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PETITION TO THE CALIFORNIA CITIZENS'
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

We the undersigned hereby request that the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission permit Commissioner Michael Ward file a minority report explaining and fully setting forth his reasons for voting against the new political boundaries for state and federal legislative districts in California.

Every aspect of the Redistricting process conducted by this Commission should be open to scrutiny by the public and the press. The Commission's Code of Conduct requires commissioners to "disclose information that belongs in the public domain freely and completely." Article 21 of the state Constitution, which formed this Commission, provides in Section 2(a) that the commission shall "conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines."

These goals and criteria will not be met if Commissioner Ward is not permitted to file a minority report.

This courageous commissioner must be allowed to file a full and complete minority report which must be disclosed to the public on the Commission website and to the media as soon as possible.

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