

# CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
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Mr. Peter Yao, Chairman  
Citizens Redistricting Commission  
California Secretary of State  
1500 11th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman Yao:

During the Commission's recent deliberations, there were extensive discussions regarding the timing and location of future meetings. Although the Secretary of State's office was discussed as a possible location, weekend usage would create overtime which is currently not authorized for certain state employees.


We would like to make the Commission aware that the State Capitol has several committee rooms large enough to accommodate meetings and public testimony. These facilities are used not only by the Legislature, but are occasionally available for use by other state governmental entities.


Because the Capitol is open seven days a week, these rooms could be available on weekends. Additionally, they could also be available on weekdays in coordination with other hearings and legislative business.

Capitol facilities are fully appropriate for meeting all commission requirements. Specifically, these facilities are wired to allow live-stream deliberations. Further, we may have technical staff available who are not subject to overtime restrictions.

Use of these facilities may offer the Commission a cost savings by avoiding travel and related expenses for staff who travel outside of the Sacramento region during the Commission's organization phase. The savings in funds could be allocated instead for meetings throughout the state during its community outreach phase.

Sincerely,

  
JONATHON WALDIE  
Chief Administrative Officer  
California State Assembly

  
GREGORY SCHMIDT  
Secretary of the Senate