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"The Orthodox Jewish community is unfortunately often overlooked as a community of interest, despite our unique needs and interests. The Orthodox community, which has grown significantly over the last decade, is primarily concentrated in the West Ridge area of Chicago. While most of the community's children attend local Jewish schools, there are a significant number that attend public schools, including many of our most vulnerable students who have disabilities and need special accommodations. Many community members teach at CPS as well. Lastly, even students attending private schools are receiving equitable services (or should be) through the District, such as Title I and IDEA. Other Title services also are provided (or should be) through the District. These services need to be culturally sensitive and truly equitable. Having representation on this board will help ensure this community's needs are better met."

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