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Applicant Review Panel Holds Final Meeting on Redistricting Commission
Panel Narrows List to 60 of the Most Qualified Applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission

WHAT: The 3-member Applicant Review Panel (Panel) holds its final meeting to select 60 of the most qualified applicants (out of 120 applicants asked to interview) to serve on the new, 14-member independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). The Panel will then submit the list of 60 applicants to the Legislative leaders who may then exercise strikes.

The Voters FIRST Act (Proposition 11, November 2008) calls for the Panel to review applications and evaluate the applicants based on their relevant analytical skills, ability to be impartial, and appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography.

According to the Voters FIRST Act, the Panel must – by October 1, 2010 – narrow the pool of applicants who wish to serve on this new, independent Commission, to 60 of the most qualified applicants—20 Democrats, 20 Republicans, and 20 that are either Decline-to-State or belong to another party. The 14-member Commission will ultimately be comprised of five Democrats, five Republicans, and four members of other parties or who have no political party affiliation.

WHO: Members of the Applicant Review Panel

WHERE: Office of the California State Auditor
555 Capitol Mall, 4th Floor, Sacramento, California 95814

The meeting will also be live streamed at WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov

WHEN: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 (the meeting could continue through September 28, if necessary)
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (the meeting may conclude earlier if agenda items are completed)

For a copy of the Applicant Review Panel Public Meeting Agenda, and more information on the Citizens Redistricting Commission, please visit WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov.

Citizens Redistricting Commission

