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First Eight Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission to Be Selected
California State Auditor Randomly Draws Names for First Members of Historic Redistricting Commission

WHAT: The California State Auditor, Elaine M. Howle, will randomly draw the names of the first eight commissioners to serve on California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission in the auditorium at the California Secretary of State's Office.

From the current applicant pool of 36 applicants, the State Auditor will randomly draw the names of the first eight commissioners – three of which are registered Democrats, three of which are registered Republicans, and two that are either Decline-to-State or are registered with another party. The first eight commissioners will be selected from three subpools that had been identified as some of the most qualified applicants by the Applicant Review Panel (Panel). Previously, the Panel had identified 60 of the most qualified applicants — 20 from each of the subpools — based on criteria set forth by the Voters FIRST Act: relevant analytical skills, the ability to be impartial, and an appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography. The Panel provided the list of those 60 names to legislative leaders on September 29, 2010. Each of the four legislative leaders had the opportunity to strike up to two names in each of the subpools. The leaders exercised their strikes and reduced the applicant pool to 36 potential commissioners, with 12 applicants remaining in each of the three subpools.

Following their random selection by the State Auditor, the eight applicants will be tasked with selecting the remaining six commissioners who will make up the Citizens Redistricting Commission. The 14-member Commission will redraw the lines for California's State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization districts and the Congressional districts, based on information gathered during the 2010 Census.

WHO: California State Auditor, Elaine M. Howle

WHEN: Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Auditorium, California Secretary of State's Office
1500 11th Street, Sacramento, California 95814

The meeting will also be live streamed at WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov and the videotape and transcripts of the meeting will be posted to that site after the meeting.

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