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VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Q2 Data and Research

To Whom It May Concern:

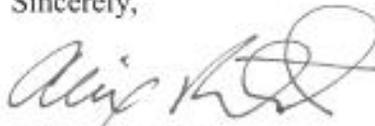
I am writing in support of the selection of Q2 Data and Research for the Technical Expert (Drawing Lines) redistricting work.

I served on the first Elections Commission of the City & County of San Francisco in 2002 when Q2 Data and Research (previously Karin MacDonald Consulting) served as the technical consultant for San Francisco's own redistricting process.

In 2002, the highest priority of the Elections Commission was to ensure a redistricting process that was fair and balanced, transparent, and encouraged public participation. Karin MacDonald met these goals, which was particularly challenging in the high pressure environment that is San Francisco politics, where the scrutiny is particularly intense. She did a superb job of identifying and protecting the integrity of communities, and she excelled at engaging minority groups, all of whom were impacted by the redistricting decisions.

Since the CRC is new, and continues to be controversial, the work of the CRC and its consultants will also be highly scrutinized. I urge you to select a consultant who has already demonstrated that she is able to withstand intense political pressure, and to leave the interested parties feeling that their participation has been valued. I strongly urge you to select Q2 Data and Research for this work, you won't be disappointed.

Sincerely,



Alix Rosenthal
Former President
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