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The East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association endorses Barack Obama for President of the United States.

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It is unusual for the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association to make an official endorsement of a presidential candidate. However, the Board and the membership of the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association believe Barack Obama to be a unique talent, and his candidacy represents a unique opportunity to move our country forward.

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As an organization whose members claim diverse economic, racial and cultural backgrounds, we believe Barack Obama's humble origins and bi-racial ethnicity provide him with a broad perspective for understanding, communicating and leading our country. In this ever-shrinking world, we believe it is imperative that our next President respectfully appreciate commonalities and differences both domestically and internationally.

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Another reason for making this endorsement is the current state of our country. The profound domestic and international issues facing our country were not unavoidable, but instead are the direct result of representations, policies and ideological agendas proven to be false, flawed and detrimental to the well-being of our citizenry.

For these reasons, by unanimous vote of the Board and by the vote of over two-thirds of the active membership, the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association issues this endorsement of Democratic candidate Barack Obama for President of the United States.

Founded in 1978, the East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association (EBLRLA) is the local bar association of Latina/o lawyers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Affiliated with the California La Raza Lawyers Association, EBLRLA is dedicated to expanding legal access to the Latina/o community, provides annual scholarships to Latina/o law students, supports Latina/o attorneys with a local professional network, and advocates for increased Latina/o representation in the judiciary.