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California Citizens Redistricting Commission

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## *Meeting Synopsis*

SACRAMENTO, CA (February 24, 2011) The Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Connie Galambos-Malloy at 9:00AM.

There were several members of the public including representatives of the Rose Institute, California Chamber of Commerce, CA Forward and a letter was read which was written by a county Democratic Party Chair.

The Commission adjourned at 9:30AM for a meeting with the Governor's Office attended by Chair Galambos-Malloy, Vice-Chair Jodie Filkins-Webber, Commission Executive Director Daniel Claypool and Commission Chief Counsel Kirk Miller.

The Commission reconvened at 11:00AM and Chair Galambos-Malloy reported that it was a very productive meeting. The Governor's Office offered to assist the Commission in navigating the state departments to ensure that the Commission is able to move forward with its work in an expedient manner. The Governor's Office requested the Commission create a letter outlining what the Commission's needs are and the status of critical projects. The Governor's Office also waived the rent for the Commission's offices.

Mr. Claypool gave his Executive Director's report which detailed an update on the Commission's work: The completion of drafts for Request For Information (RFI) for line drawers and Voting Rights Attorney; Work continues processing contracts through General Services for IT Services, office supplies, etc.; Hired specialized retired annuitants to help with contracts and procurement; Moved forward on completion of planning educational outreach meetings; Chief Counsel and Executive Director met with staff from all four legislative caucuses who expressed their support for the Commission. Mr. Claypool's full report can be found at <http://www.redistrictingca.org>.

Commissioner Cynthia Dai presented the Finance and Administration Advisory Committee Report. The total estimated expenditures by the Commission are \$6 million through June 2012. The full budget presentation was deferred until tomorrow's meeting.

Commissioner Blanco presented the Legal Advisory Committee's Report. The Commission adopted by a

vote of 14-0 a policy of mandatory disclosure, prior to an item's consideration, by Commissioners who are personally acquainted with a person or entity seeking employment or business with the Commission. If the Commissioner has a financial relationship with the individual or entity they are to abstain from voting.

The Commission adopted, on 12-2 vote, a procedure with respect to the hiring of staff and consultants to require full disclosure of prior employment or consulting work by any applicant for staff or consulting positions as part of the selection process. In order to permit a broad pool from which highly qualified applicants may be selected, the Act and the Regulations authorize the Commission to apply its conflict provisions with discretion, while also assuring the impartiality of staff and consultants.

The Commission adopted, on a 12-1 vote, a RFI to obtain a Voting Rights Attorney and instructed staff to go forward with preparing a posting for hiring on the web. The motion also set forth that the Legal Advisory Committee would interview candidates and make a recommendation to be considered by the full Commission.

Hans Johnson of the Public Policy Institute gave the Commission a presentation on the Census and Census management issues. The presentation is posted at [http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/meeting\\_handouts.html](http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/meeting_handouts.html).

Commissioner Michelle DiGuilio presented the Technical Advisory Committee Report. The Commission adopted, by a 14-0 vote, the RFI for redistricting services, as amended to delete the proposed scoring process.

Commissioner Lilbert Ontai presented the Outreach Committee Report which will continue at Friday's meeting.

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