

From: **Hugh Rose** [REDACTED]
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Members of the Commission,

This letter is written in support of your consideration of Douglas Johnson to assist your commission in its important districting tasks.

I am a retired Superior Court judge, having served 22 years in the courts in Stanislaus County. I was appointed by the Mayor of the City of Modesto to chair its Citizens' Districting Commission as the City was going from citywide to district elections for its city council members.

Mr. Johnson was hired by the City as a consultant to advise and assist our Commission in this process. We were mandated to provide districts that complied with the legal criteria established by the enactment of Measure N to our city charter. (boundaries that were compact and contiguous, following visible natural and man made features, respecting communities of interest, without regard for advantage or disadvantage to incumbents or challengers or any political party)

Mr. Johnson's expertise, abilities and willingness to help were invaluable to us. He was present when we held numerous hearings in various city locations. The public was actively engaged in the conversations. With the use of Mr. Johnson's software and our urging, a number of citizens submitted their own maps for our consideration. In fact, we adopted one of these maps in our final recommendation.

Without reservation, I strongly recommend Mr. Johnson for consideration by your Commission to assist in your important work.

If I can be of further assistance please call [REDACTED] or my cell [REDACTED].

Sincerely, Hugh Rose, III, Judge, Retired