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Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 5:52 PM
To: Commission, Prop11
Subject: Letters for the Redistricting Commissioners from The James Irvine Foundation

Dear Commissioner Filkins Webber, Parvenu, Ontai:

On behalf of The James Irvine Foundation, I am forwarding a letter from Mr. James Canales, President and CEO of the Foundation, and a list of organizations we are supporting to encourage broad and informed public participation in California's redistricting process.

Sincerely,
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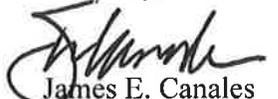
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1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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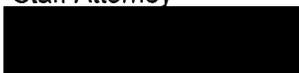
**The James Irvine Foundation
Support for Public Involvement in California's Redistricting Process
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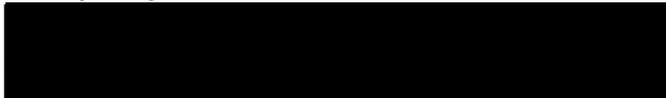
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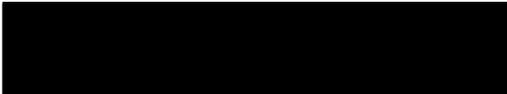
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Project Contact: Maricela Morales



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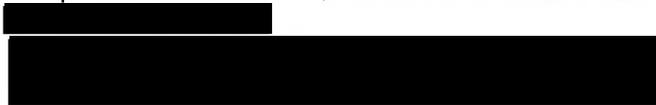
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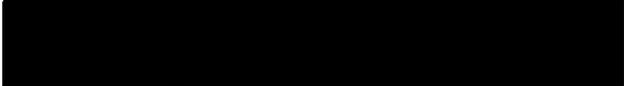


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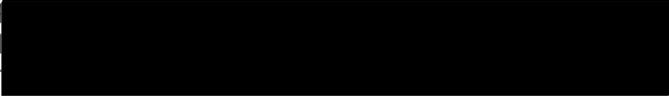
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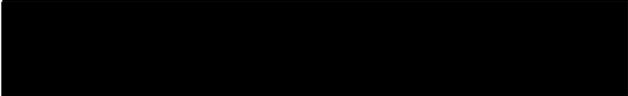
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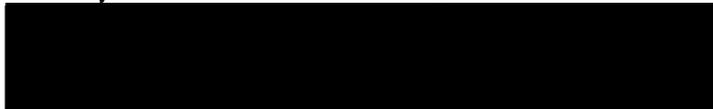


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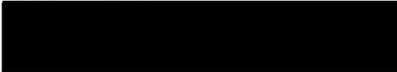
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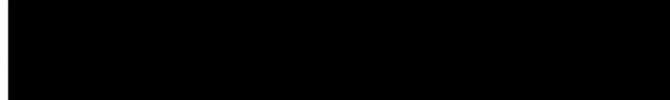
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