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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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RE: Selection of Technical Expert

Dear Commissioners:

I am respectfully writing to strongly recommend the selection of Q2 Data and Research's bid to be the Technical Expert in drawing the district lines for the upcoming statewide redistricting effort led by the Commission.

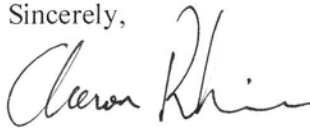
As a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors at the time of the last redistricting effort in 2002, I found Karin McDonald's consulting group to be fair, balanced and highly professional. San Francisco is one of the most diverse cities in California and her group did a remarkable job in identifying and protecting communities of interest, including the LGBT, African-American, Asian and Latino communities. As the technical consultant for the San Francisco Elections Task Force on Redistricting, they effectively engaged a broad range of ethnic and racial communities in an open and transparent public process.

The result of their efforts was a successful and efficient redistricting process. I am confident that they will be able to do the same for the Commission to meet its requirements pursuant to the Voting Rights Act.

Please feel to contact me if I can be of any assistance in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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