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Dear Comunidad:

Since 1981, *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal (LRLJ)* has intentionally contributed to legal discourse regarding the Latinx/e community. *LRLJ* has served as a mechanism to uplift authors of color and advocates by producing scholarship for positive change. In the context of current attacks on critical race theory, we are proud to further *LRLJ*'s mission through Volume 33.

This year, we supplemented our written publications with two symposiums. In February, we hosted *A Dream Deferred, Never to Come, or Misbegotten? Assessing the Dreamer Paradigm in 2023*. Scholars from across the nation shared reflections and visions for the future of the DREAMer Movement. The written works from this symposium include articles and reflections from Professor Daniel Morales, Professor Kathryn Abrams, and Professor Bill Hing. We sincerely hope their work inspires our community to continue to advocate for DREAMers and undocumented folks in this country.

Our second symposium, *LatCrit Series*, showcased the work of the LatCrit-centered authors published in Volume 33. Professor Guadalupe Luna, PhD candidate Brian Zuluaga, and the broader Berkeley Law community came together to study the importance of critical race theory in academia. Now more than ever, we are confident their written works will continue to remind us about the importance of fighting toward liberation for Black people and people of color.

*LRLJ* was the first legal journal in the nation created by Latinx/e students and for Latinx/e students. As history continues to evolve, so should our understanding of what *comunidad* looks like. More so than just a publication, *LRLJ* hopes to provide a space where all students can feel recognized and supported. We are proud to announce this will be the last edition of “La Raza Law Journal,” as we are changing our name to the *Berkeley Latine Journal of Law and Policy*.

We would like to thank our incredible board and members for ensuring the success of this volume. We would also like to thank all of the panelists, authors, professors, alumni, and law school administrators that guided us throughout the year. We are so grateful to this village for allowing us to build on this *Journal*'s legacy. Fue nuestro placer.

Orgullosamente,

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