I am writing to ask you to join the officers of the Caucus in proposing a Special Advisor on Rural Interests in the Governor's Office.

Here is our letter to the Governor-Elect. I have posted it on [Rural Caucus Facebook Page](#). I would love to have your input and advice on how best to get it in the right hands.



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Dear Governor-Elect Newsom,

The California Democratic Rural Caucus is writing to propose a new position on your transition team and in the Governor's Office for a Special Advisor on Rural Interests.

This Special Advisor would formalize a voice for rural California, ensure that rural issues and concerns are addressed and that, in making statewide policy decisions, the question is raised: Is this fair and will it work in our rural California communities?

Key goals would include:

- Equitable broadband
- Clean drinking water for all
- Fire resiliency
- Affordable healthcare
- A stronger rural economy
- Investment in education for the workforce of the future
- Funds for infrastructure: roads, safe and reliable utilities, waste water
- A sense of shared economic prosperity
- Protection of our natural resources
- A bridge over the urban-rural divide

Creating this position would be an important step in regaining trust and importing wisdom from those in places that feel forgotten. It will say to our rural communities, we are listening, we care and recognize that in solving the state's problems, one size does not fit all.

A road map is provided by the Rural Platform of the California Democratic Party.

Thank you for giving this proposal your time and consideration. We wish you great success as our Governor and look forward to working with you and giving you our full support.

On behalf of the Rural Caucus,

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With all my very best,

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