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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Esperanza Vielma is presently executive director of Café Coop, a non-profit cooperative incubator business for social entrepreneurs, free-lancers, and artists in Stockton, which she founded in 2014. Through Café Coop, she also promotes San Joaquin County in Silicon Valley to attract tech entrepreneurs to the Delta region. She consults with Restore the Delta as a Delta Ambassador, conducting outreach and access for environmental justice communities in San Joaquin County and the northern San Joaquin Valley.

Ms. Vielma earned a double Bachelor's degree in Spanish and Chicano Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1991. During her undergraduate years, she was a Woodrow Wilson Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow at the University of Texas, Austin, in 1990.

Ms. Vielma has been active in local economic development and environmental justice efforts in Stockton and northern San Joaquin Valley. She is also chair of the Environmental Justice Advisory Group for the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, and serves on the boards of the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, the University of California, Berkeley, Alumni Association, and iHUB of San Joaquin County. She also consults with the Nick Pacheco Law Group in Stockton.