

## California Conservative Action Group



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Dear Commissioner Forbes,

At the beginning of the process during the hiring of the line drawer, you spoke of your concern about the Rose Institute, that there would be revelations about their funding that would embarrass the commission. The Commission hired Gibson Dunn, and there were revelations about their conflicts of interest that embarrassed the Commission... for a moment.

You voted for Q2 rather than the Rose Institute, and while there has been no impropriety I'm aware of, no partisanship that's come to my attention, I have made the case that they were inexperienced and didn't have the depth that Rose had. The tension between Q2 and Gibson has embarrassed the Commission... for a moment.

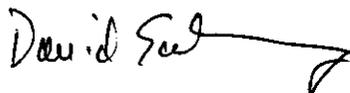
Despite these early votes against conservatives, you've proved a capable, engaged Commissioner, more willing to get involved in districts out of your home territory than some. You have had sensible and fair suggestions about areas you don't know well while remaining a strong advocate for your home turf.

You spoke passionately about the water issues in the farming communities of Northern California, and got last minute changes to assembly districts that will help elect representatives concerned about water and ag. Your assembly changes put you toe to toe for a moment with Commissioner Blanco, concerned about Vallejo.

Given your basic fairness and interest in ag, I'd like to ask two questions. First, are you happy with what ag got in the larger Central Valley? Will the districts help the agricultural *economy* that employs Latinos, Anglos, blacks, etc. or will these districts be dominated by ethnic machines more concerned with dispensing government money through social programs as the valley dries and withers? Second, what about LA? Are you happy with what many do see as racial gerrymanders there?

Please vote your *independent* conscience.

Regards,



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