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As a California resident and voter, I wanted to remind you all of something:

YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED BY THE CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA WITH DRAWING DISTRICT LINES IN A **FAIR AND IMPARTIAL MANNER!!!**

It was dismay that I read, today, that one of the two consultant firms being considered for the job of consultant to the redistricting commission is a **PARTISAN OUTFIT!!!** Specifically, Doug Johnson and The Rose Institute are **REPUBLICAN PARTISANS**, and have been for years. Hiring Rose, or Johnson, to consult with the redistricting commission would be an abrogation of everything that the commission was set up to do: A **NON-PARTISAN** redistricting of California's voting districts.

Then I see that two of the four final candidates for the position of Legal Counsel for the redistricting commission are **ALSO PARTISAN REPUBLICANS!!!!!!** Specifically, Steve Merksammer and Daniel Kolkey . . . **BOTH OF WHOM** are partisan republicans with a history of working for and representing Republican politicians and officeholders.

This is wholly unacceptable. The people and firms hired to work with the redistricting commission **MUST** be non-partisan. I urge you to consider this factor in making your final decisions.

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