

# homies unidos

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To whom it may concern,

Alex Sanchez  
Executive Director

My name is Alexander Sanchez, Executive Director of Homies Unidos. We are a Non-Profit Organization working to diminish violence and provide positive alternatives for youth and adults in our community who are looking to improve their lives. I am respectfully writing on behalf of Jaime Martinez to be granted bail.

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I have known Mr. Martinez for the past two years. From fundraising to volunteering he has always donated his time by helping around the office and walking along side our staff and organizing in our community in various community events, rallies, fundraisers, programs, and school presentations.

Mr. Martinez's participation in our events gives the public a diverse perspective on how peace can be achieved in the streets of Los Angeles and the dangers that deported people face in Central America. In August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 he presented to Central American school teachers in the College of Extended & International Education class at California State Dominguez Hills in how to deal with youth violence. He participated in press conference about the solitary confinement urging our youth to keep the peace. Jaime was also very instrumental in helping us during our fundraiser events. He assisted us in various Know Your Rights seminars to support families in detention and deportation issues. It is crucial for people in detention to have family support to cope with the mental stress of being separated from their loved ones. Jaime has support from his family and needs to be involved in their lives. For his dedication we honored him November with the Courage Award in Homies Unidos' 14th Anniversary Gala.

I believe that Jaime Martinez has faced many struggles in his path to changing his life and has taken vital steps to leave his past behind. I feel that he is not a threat to our community and has the ability to make a positive contribution to our society, he is an asset to our community as he has shown it.

We need people like Mr. Martinez in our communities, someone who understands our youth and the community. Our community can greatly benefit from people like Mr. Martinez, who has been through a lot of life experience and has the ability to provide our youth with alternatives to gangs and other negative activities.

Please take this letter into consideration of his bail and feel free to call me for more information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
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