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TO: Members, Citizens Redistricting Commission
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RE: Karin Mac Donald, Statewide Database Director

I am writing to express my strong support for the work that Karin Mac Donald has done as Director of the Statewide Database to prepare jurisdictions throughout California for the release and use of 2010 U.S. Census data to be employed in redrawing political boundaries of school district boards, city councils, county boards of supervisors, and state and federal legislative districts.

Ms. Mac Donald has contributed her wealth of knowledge and experience to countless seminars for people in local government who face the challenge of recommending fair and logical -- and legally defensible -- political boundaries for adoption by our elected bodies. She and her staff have been extremely responsive and helpful to me and to all others who have asked her assistance. She is a respected authority on redistricting who can explain the complex legal requirements clearly and accurately. As a guardian and provider of data, Ms. Mac Donald is expert in the mechanics of applying demographic information to shape fair districts that are the framework of fair elections, which are themselves the very foundation of our democracy.

The Redistricting Commission will not find a more able, unbiased authority to help guide its members in their important task than Karin Mac Donald.