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Attached is public comment regarding proposed agenda items for the Citizen's Redistricting Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heather Peters

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PUBLIC COMMENT RE: PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Dear Commissioners,

Please accept this public comment on proposed agenda items for the Commission's consideration. I have attached a list of proposed agenda items to help ease the transition of the Commission from the State Auditor, to the Secretary of State and ultimately to independence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Heather Peters

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Swearing in of final 6 Commissioners
2. Discussion of Commission structure including:
 - a. Selection of permanent Chair/Co-Chair
 - b. Discussion of, and possible establishment of, subcommittees
 - c. Other structural issues
3. Briefing by Secretary of State's office (SOS) regarding transition issues including
 - a. Support provided by SOS to date
 - b. Future support to be provided by SOS
 - c. Expectations regarding limitations/ termination of support by SOS
 - d. Allocations of costs incurred by SOS & State Auditor in providing support
 - e. Accounting of monies expended to date and balance of remaining budget
 - f. Other transition issues
4. Discussion of staffing including:
 - a. Process for reviewing applications for four advertised positions
 - b. Process for interviews
 - c. Discussion of other potential staff needed and process for hiring
 - d. Consideration of the use of Retired Annuitants under the Boomerang program (<https://boomerang.ca.gov/>) to minimize staffing costs
 - e. Other staffing issues
5. Legal opinions/training needed
 - a. Application of Guidance on Conflicts of Interest to hiring of staff
 - b. Policy for using closed session re: personnel issues
 - c. State hiring procedures/restrictions
 - d. State contracting procedures/restrictions
 - e. Language translations
 - f. Other legal issues
6. Discussion of project planning including
 - a. Priorities
 - b. Phases of Commissions work
 - c. Timelines
 - d. Milestones

- e. Budget
 - f. Other project planning issues
7. Discussion of statewide meeting plans to solicit public comment on redistricting including:
- a. Number of meetings desired
 - b. Geographic distribution of meetings
 - c. Timing
 - d. Number of commissioners and staff attending each meeting
 - e. Length of meetings
 - f. Format of meetings
 - g. Logistical support desired for each meeting (stenographer, videographer, webcast, projection, maps, blow ups, handouts etc.)
 - h. Budget
 - i. Other meeting planning issues
8. Discussion of possible public outreach plan to increase participation (and related budget)
9. Discussion of vendors/consultants that will be needed including:
- a. Number and types that might be needed (experts in voting patterns, mapping, website/electronic outreach, etc.)
 - b. Requests for Proposal (RFP) or Requests for Quotes (RFQ) that may be needed
 - c. Timing
 - d. Budget
10. Discussion of other Commission matters
11. Public comment
12. Instructions to staff re: preparation for next Commission meeting.
13. Adjournment