



- Good evening my name is Jaime Garcia. I am a 30 year resident of Martin Luther King Jr. County. My wife, Dorry Elias-Gracia and I live at 6112 So. 296th Court, Auburn, WA.
- I am the co-chair of the Minority Executive Directors Coalition's (MEDC's) Policy, Advocacy, Research and Organizing Committee.
- MEDC is a coalition of 120 community leaders of color – and their allies - dedicated to achieving equity, equality and social justice.
- I'm here this evening to testify on behalf of MEDC to urge the commission to draw a Congressional district in King County that includes a majority of people of color.
- MEDC strongly believes that our elected representatives need to reflect the diversity of our state and county.
- The 2010 Census shows that one in four Washington state residents are people of color.
- Martin Luther King Jr. County is now composed of 35% people of color.
- A majority people of color Congressional district will:
 - Increase voter turnout and civic participation from communities of color because we'll feel that our votes will make an impact;
 - Increase civic engagement in underrepresented communities;
 - And, encourage our representatives to be sincerely & genuinely accountable to the diverse needs and issues of our communities.
- MEDC strongly urges you to create a majority people of color Congressional district in King County.
- Thank your for your time and consideration.