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Citizen Redistricting Commission Members
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RE: Selection of a Technical Expert in Drawing District Lines

Dear Members of the CRC:

As Chief Executive Officer of the California League for Conservation Voters, I urge you to select an experienced technical advisor who has a deep understanding of communities-of-interest and will not seriously undermine the public's trust in the fairness of your process and the district boundaries that you ultimately adopt. Having someone with the essential skill set to push and challenge the CRC is in the long run a testimony to the sacred trust of the public which you now hold.

Further, it is our firm belief that this individual must have absolute impartiality and there should not be any hint of even an "apparent" conflict-of-interest. Not to consider this would impugn the legitimacy of the CRC. Your selection of a qualified technical advisor who has demonstrated a sensitivity to communities-of-interest is probably one of the key early decisions you will have before you.

Environmental justice and the incorporation of civil and voting rights acts are not in contradiction, and in fact are very synergistic.

Thank you for your utmost consideration.

Sincerely,

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