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Rather than create a lot of verbiage, we're sending you basic concepts which the attorneys can use to craft specific language that fits the requirements.

The CRC speakers will not support or oppose specific ballot measures and/or legislative bills. Lobbying under the IRS definition is not permitted.

The CRC speakers will be non-partisan in their presentations. The practice has been to have a speaker from each of the three groups participate in events. While time constraints and funding may limit having three speakers, there should be at least two from different groups – D/R, R/NPF, D/NPF. The visual presentation of balance – non-partisan status – is vital..

The CRC speakers will speak to the demonstrated reality that independent redistricting commissions achieve the best results and create public engagement in the democratic process and build citizen confidence in government. How they do that is a personal choice.

The CRC speakers will carefully evaluate all invitations by the criteria developed. They will accept invitations that meet these criteria if there are sufficient speakers and adequate funding.

Since the CRC cannot possibly accept all invitations. judgements about which invitations would be most effective in advancing independent redistricting should be left to the CRC and staff. It is counter-productive to create detailed guidelines ahead of time since the political situation is so fluid.

Hope this helps. Helen will be at the meeting. Wish I could.

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