

Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Commissioners:

As a member of San Francisco's Elections Task Force on Redistricting, I am 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.

In 2002, we selected Karin McDonald Consulting to be the technical consultant for the Task Force. Ms. McDonald and her staff had an impressive understanding of the Census data and the requirements of both federal and state law. She was also able to navigate the pressures of a very public process with professionalism while effectively engaging a diverse range of ethnic and racial communities in an open and transparent public process.

The result of their efforts was a successful, efficient and publicly respected redistricting process. I am confident that Ms. McDonald and her team at Q2 Data and Research will be able to do the same for the Commission as you embark on this historic effort to redistrict California.

I give Q2 Data and Research my highest recommendation and am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Member, San Francisco Elections Task Force on Redistricting

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