

Subject: Memo to the Commission, RE Two Extra Weeks

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Date: 7/17/2011 9:38 PM

To: "Office, Communications" <[REDACTED]>

Dear CRC,

Please post.

Regards,

David Salaverry

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MEMO

To: Citizens Redistricting Commission
From: David Salaverry, CCAG
RE: An Extra Two Weeks, Response to Criticism
Date: July 17, 2011

At the end of the July 16, 2011 hearing, Commissioner Galambos-Malloy made reference to a letter from Eugene Lee of CAPAFR. If I understand the discussion correctly, Mr. Lee said in effect, "The Commission got the law wrong. You have two extra weeks."

After an hour-long search of your website, I have not found the letter from CAPAFR or Mr. Lee. I did find a letter from Mr. Jim Wright dated July 8, 2011 which makes the same point ascribed to Mr. Lee; that neither Props 11 & 20 nor Bagley-Keene require a 14 day dead zone from August 1 to August 15.

If Mr. Lee and Mr. Wright are correct... *wow!* Serious charges of incompetence have been made against your VRA counsel by the AARC and others. Similar charges are bound to follow against Staff Attorney Miller's team if they got this wrong. Time pressure led to the cancellation of second draft maps *and* citizen input. The abrupt, chaotic changes were criticized by citizens, organized groups and the press. An extra two weeks would have allowed the process to move forward as planned.

The Commission must get to the bottom of this immediately. It must resist the impulse to trivialize or bury bad news. With respect to criticism, the Commission has become a self-protecting and self-aggrandizing Politburo to an extent that is very troubling.

On the sixteenth, three commissioners were "outraged" that a citizen complained about staff, as if the Commission and its staff are above reproach because you work hard and are under pressure. We're all working hard to draw fair lines. Our work in the citizen activist community is no less intense than of in the "alphabet group" community, the pundit community, the vendor community, etc.

Your effort is appreciated but irrelevant. You will be judged by results. Let's hope Miller was right.

Regards,



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Subject: Re Districting

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Redistricting is nothing but a political ploy. Let us leave things as they are.

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