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Applicant Review Panel Reaches a Milestone for the Citizens Redistricting Commission
*Panel Holds a Public Meeting and Narrows the Pool of Applicants to 120
for the State's First Citizens Redistricting Commission*

(SACRAMENTO, July 22, 2010) – The Applicant Review Panel (Panel) for California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) held a three-day public meeting to further narrow the remaining pool of 314 applicants to 120 of the most qualified applicants. The 120 applicants selected as the most qualified come from three sub pools: 40 registered Democrats, 40 registered Republicans, and 40 who are registered as decline-to-state or with another party. Those applicants will participate in a personal interview process, to be conducted at upcoming public meetings of the Panel. Interviews are slated to commence on August 6, 2010 and to be completed by September 13, 2010.

"The Panel has reached a significant milestone in the process of forming our state's first independent citizens redistricting commission," said Elaine M. Howle, California State Auditor. "As the November 2010 election approaches, we are reminded that the way our legislative and Board of Equalization districts have historically been drawn will soon change. I'm very proud of the Panel as it carried out its responsibilities with the utmost thoroughness, transparency, and integrity."

Upon completing the interviews of the 120 applicants, the Panel will then narrow the pool to 60 of the most qualified applicants—20 Democrats, 20 Republicans, and 20 from neither of those parties.

By October 1, 2010, the Panel will submit the list of those 60 applicants to the California State Legislature. Legislative leadership has the option of removing up to 24 names from the list. From that remaining list, the California State Auditor will then randomly select the first eight commissioners. Those eight commissioners will select the remaining six to establish the 14-member commission which will include, in total, five Republicans, five Democrats and four members that are registered as decline-to-state or with another party.

Citizens Redistricting Commission



The 14-member Commission will redraw California's Senate, Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts, based on information gathered during the 2010 census, and must draw the districts in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

All Panel meetings are public and are streamed live on the Internet. The meetings are also recorded by a videographer and stenographer, and both the video and transcripts of all meetings are available at <http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov/application.html>.

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