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To whom it may concern

I would highly recommend Karin as a Technical Consultant to the Redistricting Comm.

Karin MacDonald is Director of the Statewide Database and the Election Administration Research Center at the University of California Berkeley Law School. MacDonald conducts research and writes in the areas of redistricting, voter rights, political demography, local government and electoral politics.

She has served as consultant to many government, news, and nonprofit organizations, and worked as a redistricting consultant for various local and regional entities, including San Diego and San Francisco in 2001 and 2002 respectively. She serves as faculty and speaker at the national Conference of State Legislatures' Redistricting Seminars. MacDonald was the State of California's liaison to the Census Bureau for the Block Boundary Suggestion Program and geography collection which she directed in 1998 and 2008 respectively.

She has consistently been a "champion" of people that have consistently not have a voice in civic engagement. She has done so in a fair and equitable manner not once voicing her political affiliation nor with any apparent hidden agenda. She addresses the concerns through a dedication to ensure the process is fair and equitable.

I would highly recommend her for this opportunity. I am heavily involved in the African American Community and trust Karin in ensuring the redistricting process is applied fairly and considering the entire population and not just a few.

If you have any questions I can be reached at [REDACTED].

Thank you very much.

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