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Commission on Redistricting the State of California

The last redistricting of the California assembly, senate, and congressional delegation following the 2000 census was structured with an inappropriate consideration for party registration and a failure to fully comply with the redistricting standards contained in the California constitution concerning respect for the geographical integrity of the counties and the numbering of districts.

The enclosed redistricting model for 2010 is proposed for consideration by the redistricting commission with respect to the assembly and state senate districts. This model was constructed in accord with the standards contained in the California constitution and the following suggested standards:

1. Prohibit consideration of age, race, or party registration in determination of all types of districts.
2. Require that all types of districts be numbered sequentially beginning at the northwest corner of California and progressing from north to south for all districts and from west to east for those districts that are essentially parallel at their northern boundary.
3. Require that counties with a population less than a district should normally not be split between districts.
4. Require that counties with a population larger than a district should normally have as many intact districts within the county as possible.
5. Form state senate districts by combining the most appropriate pairs of assembly districts.

The district representations proposed in the enclosed model are color coded green to represent less populated counties that are intact within a district, yellow to represent districts that are intact within more populated counties, and red to represent county segments that are split between districts. County segments are approximately located within districts in this model. More accurate locations of county segments within districts cannot be determined prior to completion of the 2010 census.

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