

## DECISION ON APPLICANT REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Under section 60851 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, if the Bureau of State Audits or the Applicant Review Panel decides to exclude or remove an applicant from the pool of applicants being considered for selection to the Citizens Redistricting Commission, the applicant may, no later than 10 days after the date of the notification of exclusion or removal, request reconsideration of the decision if the decision was the result of an error relating to:

- Having a conflict of interest;
- Failing to satisfy the eligibility requirements for serving on the commission; or
- Failing to comply with the procedural requirements of the application process.

**Request for reconsideration is: Granted**\_\_\_\_\_.

Reason for granting or denying the request: Applicant was excluded from the supplemental applicant pool due to not submitting a total of three letters of recommendation by the application deadline. However, Applicant has affirmed that the three letters were submitted to the bureau in a timely manner, so there must have been a problem in transit or at the bureau. Although it would be rare for a letter to be lost in transit, and the bureau has had a reliable process for handling letters of recommendation, it is nonetheless possible for letters to be lost as alleged by Applicant. Moreover, a total of three letters of recommendation now have been submitted in support of Applicant's application, and granting reconsideration so soon after the application deadline causes no harm to the application process. Accordingly, it is appropriate to treat Applicant's failure to comply with the procedural requirement of submitting three letters of recommendation by the application deadline as being the result of an error, to reconsider the decision to exclude Applicant from the supplemental applicant pool, and to return Applicant to the pool.

Applicant's current status: Included in the supplemental applicant pool.