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To Whom It May Concern:

I noted that there has been some controversy raised about the Commission's decision to retain Karin MacDonald to assist the commission in developing its redistricting plans, especially by Republicans who call her a Democrat partisan.

I am one of the leading Republican political consultants in the state, and have spent much of my adult life advancing conservative causes and trying to elect Republicans in California. I am surely a partisan Republican. Nonetheless, I have known Karin for almost 15 years, and Bruce Cain for 25 years. They may (or may not) be Democrats in their personal politics, or not. I personally know Bruce's personal politics well, and while different from mine, I don't see them in his professional involvement. I don't know Karin's.

However, both, in their administration of the Statewide Voter Database, they have been nothing but very fair, impartial, and non-partisan. That some Republican operatives assume they must be "Democrat partisans" and therefore don't avail themselves of the tremendous resource at the Statewide Database, is a failing of those Republicans, not Karin (or Bruce).

I believe that Karin is more than capable of acting in a purely non-partisan capacity in assisting the Commission with the development of its plans. I commend your choice of her.

Sincerely,

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