

February 1, 2011


Mr. Angelo Ancheta
Member, Redistricting Commission
Office of the California Secretary of State
1500 11th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioner Ancheta:

Congratulations on your selection as a member of California's historic independent redistricting commission. The James Irvine Foundation is enthusiastic about the opportunity the commission process provides Californians to participate in the redistricting process and has made a number of grants intended to encourage and facilitate broad public engagement. The attached list includes organizations that are educating the public about redistricting, others that are providing technical assistance to residents interested in submitting testimony or maps, and one grant to the University of California at Berkeley to analyze the new redistricting process. We include a description of each organization's work in this arena as well as contact information.

Please know that we welcome your ideas on other ways the Irvine Foundation can promote an effective and inclusive redistricting process in California. Please feel free to contact me directly or to contact Irvine's California Democracy Program Director, Amy Dominguez-Arms, at [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].

Sincerely,


James E. Canales
President and CEO

Enclosure