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Citizens Redistricting Commission

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To the members of the Redistricting Committee:

I write to you as a member of the public, representing the interests of the LGBT community, who participated in that role during San Francisco's Elections Redistricting process in 2002, to highly recommend Karin McDonald.

Karin McDonald Consultants effectively assisted the members of the public and the Elections Redistricting Task force by guiding them through the, at times, arduous process in a fair and balanced manner. Her approach to every task was open and transparent to all participants. Ms. McDonald did a great job identifying and protecting communities of interest while also engaging all these identified communities. Her efforts made the process easier for all the participants, particularly by her balanced and impartial approach to map creation.

While I, personally, may not have been 100 percent satisfied with every single district boundary, I, and I believe almost everyone, left the process feeling that finished product came from integrity, was workable and satisfied the mandates of the law. Much of that is due to the efforts of Karin McDonald Consultants and I highly encourage the Redistricting Committee to utilize Ms. McDonald and Q2 Data and Research as you move forward redrawing the district lines.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Michael Goldstein

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