

**Memo**

**Date: April 18, 2011**

**To: Citizens Redistricting Commission**

**RE: Commissioner Aguirre statement on April 13, 2011 San Luis Obispo input hearing him**

At the April 13, 2011 CRC input hearing following speaker number 20 Gwen Pelfrey, Commissioner Aguirre says, "We are prohibited by law from looking at districts for the convenience of politicians, candidates or political parties. It's really about the representation of each individual voter in California."

Like many speakers before her, Pelfrey spoke for geographically compact districts to provide better representation. Part of the better representation was that her representatives could travel less and thus visit her more and form deeper community bonds.

I believe Commissioner Aguirre is mistaken in his interpretation of the new constitutional amendment to prohibit consideration of the travel issues of political representatives. Common sense tells us that an elected official on a limited travel budget cannot suitably represent constituents dispersed over large geographical areas, especially when roads are poor or weather makes them impassable.

The travel issues of political representatives is a legitimate concern of citizens not prohibited by the California Constitution.

Regards,

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