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Subject: California Redistricting Commission

To:

Hello Commissioner Kennedy

Thank you for serving on the CRC. In reading your posted application, I am pleased that you are so well qualified to guide the Commission towards its challenging goals. It is my firm belief that the Commission will serve as a vital cog in the larger objective of preserving our Republic, so I wish you the very best of luck as you proceed.

Earlier today I had the pleasure of chatting with staff member Ravindar Singh. Ravindar was patient, informative, sincere and candid. Please thank Ravindar for me before the Commission's upcoming meeting on July 28.

While California can be proud of its role in defining redistricting, the process appears to be unnecessarily labyrinthine, but that part of the process is already completed.

I confess to feeling disheartened by the July 14, 2021 Sacramento Bee story that criticizes the CRC's sub committees for meeting in private. While this may not technically violate the letter of the Brown Act, it certainly tampers with the Act's spirit. I request that all future meetings of sub committees operate strictly under the provisions of the Act, relative to agenda postings, public notice and public attendance (especially as that relates to the media).

It appears as if the Commission is on the precipice of delaying its December 15, 2021 deadline for completing its recommendations. I further request that the Commission do whatever is necessary to meet this absolutely critical schedule. It is my understanding that the delay is related to the US Census failing to meet its July 15, 2021 reporting mandate to the Commission (via the State of California). This must be viewed as unacceptable to the Commission.

I urge the Commission to initiate a much more public discourse on this (meeting the December 15 deadline) issue, beginning with your pending July 28th meeting. Please feel free to read these comment during the meeting and please ensure that they become part of the public record by including it in your minutes. In addition, I would be willing to lobby some of the California Congressional delegation in an effort to inspire the Census Bureau to complete its appointed tasks, on time. I urge the Commission to be far more assertive in gathering information necessary to complete the tasks before you.

Clearly you have an extremely full calendar. That reality notwithstanding, I would welcome a chance to chat with you at your convenience. I will provide contact information through Ravindar, should you wish to engage further.

I thank you for your attention. Please meet all scheduled deadlines, if at all possible.

Regards,

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