



# GREATER RIVERSIDE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
901 P Street, Suite 154-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission:

On behalf of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, representing approximately 1,400 businesses and over 95,000 employees, I am writing to acknowledge the excellent work the Commission has done in drawing the State Assembly, Senate and Congressional districts representing the City and County of Riverside.

Thank you for your tireless dedication and hard work in addressing the complex task of redrawing and improving the political representation for the concerned voters of California. Our Chamber understands that not all concerned parties will be entirely pleased with the final location of the lines; however, we appreciate your honest and transparent efforts to seek compromise and create political districts that best reflect the communities they would represent.

Given the numerous challenges in aligning the requirements of population, the Voters Rights Act and the many other various communities of interest for each and every region across the state, **I want to reinforce our support for the districts the Commission is proposing for the City and County of Riverside.** They reflect and are responsive to our region's diversity and its significant population growth - over a 41% increase in Riverside County since the last Census, making it by far the fastest growing county in all of California.

For the past 10 years, Riverside has been under-represented at all levels of government with respect to our population. The district maps proposed by the Commission provide Riverside County with the level of focused representation it deserves and needs in order to address the many challenges that come with such significant growth and diversity.

As I stated above, the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce and its approximately 1,400 businesses representing more than 95,000 employees appreciates the Commission's efforts to listen to the concerns and priorities of the voters of California and wishes to express its appreciation for the opportunity to submit our input for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Cindy Roth  
President/CEO

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