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Friends, I realize that you can not change the constitution but you can make recommendations to the legislature for future changes. Two proposals that deserve consideration (and there are many) are: 1. the districts in California are too large and the legislature should be at least four times as large as it is. For example, the New Hampshire (which is a fraction of the size of California) House of Representatives has 400 members while California with nearly 40,000,000 people only have 80 Assembly members; 2. the best way to obtain diversity in the legislature is to create districts where more than one person is elected, and use either ranked choice voting or list proportional representation to fill the seats. That way various constituencies could be represented in the legislature (without the artificial gerrymandering that you are tasked with in drawing lines) in proportion to the votes received. That way in a 10 member district if a party or independent candidate receives 10% of the vote that party or independent candidate would get one seat, not none; and if a party receives 50% of the vote that party would receive five seats, not all of them. That way we give voice and representation to minorities and at the same time the majority is protected.

Thanks. C. T. Weber.