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The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in America.

California Citizens Redistricting Commission Educational Session

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MALDEF's National Redistricting Project

- 12 state strategy from coast to coast
 - CA, TX, AZ, NM, CO, NV, IL, IN, WI, GA, FL and VA
- Focus on Latino opportunities to elect candidates of choice on statewide and local levels
- Four Regional Teams: Attorneys, Coordinators, and GIS Analysts
 - Steven Ochoa, National Redistricting Coordinator
 - Will directly supervise 4 regional teams
 - Experienced in Constructing CA Statewide Plans
 - Personally conduct MALDEF's work in Western Regional Target States: CA, AZ, NV

MALDEF in California

- Conduct Community Education and Outreach Meetings
 - Partnering with NALEO and Other Groups
 - Meetings last 3-4 hours, and contain three components: Fundamentals Lesson, a Redistricting Exercise, and Instruction on How to Best Participate
 - Tentative Locations
 - Los Angeles County (4-5 Meetings); San Diego (1-2 Meetings); San Bernardino; Riverside; Monterey; Central Valley (Fresno, Bakersfield, Modesto); San Jose; Santa Ana

MALDEF in California

- Working in Coalition with Civil Rights and Civic Engagement Groups
 - AARC, APALC, and NALEO for shared ideas among communities of color
- MALDEF Will Submit Statewide Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Plans
 - Informed by Law
 - Informed by Outreach
 - Informed by Minority Coalition Work
 - Informed by Observations of CCRC Testimony
- *If Necessary, Litigate*

Recommendations For CRC Success

- MALDEF, Along with AARC, APALC, and NALEO, Advocates the Following Principles
 - Full Compliance with the Voting Rights Act
 - Respect Communities of Interest
 - Transparency
 - Considerable Opportunities for Public Participation
- MALDEF, AARC, APALC, and NALEO Also Recommend...

Recommendations For CRC Success

- Transparency Improvements
 - Resolve Website Design and Operation Issues
 - Full Transparency in the Staff Hiring Process
- Education Outreach and Public Hearings
 - Add Regional Balance Beyond Driving Distance
 - LA County = 27% of CA; add a Meeting
 - CBO Outreach Meetings not a substitute for CRC Outreach Meetings
 - Publicize Language Assistance Availability

CCP Timeline Change

- Push Back the Release Date of the 1st Drafts of CRC Maps!
 - Map Submission is Part of the Public Participation Process
 - Undercut the Work of Community Based Organization (CBO) Representatives All Testifying Today
 - More Time for the CRC to Draw Leads to a More Informed, Quality Product
 - Map and Input Hearing Quality Improvement

Suggested Timeline

- May 31: Deadline for Public Map Submissions
- June 10: CRC Releases First Draft Map
 - Not May 24

Suggested Timeline

- July 15: CRC Releases 2nd Draft Map
- August 1: CRC Releases Final Map for Public Comment
 - Public Comment Opportunity
- August 15: CRC Vote Deadline



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Thank You For Your Time

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