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## **The League of United Latin American Citizens Farwest Region**

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Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission

RE: Comment re: Linedrawer Applicant

Redistricting Commission Members:

I write to you today, with the hope that strong consideration be given in protecting communities affected by the Voting Rights Act and that the applicant selected maintain a fair, transparent, public and non partisan process.

As a native Californian and a national officer of the largest Latino organization in the nation, the League of United Latin American Citizens, I am deeply concerned over who will play a major role in consulting the Redistricting Commission on drawing district boundaries. The process must be a fair process for all Californians and the highly populated minority communities.

The CA minority community played an important role in the Redistricting process regarding the selection of the Citizen's Commission and now we trust that you will select the best choice in consultants who have applied for this critical role as technical experts in drawing of lines which will represent Californians.

I am aware of the past work of the Rose Institute which clearly in my opinion does not represent the best interests of Latinos and the minority population. When past redistricting projects are drawn with no consideration of minority voting rights, it is a clear message that the same may be considered for California. I am strongly opposing the Rose Institute selection.

Sincerely,

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