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Region 9:
El Dorado

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Request for Lake Tahoe to Remain within the Same State Senate and Assembly Districts as the Counties of El Dorado and Placer**

Dear Commission Members,

The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors submits the attached Resolution No. 82-2011, as adopted by our Board today during a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The County of El Dorado has two very strong points of concern regarding the preliminary first draft maps that depict the proposed new State Senate and Assembly Districts.

First, in reviewing the preliminary draft maps that are available on the Commission's website, it appears that the Commission intends to dismantle the County of El Dorado's political integrity by carving Lake Tahoe out of our County and redistricting it into a different Senate District and a different Assembly District. For the past 160 years, Lake Tahoe and the County of El Dorado have shared a common rich history and kinship that must be respected and continued.

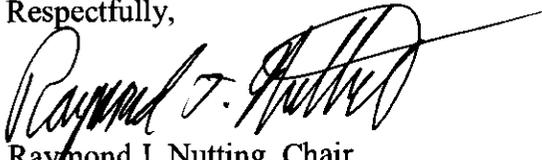
Second, the continuity of the representation provided by the same elected Assembly and Senate representatives is paramount to protecting the existing rural region of the Sierra Nevada Foothills. The Counties of El Dorado and Placer are lockstep, beginning with our rich Gold Rush history to the modern day communities of El Dorado Hills and Roseville; Placerville and Auburn; and the City of South Lake Tahoe and Tahoe City. There are no other two counties more alike in demographic, geographic and historic characteristics than these two counties.

As approved by California's voters in November 2008, the language contained within Proposition 11, the "Voters First Act," provides very clear direction to the Commission in that the "geographic integrity of any city, county, city and county, neighborhood, or community of interest shall be respected to the extent possible." With this direction in mind, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is at a loss as to the Commission's justification for proposing to place Lake Tahoe in legislative districts that are different than the districts that contain its home counties of El Dorado and Placer.

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The County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors asks the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to re-evaluate their proposal and consider our request to maintain the integrity of our communities by keeping Lake Tahoe and the Counties of El Dorado and Placer within the same legislative districts.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond J. Nutting", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Raymond J. Nutting, Chair
County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors

cc: Clerk of the Board, County of Placer Board of Supervisors
State Senator Ted Gaines
State Assemblywoman Beth Gaines
State Assemblywoman Alyson Huber



RESOLUTION NO. 82-2011

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

**As a Formal Request to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to
Keep Lake Tahoe and the Counties of El Dorado and Placer
Within the Same State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization Districts**

WHEREAS, every ten years, upon the completion of the federal census, California must evaluate the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization Districts and then determine new boundaries to create districts that are as equal in population as nearly as is practical; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of voter approved State of California Ballot Propositions 11 and 20, a 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission ("Commission"), guided by the U.S. Constitution, the Federal Voting Rights Act, and the California Constitution, will draw the district maps for California's 53 Congressional Districts; 40 State Senate Districts; 80 State Assembly Districts; and 4 Board of Equalization Districts that respect counties, cities and communities of interest; and,

WHEREAS, the Counties of El Dorado and Placer share geographical, recreational and historical characteristics, with the residents and communities throughout these two Counties sharing numerous demographic characteristics, including ethnic composition, levels of attained education, and per capita and median household income; and,

WHEREAS, the California side of Lake Tahoe, the "Crown Jewel" of the Sierra Nevada, is located between the two California Counties of El Dorado and Placer; and,

WHEREAS, the primary California routes to Lake Tahoe are Highway 50 through El Dorado County, Highway 80 through Placer County, and the world famous Rubicon Trail which travels through both Counties; and,

WHEREAS, the history for El Dorado and Placer Counties began with the discovery of gold in 1848 and continued with the resulting Gold Rush that brought an influx of pioneers through passes to the north and south of the Tahoe Basin as they traveled to the mining settlements that have since developed into the ranching, farming, timber and recreation based communities that now define these two Counties; and,

WHEREAS, in 1969 the United States Congress ratified a bi-state compact approved by the governors and legislators in California and Nevada that created the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, a regional planning agency to oversee development at Lake Tahoe that is governed by a Board that, per the Compact, includes an appointee from each of the Counties of El Dorado and Placer and the City of South Lake Tahoe; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the government, economic, historic, recreational, and historic bonds that the Counties of El Dorado and Placer have to Lake Tahoe, these counties and their residents are invested in the environmentally rich region that surrounds the North and South Shores of Lake Tahoe and the value of the significant research data that it provides to those throughout the world.

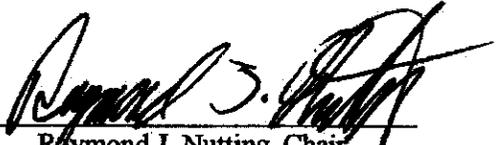
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado requests that the California Citizens Redistricting Commission keep Lake Tahoe within the same State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization Districts that include the Counties of El Dorado and Placer as Lake Tahoe is located within these Counties, and it is in the best interest of the Lake Tahoe Region to be represented by the elected officials who understand and represent the unique characteristics of the Counties where it is located.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a special meeting of said Board, held the 6th day of June, 2011, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes: Knight, Briggs, Nutting, Sweeney, Santiago
Noes: none
Absent: none

By: 
Deputy Clerk


Raymond J. Nutting, Chair
Board of Supervisors

I CERTIFY THAT:
THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Attest: Suzanne Allen de Sanchez, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, State of California.

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Date: _____