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REFORMA Endorses Dr. Raymond (Ray) Pun For 2025-2026 ALA President

Los Angeles, CA - The REFORMA Executive Committee and Board of Directors is proud to endorse **Dr. Raymond (Ray) Pun**, an active Reformista and current member of REFORMA's Strategic Plan committee, for the 2025-2026 American Library Association (ALA) Presidential election.

Ray is the academic and research librarian at the Alder Graduate School of Education, a teacher residency program in California. In addition to serving as a past REFORMA Executive Committee member, Ray was instrumental in the founding and growth of the REFORMA del Valle Central (RDVC) chapter and has served in leadership roles within ALA, ACRL, National Associations of Librarians of Color (NALCo), and International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

Ray is a strong advocate for library workers, especially Librarians of Color. His successes in forging local and global coalitions, streamlining governance processes, membership engagement and fundraising are valuable in helping ALA bridge to its affiliates, global learning and local library advocacy networks.

Ray's upbringing as a child of immigrants, who spoke his parent's language at home and navigated the intersections of identity into a successful professional career, is a story that resonates with REFORMA members so deeply. Por eso, a vote for Ray Pun as ALA President, 2025-2026, is a vote of confidence in the advancement of the library field for ALA, REFORMA, and our colleagues across each NALCo.

Learn more about Ray's professional accomplishments by visiting his campaign website at raypun.info.

¡Arriba, Ray!

Con respeto, on behalf of the REFORMA Board of Directors,

David Lopez (President), Alexandra Rivera (Vice President/President-Elect),
Dr. Romelia Salinas (Immediate Past-President), Denice Adkins (Treasurer), Alma
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REFORMA is a national organization of library and information professionals committed to promoting the development of library collections that include Spanish language and Latino oriented materials. The organization strongly advocates for culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate library services, programs and materials to meet the information and cultural needs of the Latino community.

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