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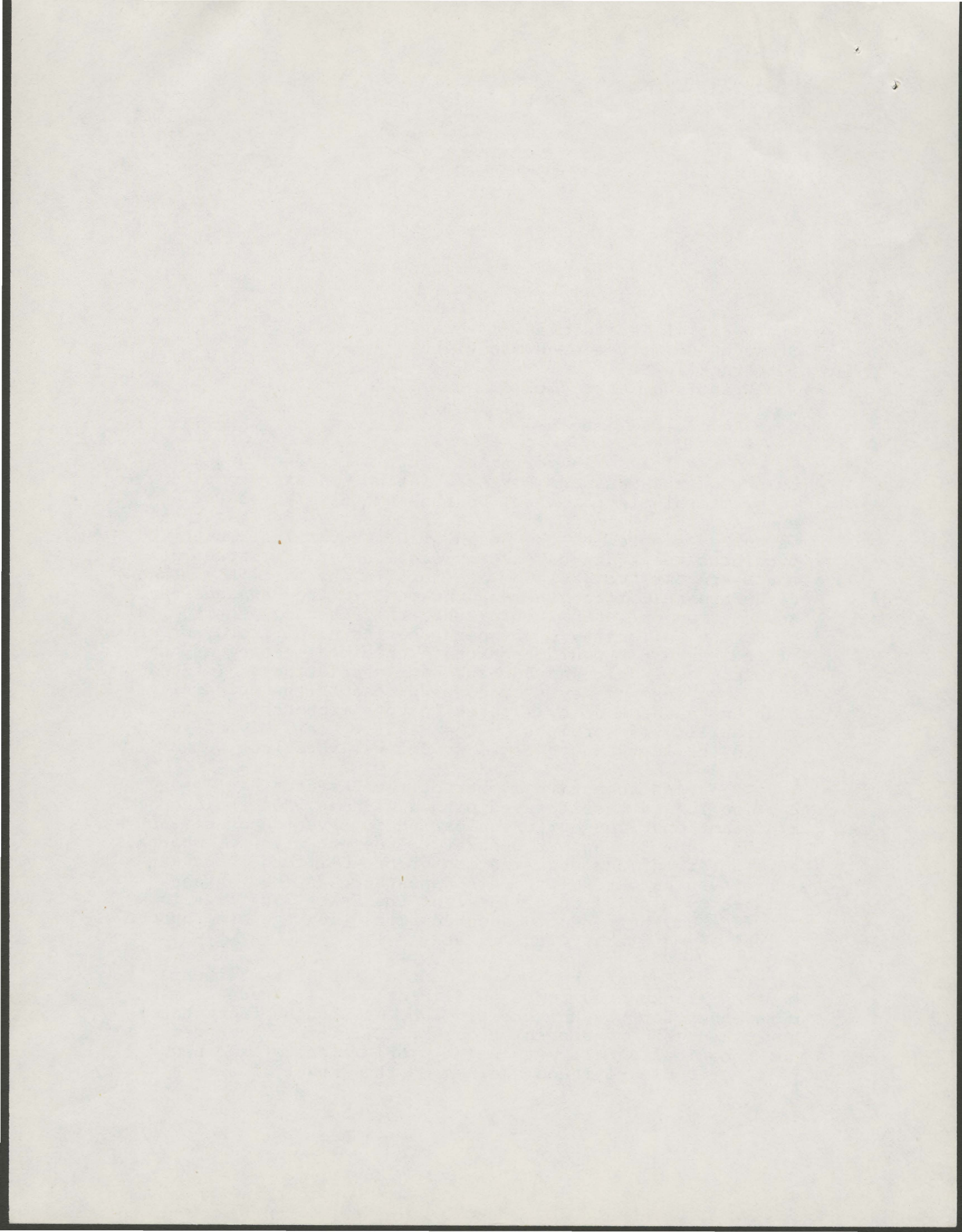
Dear Committee Members:

I am a lawyer practicing in Pasadena and a member of the Pasadena Bar Association. I was prompted to write this letter when, on the same day I read the announcement in the California State Bar Journal stating, "A policy adopted by the Board of Governors last month prohibits the state bar or any sections or committees of the State Bar from holding meetings in any facilities that discriminate..." and the announcement in the Pasadena Bar Association Bulletin stating that the February meeting would be at the University Club where Charles H. Clifford, President of the State Bar would speak to a combined meeting of the Pasadena, Glendale and Burbank Bar Associations. I found these two announcements of concern because the University Club in Pasadena discriminates in both membership rules and availability of services on the basis of sex, having voted within the last two years to specifically exclude women.

As an active member of the Pasadena Bar Association I find myself faced with a dilemma. On the one hand it is an honor for our organization to have the president of the State Bar as our speaker. I do not wish to embarrass any members of our organization or Mr. Clifford, however, I believe that Mr. Clifford's appearance at the Pasadena University Club as an official of the State Bar flies in the face of the recently adopted resolution against support of establishments that discriminate.

Because he is president of the State Bar this meeting is expected to be particularly well attended, making more money for the University Club. Although, from what I have read about the resolution, Mr. Clifford's appearance does not technically fall within the prohibitions of the new policy, it clearly tends to lessen the impact of such a policy.







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In my opinion, to have a significant impact this policy should be extended to prohibit any officers or employees from participating in any activities of an affiliated bar association if such activity is held in a facility that discriminates on any of the enumerated bases.

I would like to see the Board of Governors go even further and prohibit all of its affiliated bar associations, their sections and committees from holding meetings in any facility that discriminates or reimbursing any representative of such an association for expenses incurred in such a facility.

Very truly yours,

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