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Ms. Gamino,

Attached are my comments relative to modification of § 60855 and § 60858 for your consideration.

I have also included suggestions about training of the full Commission to be passed on to the Secretary of State when that office commences support of the Commission.

When you have any questions about this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: 1

§ 60855 Training of the First Eight Members of the Commission

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) ...
- (d) [Eliminate this item]
- (e) [Eliminate this item]

Items (d) and (e) are not needed when training the First Eight Members of the Commission. Those training items are only needed when the full Commission has been formed and is preparing to commence their work.

§ 60858 Phase VI Meetings of the First Eight Members of the Commission

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) ...
- (d) ...
- (e) ...
- (f) ...
- (g) The bureau shall record ...

It has been the practice to date that all open meetings relative to the Voter's First Act are transcribed by a court reporter as well as video/audio recorded. Transcription by a court reporter should be noted in item (g) if that practice is to be continued for meetings of the First Eight Members of the Commission.

Training of All Fourteen Members of the Commission

Once the Commission has been formed, it becomes the responsibility of the Secretary of State to support the Commission.

The following training suggestions need to be conveyed to the Secretary of State based on the experience of the Bureau of Audit in training both the members of the Application Review Panel and the First Eight Members of the Commission. That experience and the materials and speakers used would be useful in maintaining consistency when training members of the full Commission.

This training must be supplied prior to or at the first open meeting of the Commission and also prior to the selection of the Commission chair and vice-chair as follows:

Prior to the fourteen members of the Commission performing the duties of their office, the bureau and the Secretary of State working together shall provide the fourteen members of the Commission with training in preparation for the performance of those duties. The training shall include the following subjects:

(a) The requirements for conducting a public meeting, including the requirements imposed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (commencing with section 11120 of the Government Code).

(b) California's diverse demographics and geography.

(c) The responsibilities of the Commission as set forth in the Voters FIRST Act, the United States Constitution, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (commencing with section 1971 of title 42 of the United States Code).

(d) The process for performing redistricting, including the use of computer software to draw district lines.