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Subject: IMPORTANT FOR ALL WOMEN - EVEN IF NOT LIVING IN CA

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From: Jim and Susie ANDERSON <[REDACTED]>

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Enlightened Women,

Happy Memorial Day. While it's nice to have an extra hour of sleep on this holiday, it's always with a heavy heart that I remember why we have a day off today. It's a day to recall and reflect on a tragedy. The loss of an American life, the life of a hero who gave his or her own to protect the freedoms that we so often take for granted...the loss of a son or daughter, brother or sister, mom or dad, the loss of a friend. The idea for such a day dates back to the post-Civil war era when relatives of those who died in that bloodiest of wars wanted to commemorate their fallen sons and daughters. One hundred years later, President Nixon proclaimed it a federal holiday to remember all military members who were lost. It is a day to honor those who have served and who are still serving to fight for the liberty we cherish as Americans. God bless all of them today and always.

As summer approaches, I thought it would be a great time to bring our ducklings together and get them fired up about the political landscape that so clearly affects their future. On **Monday, June 13** we will gather on Geri Lane and welcome back Damon Dunn, now a Hoover Fellow, who visited with us last summer when he was running for Secretary of State. He will talk to our

young voters about his journey and why he became a conservative, the importance of becoming involved in the system, rather than complain about it and how to get into the game. Please bring your college or high school students. I promise you that this young man will inspire them to become active and help make the world a better place in their own ways.

Frank Gaffney was back to visit with us, just days after the attack and successful elimination of Osama bin Laden. His insights, as always, were riveting. His new book, *Shariah: The Threat to America*, is a serious and thoughtful look at Shariah Law and how it might creep into our own courts if we don't take a stand. Frank and his team look at the facts with an unbiased, open-eyed approach and all Enlightened Women should take the opportunity to become more aware of the dangers that threaten our democracy.

Shariah Law: The Threat to America will be available at our next meeting for \$20. All proceeds benefit the work that Frank and his team are doing at the Center for Security Policy. It would make an excellent Fathers Day gift!

Finally, we voted for REDISTRICTING in the November election. Now we have to work to get it into action. Please see the email from Barbara Patton below and send this letter to your congressperson today!

RSVP today for the Enlightened Young Voters Meeting June 13 at 7 pm – Email me at [REDACTED] if you did not receive the evite!

Happy Memorial Day and see you June 13!!

**Best,
Heidi**

SEE THE ACTION ITEMS TAB AND PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THE REDISTRICTING MEETINGS THIS SUMMER. IF THE LIBERALS TAKE HOLD OF THESE MAPS, WE'LL BE IN WORSE SHAPE THAN WE WERE BEFORE...LET'S TAKE ACTION AND HELP TO FIX OUR STATE!

If you haven't written a letter to the Redistricting Commission, here is a no-brainer solution. Just copy and paste into an email or document. Don't forget to add your name at the opening and closing:

EMAIL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Add your name to the email and sign it below. If **you did not testify**, that's OK, just remove the VERY FIRST SENTENCE "I am one of 250+ supporters that testified all over California who knows the Greater California Bay Area very well and we want our communities kept together. "

2. Send EMAILS as soon as you can to:

[REDACTED]

OR

Paste the email into the public comment section online at:

Attn: California Redistricting Commission:

Dear Commissioners: My name is SUSAN M. ANDERSON I support fair and competitive districts that fully comply with Proposition 11 with district geography criteria of natural geographical boundaries such as mountain ranges, bodies of water, of equal population and that comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act. I want my district lines to maintain district contiguity, and compactness by keeping cities, communities and neighborhoods intact as much as possible.

1. I strongly oppose the Sierra Club Bay Area plan that violates the Voting Rights Act **and** gerrymanders the TriValley.

2. I agree with the Sierra Club plan ONLY on the one point, **not to cross the Bay and Golden Gate Bridges.**

3. I reject the San Joaquin County Citizens for Constitutional Redistricting plan; they carve up the TriValley to create a San Joaquin district favorable to a tiny fraction of our Bay Area population.

4. I reject the Latino Policy Forum maps; they create an absurd district that jumps over the water to connect Marin, half of San Francisco and West Oakland in violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

5. I strongly oppose the California Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan and insist that districts not jump across the East Bay hills, because the communities from San Leandro to Milpitas have little in common with the Tri-Valley, and everything in common with each other. The commission got overwhelming testimony in the Oakland input hearings to this effect, both from Tri-Valley and from Oakland, San Leandro, Milpitas, Richmond, El Cerrito etc. to the effect, "Keep the Berkeley Oakland Hills as a natural geographic barrier between urban, ethnic, diverse communities west of the hills and suburban bedroom and office park communities east of the hills."

6. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) gerrymander of Union City, an overwhelmingly Asian and Latino city along the East Bay shoreline that CIJEE links with the Tri-Valley communities such as San Ramon and Livermore. Union City is linked to its neighbors in Fremont and Newark by ethnicity, job patterns, and I-880. It has no connection whatsoever to Danville! Additionally, there was very clear testimony at the Oakland input hearing from community groups centered around the auto industry who did NOT want to be connected to Tri-Valley.

7. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan forcing communities of Lamorinda and Pleasant Hill into a district with Berkeley, as was done in 1981, and is being resurrected by CIJEE. The Berkeley-

Oakland area is different in every demographic respect from the suburban communities on the other side of the mountains.

8. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan gerrymandering that put the mid-Peninsula area around Palo Alto with the city of Santa Cruz - a city on the other side of a mountain range, in a different county, and on the ocean.

9. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan which splits the Latino community in San Jose into two Assembly districts, although it should be kept together in one district.

10. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan for Marin. Any AD based in Marin should expand north along Hwy 101, to reach people who work in Marin. It should not be gerrymandered far east to Benicia, which it has nothing in common with.

11. I strongly oppose the Institute for Jobs, Economy, and Education (CIJEE) plan which merges North Bay districts with SF districts. We insist that the North Bay districts be kept separate from the SF districts.

12. I reject the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans for Fair Redistricting CAPAFR plan. Specifically but not limited to joining Fremont with The TriValley: the City of Pleasanton.

13. I reject the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) plan for violations of the Voter Rights Act and abusive gerrymandering. So ridiculous that one commissioner spoke out during MALDEF's presentation on 5/26 in Northridge stating "**Why so many Gerrymander Fingers?**"

Thank you, SUSAN M. ANDERSON