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**From:** Rita Simas [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Voters First Act  
**Subject:** Citizen Redistricting Commission

I am writing to express my disappointment and concern regarding the current slate for the Citizen Redistricting Commission. I was very disappointed to learn that this slate was proposed in such a brief fashion and I question the motivation and agenda of the committee. I have followed this process and have been a supporter of the commission since its inception. Our state is in serious need of redistricting and the selection, until this time, has shown a great deal of organization, impartiality, and a strong sense of equality. The selection of this final group has not lived up to the standards of the commission and has shown little regard for the voice of the citizens. The mere fact that so many have applied for the commission and have sought support and worked through the process is a definite indication of the interest of we, the citizens, of California.

I am writing to ask you to reconsider the candidate, Gina Marie Simas. Ms. Simas is a professional with an incredible list of qualifications. She not only brings the strong sense of fairness and equality, she possesses a knowledge of the needs of California. She has lived in both Northern and Southern California. She grew up with an agricultural background, but in an urban surrounding. She has a strong personal awareness of ethnic traditions and a deep respect for all people.

Ms. Simas has always challenged herself to perfection. Her work standards and dedication to responsibilities is second to none. Once she has made a commitment to a job she will dedicate herself to the duties and responsibilities.

I sincerely believe this committee needs to have a strong, youthful woman, who has a knowledge of the political needs of our state, a familiarity of the resources of different regions, a respect for all people, and above all, has neither a hidden agenda nor a personal connection with any special interest groups in our state.

I strongly urge you to reconsider Gina Simas and hope that you will take the time to consider the importance of your choices and the responsibility you have assumed.

Sincerely,

Rita De Lash