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First Eight Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission to Meet

The First Members of Historic Redistricting Commission to Prepare for Selecting Final Six Members of Commission

WHAT: The first eight commissioners to serve on California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission will hold their first public meeting gearing up to select the final six members of the Commission in the training room at the California State Auditor's Office.

As prescribed by the Voters FIRST Act, the first eight members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) are to select the final six members of the 14-member Commission. The first eight commissioners—three of whom are registered Democrats, three of whom are registered Republicans, and two who are either Decline-to-State or are registered with another party—will meet beginning on November 30, 2010 to swear in, receive training, and deliberate on and select the final six members of the Commission from the remaining applicants in the pool. The meeting will continue day-to-day as determined necessary by the first eight commissioners. These first eight commissioners were randomly selected by the California State Auditor, from a pool of 36 applicants from three subpools, who had been identified as among 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.

From the applicants remaining in each of the subpools, the first eight commissioners must select the remaining six commissioners—two from each subpool—to make up the Commission. The 14-member Commission will redraw the lines for California's State Senate, Assembly, Board of Equalization, and Congressional districts, based on information gathered during the 2010 Census.

WHO: California State Auditor, Elaine M. Howle (opening remarks)
First Eight Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission, including:
Cynthia Dai, Democrat, San Francisco County
Elaine Kuo, Democrat, Santa Clara County
Jeanne Raya, Democrat, Los Angeles County
Vincent Barabba, Republican, Santa Cruz County

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Citizens Redistricting Commission



Jodie Filkins Webber, Republican, Riverside County
Peter Yao, Republican, Los Angeles County
Stanley Forbes, Decline-to-State, Yolo County
Connie Galambos Malloy, Decline-to-State, Alameda County

WHEN: Beginning on Tuesday, November 30, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Training Room, California State Auditor's Office
555 Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor, 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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