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Greetings,

It has come to my attention that the California Citizens' Redistricting Commission has selected finalists for the consultant to conduct the the analysis and mapping of legislative districts.

One of the finalists for this important job is The Rose Institute of Claremont. The organization has a noteworthy track record in this area of study, however the manager they have tasked for the California project, Douglas M. Johnson, has a partisan background that is wholly inappropriate for this position.

Mr. Johnson is a registered Republican and he once worked as legislative director for Republican Congressman Steve Horn. Mr. Johnson has a poor record on redistricting. His work for the Florida State Senate produced a gerrymandered state map which a federal court criticized as "...intended to maximize the number of Republican congressional and legislative seats through the redistricting process."

I also understand that two of the four candidates for the position of Legal Counsel have also served in partisan positions. I refer to Daniel Kolkey (Legal Affairs Secretary to Gov. Pete Wilson) and Steven Merksamer (Chief of Staff to Gov. George Dukmejian).

It would be a serious breach of the public trust for the Commission to choose individuals with backgrounds such as these three men have. Any arguments in favor of their skill and experience must take a back seat to the question of their impartiality.

I speak as a concerned citizen.

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