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**From:** Bmhlaw [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 14, 2010 2:41 PM  
**To:** Voters First Act  
**Subject:** Gina Simas

Redistricting Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Gina Simas who I believe would be a strong addition to the redistricting commission and was overlooked in your deliberations last Friday. She is trained as an attorney, hails from the underrepresented San Joaquin Valley, represents Hispanic citizens of Portugese descent (thus contributing a representative of the state's diversity), and has a passion for public service while taking a much needed break from an intense law practice following law school.

I have known Gina for several years while she worked in Los Angeles and sought me out as a mentor. I am now at the end of my career as an attorney and I enjoy mentoring young women lawyers and especially those interested in public policy issues. She and I share a common centrist view of the political landscape and desire for a less fractious body politic. We attended a conference together and kept in touch over the years as she deliberated her career choices and options.

I have been impressed with her intelligence, her work ethic while at her law firm as a new associate, and her interests which were more eclectic than I see in my own children or other young people. She would be balanced, fair, and dedicated to applying the law to the redistricting process.

I urge you to revisit her application and give her strong consideration before making your final selection of commissioners.

Sincerely,

Colleen C. McAndrews  
Santa Monica, California

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