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From: Craig Powell [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 8:15 AM
To: Voters First Act
Subject: RE:Recommendation of Gina Simas

Dear Commissioners:

First, I want to thank you for your work on the behalf of the citizens of California. From my perspective, your work is absolutely critical in reforming our clearly-broken government and getting the world's eighth-largest economy back on its feet. Establishing new, non-partisan district maps will return accountability to the appropriate party- the voting public. I look forward to electing candidates who understand that transparency, pragmatism, and, ultimately, results are much more important than ideology and party affiliation.

Given that, I strongly recommend that you add Gina Simas to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. I have known and worked with Gina for several years. Gina is one of the very few people I have worked with who has the ability to grasp/understand very subtle, technical issues and then effectively communicate that content to a wide variety of audiences/forums. It is an extraordinary talent that will serve the Redistricting Commission (and the people of California) very well.

Given Gina's communication skills, it is not surprising that she thrives in situations where there are competing interests and approaches. Gina is grounded by a set of very strong values that serve as the foundation of every decision she makes. Gina pursues consensus, shared objectives, and creativity in lieu of pre-conceived outcomes. As a result, she quickly earns trust and rapport with all stakeholders. Understanding the challenges faced by the Redistricting Commission, Gina's skill and integrity are absolutely essential.

As an elected official (I currently serve as a director-South Placer Fire Protection District), I have some sense of the hard work and persistence that are associated with successful public service. With that in mind, Gina will be an ideal board member. I have spent some time with her talking about the Redistricting Commission and its objectives. Gina is absolutely passionate about "getting it right." She understands the connection between the work of this commission and the future of California.

In closing, I want to congratulate each one of you on your selection and thank you again for your service to our state. Your choices, beginning with your decision on the remaining six members, will have long-lasting and far-reaching impact on California. As such, I respectfully request that you select Gina Simas as a commissioner.

Sincerely,

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