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After reviewing the job description for Regional Affairs Director of the SSCCC, I believe I have the skills to take on this role. One of those skills being my initiative, when I see an opportunity I do my best to get involved! I took initiative when I ran for parliamentarian in my student government. As parliamentarian of ASDVC, Associated Students of Diablo Valley College, I have learned what it means to be an active participant and lead my fellow students in meetings. Being a parliamentarian has given me skills that I know will be necessary as Regional Affairs Director of Region 3, including familiarity with chairing meetings, parliamentary procedures, and open meeting laws. I have strong public speaking, time management, organization, and communication skills. A time when I exercised these skills was when I attended the ASACC National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. Together with ASDVC, I visited our state legislators, informed them about the harsh struggles our undocumented students face due to their legal status and urged them to help them by providing pathways to citizenship. Through this experience, I not only sharpened my skill set, but I also learned that as students, we have the power to make change! I was able to see how there are other students like me who are misrepresented and opened my eyes towards creating programs, such as a Latinos Unidos, a club dedicated to giving a platform to Latino students and teach individuals who may not be familiar with Latino heritage about Latino Culture, Language, and History, nurturing a community where individuals can feel that they matter, because they do! That is why today I am running for Regional Affairs director. I want to make sure every student's voice is heard and I will use all in my power to make sure that is accomplished!

My purpose in life has always been to serve the community that has watched me grow into the person I am today! I grew up in a diverse community. As the son of two parents who immigrated from Mexico, I personally know how it feels to be outcasted by a society that misrepresents me. As Regional Affairs Director I can assure that I am committed to creating a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment for all students!

An issue I currently see in higher education is our current lack of participation in student government. I will work on this by actively engaging with students on campus, informing them about the importance of student advocacy, and the beneficial organizations that exist for students. I will create and share presentations that will include my personal experience with the ASDVC and the SSCCC to fellow college students. I believe I am suited to be a voting member of the SSCCC Board of Directors, as when I see problems I do my best to find solutions. I will communicate with fellow board members to make sure we come up with a resolution that satisfies both sides, as everyone deserves to be heard!