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I sent 2 e-mails during your meeting on Friday as I watched it on line. So far I am impressed with what I saw. Now let me share with you my final comments and suggestions. After much thought, I think that what is needed on the Commission are people who are not government employees in one form or another, and who have some familiarity with all of California. On this latter point, since it is very hard to access whether a person in San Francisco is familiar with eastern California, or a person in southern California is familiar with northern California, where a Commissioner lives is more important than what there ethnicity may be.

I am a Republican. We are a distinct minority in this totally Democratic state. For the most part we don't live in the Bay Area, and we are likely quite unrepresented in public service (government employment). The Commission has identified 2 persons from the list of Republican candidates, Mr. Ontai from San Diego and Mr. Ward from Anaheim. I am most certainly supportive of Mr. Ontai. He has excellent qualifications to serve on the Commission given his prior experience in the redistricting process where he lives, and by the rest of his stated qualifications. I also appreciate the fact that he is not a government employee, he is self employed. I can not support Mr Ward. Being of American Indian heritage is not a qualification to be on the Commission. Neither is being a Chiropractor or a special agent. I think he is being selected for the wrong reason, ethnicity and nothing else.

Let me propose an alternative, Kathleen L. Beasley. She has excellent qualifications to serve, particularly with her background in working with the legislature and with the Little Hoover Commission. She is not a government employee which I think is very important. Finally, she is from the Sacramento Vally a part of eastern California which is not at all represented on the Commission. Think about it, Stanley Forbes is the Commission Member who is the farthest east of all the Commissioners, and he is from Esparto and that is not very east. I urge you to consider someone other than Mr. Ward, and in his place consider Ms. Beasley.

By the way, I don't have a personal relationship with Ms. Beasley, nor do I even know her. For that matter I do not know anyone of the finalists for the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted

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