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Good Afternoon California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRCC) members,

Please see the attached letter from City of Paramount Mayor Peggy Lemons to the CCRC to be read into the record during Public Comment at the next meeting of the CCRC on July 21. The letter is in support of appointing a diverse body of 2020 California CCRC Commissioners. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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July 20, 2020

California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners  
c/o California State Auditor  
621 Capitol Mall, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the City of Paramount, congratulations on your selection to serve on California's 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC). Enacted through the Voters First Act of 2008, the CCRC plays an important role in drawing new district lines, giving the citizens of California the power in determining impartial areas of representation. Being among the first eight Commissioners to be selected to serve is a great honor. As the initial members, your responsibility is to now appoint the remaining six Commissioners to fill the 14-member CCRC.

Although I am grateful for the progress made to ensure impartiality and equity for our citizens in the redistricting process, I strongly encourage you be mindful that the remaining Commissioner appointments reflect a diverse balance of qualified individuals. The Voters First Act requires that the CCRC be composed of a body of members that reflects the State's diversity, including, but not limited to, racial, ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity. Upon reviewing the background information of the first eight Commissioners, I would like to express concern regarding the lack of Latino representation. With a population of more than 80% Latino residents, the City of Paramount is committed to supporting a fair redistricting process in California which results in maps that provide Latinos and other underrepresented groups with the opportunity to elect the candidates of the choice. By appointing a well-balanced body of remaining Commissioners, we can ensure the CCRC reflects the state's diversity and align with the goals of the Voters First Act.

Your commitment and effort to make California a fair and equitable State for all citizens is greatly appreciated. I firmly believe that you collectively share our goal of achieving a robust and inclusive democratic process. Therefore, I urge you to take the necessary steps to ensure that the CCRC reflects the diversity of California's population. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT

  
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Mayor

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State Senator Lena Gonzalez

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