



February 17, 2011

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) to request your assistance in assuring the CRC is able to successfully complete its responsibilities to approve new legislative, congressional and board of equalization districts by August 15, 2011. The challenge of creating a new state commission with adequate staff for this task is proving to be extraordinarily difficult, largely because of the complex web of bureaucracy that often prevents the simplest of tasks, such as acquiring working telephones and computers, from occurring.

The full Commission did not have their first meeting until mid-January of this year and the Executive Director has only been in place a little over a month. It has not been possible to establish a fully functional office to serve the state's citizens, and the impediments of expeditiously completing the task of contracting with the necessary consultants to propose draft districts places the CRC at risk of missing its statutory deadline.

In order to assure that this work goes forward in the manner and on the schedule mandated by the voters, we are requesting you to: (1) identify a senior member or your staff with the authority to not only navigate the bureaucracy, but to cause it to actively support the CRC's work and (2) grant a hiring exemption pursuant to paragraph 3 of Executive Order B-3-11. This will permit the CRC to fulfill its "core statutory mission" by hiring a very modest staff and the consultants necessary to draw the districts

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We believe your support in this manner is critical to assuring new districts will not only be identified in a timely manner, but also drawn with the care that was contemplated by Propositions 11 and 20.

I would very much appreciate it if your designated representative would contact our Executive Director, Daniel Claypool at 916-322-3770 or at daniel.claypool@crc.ca.gov to follow up with this request.

Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Connie Malloy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Connie Galambos-Malloy, Commissioner
Chair, Citizens Redistricting Commission

Cc: Commissioner Gabino Aguirre
Commissioner Angelo Ancheta
Commissioner Vincent Barabba
Commissioner Maria Blanco
Commissioner Cynthia Dai
Commissioner Michelle DiGuilio
Commissioner Jodie Filkins-Webber
Commissioner Stanley Forbes
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