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Dear Commissioners -

On January 12, I addressed the Commission during public commentary, emphasizing the importance of not only setting aside your personal views, but also assuring the hiring of neutral staff and challenging trainers and consultants for their bias.

During your deliberations today (January 26), I heard discussion of using RedistrictingCA as an "official" partner to engage the public in educational activities on behalf or in support of the Commission. I am concerned about this, as while RedistrictingCA and its partners have committed time and resources to the redistricting process, and it is tempting to make maximum utilization of these resources, such an alignment may undermine the public's perception of the Commission's neutrality.

I believe that it is a fair observation to say that the sponsors and partners of RedistrictingCA are generally considered left of center and often closely aligned with the Democrat party.

For this reason, but most importantly to have the Commission's work be truly non-partisan, I strongly urge you to develop your own supporting materials to be made available to the public as you undertake your outreach efforts.

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