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TO: VOTERSFIRSTACT@CRC.CA.GOV:

Honorable Commission Members:

I am a retired attorney and head of a Vote Integrity Project in Contra Costa County, who has attended about four of your sessions in Sacramento. I testified briefly on February 25.

I have been horrified to witness the extreme partisanship of our Commission--you!

You permitted a last-day, apparently unauthorized bid-rules change to be put in place by a staffer, Mr. Claypool, so that Q2 Data and Research, based in Berkeley, could qualify for the bid when it otherwise would not have. NO other bidder could benefit from that change as it was put in place on the last day to bid. Q2 had bid already though it had to have known that it did not qualify when it filed. Did it also know that the bidding would be rigged for it??? !!!! I think so!

This illegal or, at the least, unethical move was brought up at two sessions of the Commission. You all sat in silence to the comments and would not state or explain what had happened, who had authorized it, or how it could possibly be lawful (it cannot!).

Then, Q2, which not only has no actual redistricting experience (it is all "academic" practice that they have done), but also has no experience at all in redistricting at the level of California's most populous metropolitan areas (the criteria until the last day for

bidding, when that criterion was reduced), was selected by you to draw the lines !!!

**Prior** to your vote on this outrageous selection, you were provided with a letter from Jim Nielsen, 2d District Assembly, reminding you that Professor Cain, who heads and owns Q2, authored the outrageous Gerrymander of California in 1981 which inspired the initiative that created your Commission. You ignored that letter, saying it was irrelevant at that point !! (prior to your vote1)

Please, return to the mandate that created this historic Commission and engage in objective, competitive districts based primarily based on compactness and geographic criteria

with some emphasis on structural factors such as transportation, urbanization, agricultural areas, and so forth, all as required by Article 21 of our Constitution. The citizens of this

State will not and cannot tolerate this extreme deviation from the public mandate contained in Article 21 of our Constitution, creating this Commission.

Yours very truly,

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