

August 3, 2021

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260
Sacramento, CA 95814

Sent via electronic transmission

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your steadfast leadership and continued engagement with the public to create a transparent and robust participatory redistricting process. On behalf of community residents across the State, particularly the low-income, Black, Indigenous, and communities of color (BIPOC) that we represent, **the Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) Redistricting Alliance would like to thank you for the stance you took during your July 13, 2021 meeting to use your authority, power, and resources to seek an order from the CA Supreme Court and request a January 14, 2022 final map deadline.**

As we highlighted in our May 23, 2021 letter to the Commission, the public deserves the time to meaningfully review both initial draft maps and subsequent drafts, and to provide input on these maps. While the Commission's work will inevitably overlap with multiple social, cultural, and religious occasions and holidays, **by voting unanimously to seek this court order, you sent a clear message to the residents of California, especially to those who have traditionally been left out of the process, that their voices are important and that this commission is committed to protecting the process to ensure those voices are heard.** Deadlines that fall within the holiday season would make it challenging for the public to review the Commission's draft maps and provide input, but your actions to account for the holidays and add time so that no key periods occur primarily during the holidays will only help to ensure a more transparent and robust public engagement process.

Again, thank you for your work, service, and commitment to this process. We look forward to continuing to engage in this process.

Sincerely,

AAPIs for Civic Empowerment Education Fund
Advancement Project California
Alliance San Diego
Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus
Bay Rising
Council on American-Islamic Relations California (CAIR-CA)
California Black Census and Redistricting Hub
California Calls
California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund

California Native Vote Project
Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)
Dolores Huerta Foundation
Equality California
Inland Empire United
Mi Familia Vota
Orange County Civic Engagement Table (OC CET)
People's Bloc
PICO CA
Power California