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Please see attached public comment regarding the final 6 commissioners.

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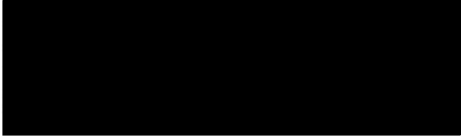
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Re: Final 6 Commissioners

Dear Citizens Redistricting Commission,

The Greenlining Institute applauds your efforts to select a diverse and uniquely qualified slate of 6 applicants who will join the commission. Greenlining, a multi-ethnic public policy research and advocacy organization working on behalf of low-income and minority communities, has been a partner to the Bureau of State Audits to help recruit candidates for the commission, we continue to monitor the selection process, and will launch a statewide civic engagement project focusing on redistricting in 2011.

While recruiting and selecting the best possible commissioners for California's first-ever Citizens Redistricting Commission has been no easy task, we believe that given the different factors you needed to consider (i.e. geographic diversity, ethnic diversity, skill set qualifications, and numerical requirements based on party identification), the commission has selected an excellent final 6 candidates.

At this point, Greenlining would strongly urge you to approve the slate as proposed: Gabino Aguirre, Maria Blanco, Lilbert "Gil" R. Ontai, Michael Ward, Michelle R. DiGuilio-Matz, and M. Andre Parvenu.

Given the amount of work the Commission will have to do in a very short timeframe, approving the final 6 commissioners is of the essence. Should you have any questions regarding our support for these candidates, do not hesitate to contact Michelle Romero at 

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Program Director