

## Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS)

Delegate

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### Name

Luis Enrique Seija

### Credentials

MD

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### Statement of interest

Luis Seija, MD is a first-year postdoctoral fellow in the National Clinician Scholars Program at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as well as a student in the Master of Science in Health Policy Research Program. Clinically, he practices as an attending general medicine and pediatrics hospitalist with aspirations of becoming a transplant hepatologist.

Throughout his training, Dr. Seija has remained active within organized medicine, creating spaces that center equity and look beyond performative advocacy to determine sustainable policy solutions to affect structural change. He has maintained involvement and leadership positions in AMA, AAP, ACP, TMA, and MSSNY.

Since 2020, Dr. Seija has served on the AMA's Minority Affairs Section (MAS) Governing Council as their elected Section Delegate, the youngest to hold the position to date. He assumed this role in the wake of George Floyd's murder, marked sociopolitical unrest, and an overdue reckoning with medicine's history of racism.

As the MAS Delegate, he led coalitions of like-minded learners, trainees, and physicians, championing the historic adoption of policies committing the AMA to actively dismantle racism, advance equity, and embed justice. All while testifying in a Black Lives Matter t-shirt. He has continued to challenge and recommit the House of Delegates to these principles at every meeting and will continue to do so if re-elected.

## **Diversity statement**

To promote the art and science of medicine and betterment of public health, our AMA must strengthen organizational capacity to advance and operationalize equity from within and across membership, including diverse representation among sections and councils. My unique background and charismatic communication style have allowed me to step forward to represent minoritized and marginalized communities in various leadership roles, addressing social and structural drivers of inequities through advocacy and policy. It would be a privilege to serve again as the MAS Delegate as our AMA enters a new era of public health, one dedicated to embedding racial justice and advancing health equity.

### Select Resolutions:

Res. 010 (N-20): RACIAL ESSENTIALISM IN MEDICINE

Res. 011 (J-21): TRUTH, RECONCILIATION, AND HEALING IN MEDICINE AND MEDICAL EDUCATION

Res. 422 (A-22): VOTING AS A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH

Res. 611 (A-22): CONTINUING EQUITY EDUCATION

Res. 612 (A-22): IDENTIFYING STRATEGIES FOR ACCURATE DISCLOSURE AND REPORTING OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC DATA ACROSS THE MEDICAL EDUCATION CONTINUUM AND PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

BoT Rep. 16 (A-22): LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY DATA OF PHYSICIANS IN THE AMA MASTERFILE

Res. 014 (A-23): REDRESSING THE HARMS OF MISUSING RACE IN MEDICINE

Res. 319 (A-23): SUPPORTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION OFFICES AND INITIATIVES AT UNITED STATES MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO ENHANCE LONGITUDINAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Res. 320 (A-23): BANNING AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IS A CRITICAL THREAT TO HEALTH EQUITY AND TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

Res. 431 (A-23): QUALIFIED IMMUNITY REFORM