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Subject: Letter for Citizens Redistricting Commission

On behalf of the African American Redistricting Collaborative, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, I've attached a letter for the members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

A hard copy of the letter is being sent by courier, along with enclosures. An electronic copy of the enclosure is also available online at any of the following links --
http://naacpldf.org/files/case_issue/Impact%20of%20Redistricting%20in%20YOUR%20Community%202010.pdf, <http://maldef.org/assets/pdf/Redistricting.pdf>,
or http://www.advancingequality.org/attachments/files/410/Impact_of_Redistricting_in_YOUR_Community_2010.pdf.

Best regards,
Eugene Lee

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Via Electronic Mail and Overnight Courier

Citizens Redistricting Commission
c/o California Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Honorable Commissioners:

We, the undersigned individuals, represent non-partisan 501(c)(3) organizations that have long been engaged in the enforcement and defense of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. As you know, the Voting Rights Act is one of our nation's most effective pieces of federal civil rights legislation that works to shield and protect the rights of minority voters. The Citizens Redistricting Commission is now charged with the task of redrawing legislative boundaries that implicate the rights of minority voters all throughout the state. California is one of the most diverse states in our nation. It is imperative that the Commission carry out this task with a deep appreciation for and understanding of the various requirements of the Act and its role in the redistricting process.

To that end, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you to identify ways in which our organizations can help ensure that the Commission is sufficiently informed about how the Voting Rights Act serves to protect minority voters and promote political opportunity and inclusion.

Sincerely,

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