

## **MEMO**

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission

From: David Salaverry

RE: Timely Posting & Quality of Videos

### **Timely Video Posting**

The commission has been consistently two weeks behind in the posting of videos of hearings. With the compressed schedule of hearings, this makes it impossible for Californians to follow the hearings and reply to the fast moving activities of the commission without watching the live stream contemporaneously, not possible for most working people.

*There is no good reason why the commission cannot post videos the day after hearings at the latest.* I spoke to your ED Dan Claypool about the problem over 4 weeks ago in Sacramento. Dan said, "The problem is with the CA state people." But commission staff has created a YouTube channel. The hearing videos should be posted there to avoid the delay at the state level the day after each hearing. They should simultaneously be posted on a site like Vimeo in HD quality.

### **Video Quality**

With the exception of Redding and Yuba City when AGP Video recorded the hearings, the quality of video has been so poor as to render it almost useless.

First, the three camera setup that AGP used with a live operator switching between the maps, the speakers and the commission gives us a real idea of what's going on. One camera in the back of the room with a fixed field of view and people walking in front blocking it creates a meaningless video.

Second, the cameras MUST record the mapping detail in a way that renders it fully understandable. Without the maps, those of us watching have no idea what the public testimony means.

Third, the live feed from the hearings has often been in a tiny 2 square inch box that cannot be enlarged. When maps *are* shown in this tiny box, they are impossible to read.

### **Conclusion**

The critical work of the commission must be fully transparent. Without timely, high quality video recordings of the hearings, the people of the State of California are denied access to a process that is by law supposed to be open to all. The CRC needs to immediately rectify the problems noted so that those who cannot attend the meetings or watch live stream are not locked out of the process.