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Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission, and
Mr. Daniel Claypool, Executive Director
and 1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: *Letter of Recommendation – Technical Consultant*

Dear Director Claypool and Members of the Commission:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Douglas Johnson to assist the new Citizens Redistricting Commission with its charge to create fair and unbiased electoral districts in California for future state and federal offices. I have worked with Mr. Johnson at the local governmental level to address issues relating to establishment and realignment of electoral districts through both the Rose Institute of State and Local Government and through National Demographics for nearly twenty years. In every matter, Mr. Johnson has demonstrated the highest level of skill, independence and unbiased integrity and the ultimate product has been excellent.

I have worked with Mr. Johnson in my capacity as City Attorney for the Cities of Colton, Goleta and Wildomar, as well as for special District Counsel for the Jurupa Community Services District, and on citizens sponsored issues for the cities of Loma Linda, Redlands and Carmel Valley.

In my professional assessment, Mr. Johnson combines the rare attributes of professionalism, conscientiousness and dependability. He cares a great deal about the quality of his work. He also finds the best and most cost-effective solutions to problems which may face his clients. Mr. Johnson and I, together with city/district personnel, have worked together on a multitude of complex issues facing my clients. Perhaps most importantly, he is very knowledgeable with regard to the Voting Rights Acts, both at the state and local level.

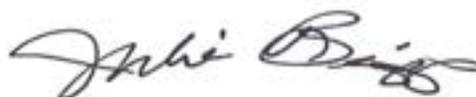
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In particular, Mr. Johnson works well with members of the community, reaching out to community interest groups to assure that citizens are well-informed and included in whatever process he is performing. Mr. Johnson also works to meticulously incorporate citizen concerns into the process and the options that are developed.

With regard to redistricting in California, Mr. Johnson and any supportive organization he recommends be included in the effort can be counted upon to do a diligent and competent job.

Sincerely,

BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP



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