Please provide this entire message to the eight 2020 commissioners. I am still available and willing to serve on the 2020 CRC. However, if I am not selected, I ask the complete 2020 CRC to give serious consideration to the recommendations I made to the ARP during my interview. In brief, because the greatest problem the CRC will encounter is uncertainty in three areas (the absence of a reliable National Census, the severe limitations on meeting with California citizens and communities of interest because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the real threat of interference with the CRC’s work by national political party organizations), those recommendations are:
1. Create a CRC Auxiliary from among the willing 106 CRC applicant finalists to assist the CRC in its outreach efforts, in identifying communities of interest, and in advocating for CRC needs before the state government and the CA supreme court as warranted;
2. Begin immediately to prepare for the very real possibility that statutory deadlines will not be met because of census delays;
3. Create a simple pledge to be recited by the CRC before every public meeting that the CRC will not engage in any partisan behavior.
I believe these recommendations will help the 2020 CRC achieve its goals in an open, transparent manner that earns the trust of all CA residents.

Sincerely,
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