From:

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To: votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

This email is in strong support of the bid of Q2 for a contract with the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. I have had the occasion to work with Q2 Principal Karin MacDonald and her associate Bonnie Glaser on many occasions and in several capacities since 2005.

I was immediately impressed with their professionalism, thoroughness and depth-of-knowledge about the election process in California and the United States. I have routinely sought Karin's advice on matters related to elections and value her opinions highly. She can be relied on to quickly respond and is able to give valuable advice on complex matters in a way that is easy to understand and explain to others.

In my 10-year career in the elections field, I have had the privilege of working, as either a staff member or consultant, for two of the largest election jurisdictions in the nation, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and more than a dozen other jurisdictions and election-related organizations. I have come to know that Karin's reputation among election officials in the United States is that she is an extremely qualified researcher and project manager. She is widely regarded as non-partisan and impartial. I have had the pleasure of seeing her speak at several election conferences and meeting and I can attest that she is an extremely compelling presenter.

Her knowledge of many aspects of the election process--redistricting in particular--is unparalleled. She is widely regarded as one of the foremost academic experts in the field.

In summary, I could not support Q2 more strongly in their bid. I would be very pleased to discuss this if you have any questions. I can be reached on my mobile phone at

Sincerely,
Daniel M. Murphy
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