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ALLIANCE OF NON-PROFIT GROUPS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE WITH STATE AUDITOR AS APPLICATIONS BEGIN FOR CALIFORNIA'S FIRST-EVER CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Common Cause, MALDEF, NALEO, NAACP, APALC, LWV and others hold application training in Burbank

WHAT: Californians can now take matters into their own hands when it comes to drawing the new State Senate,

Assembly and Board of Equalization district lines as the California State Auditor will open the application process for millions of Californians to join the first-ever Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) at www.WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov. The application process opens Dec. 15, 2009 and closes Feb. 12, 2010.

WHO: Elaine M Howle. California State Auditor's office

Kathay Feng, California Common Cause

Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund

National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund

California National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Asian Pacific American Legal Center League of Women Voters of California

WHEN: Tuesday, December 15, 2009

1:00 p.m. Press Conference

(Trainings and workshops will take place from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm)

WHERE: Redistricting CA Conference

Los Angeles Equestrian Center: Grand Prix Room

480 W. Riverside Drive Burbank, CA 91506

Prior to the passage of Proposition 11, the Voters FIRST Act, legislators drew the districts. Prop 11 transfers the power to draw the lines to this new, independent Commission, which will be comprised of 14 citizens from throughout California. The Commission will redraw the district lines after the federal government publishes updated census information. The Web site, www.WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov, is the official site for all information pertaining to California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission. WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov will be updated regularly to provide visitors with the most current and accurate



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information about the Commission. And internet access at home is <u>not</u> necessary to access the Web site. California public libraries provide easy access to the Web site at no cost.

Representatives from the California State Auditor's office will be available for interviews to discuss the application process. Follow us on Twitter at @WeDrawTheLines and tag your related tweets with #WeDrawTheLines. For more information on the Citizens Redistricting Commission, please visit WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov

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