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Message Body:

Your maps available for public viewing and download are, well, awfull. I would imagine someone from State Govt. put the map formats together and designed the access portals.

They perhaps should be in a .pdf format, much easier for folks to work with. All in all, a very dissapointing effort to display some very important maps. Hopefully, the boundary drafting was more professional.

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BY EMAIL AND PERSONAL DELIVERY

Mr. Daniel Claypool
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Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Re: Commission Certification of Final Maps -- Referendum

Dear Mr. Claypool:

The California Republican Party and others are evaluating the filing of a referendum petition against one or more of the Commission's final maps when they are adopted on August 15, 2011. We have not received any useful information concerning the format of the "enactment," which Propositions 11 and 20 provide shall be subject to the People's right of referendum as if they were legislative statutes.

Article XXI, section 2 (i) provides that the Commission shall "certify final maps" for Congressional, State legislative and Board of Equalization districts to the Secretary of State. That section also provides that the Commission shall issue a report explaining the bases for its compliance with the constitutional criteria set forth in Article XXI, section 2(a).

Article XXI, section 2(i) provides that "each certified map shall be subject to referendum in the same manner that a statute is subject to referendum pursuant to Section 9 of Article II [of the Constitution]."

When the Legislature enacted redistricting plans, its enactment was in a traditional statute format. For example, Division 21 of the Elections Code, commencing with section 21101, lists each State Senate District, defining that district in terms of the whole counties, partial counties, census tracts contained in the partial counties, of which it is composed. The Legislature also provided "maps" of the districts containing these whole counties, partial counties, and census tracts to the Secretary of State, who was authorized to provide them to county election officials.

These officials will be responsible for assigning election precincts to match the districts for purposes of conducting elections in the districts as early as June 5, 2012.

To date, the Commission's publicly-displayed "preliminary final maps" information is displayed on its website in several electronic formats, including data equivalency files and shape files, in CDF, DBF, SHP and KMZ (for Google Earth) formats. While these may be readily convertible on a computer, they do not conform to the style of statutes enacted by the Legislature. Moreover, the Commission's response to informal inquiries about the format has been confusing and impossible to understand.

Because the People have a right to effectively refer a Commission final map, we respectfully request that:

- (1) The Commission provide definitive, specific information as to the exact type of "enactment" or "certification" the Commission will provide to the Secretary of State on August 15, 2011, with specific reference to how districts will be identified in that document; and,
- (2) The agenda for the August 15, 2011 meeting should contain the exact document or documents that the Commission is to "certify." These documents should be set forth in full in the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act notice at least 72 hours prior to the Commission's August 15, 2011 meeting. Of course, if this information can be made public now, that would be preferable and acceptable to us.

Please provide this information to my counsel, Charles H. Bell, Jr., Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk, LLP, [REDACTED] o, CA 95814, email: [REDACTED] or call him at [REDACTED] if you need any information or have any questions about this request.

Very truly yours,



Thomas G. Del Beccaro
Chairman, California Republican Party

cc: Honorable Debra Bowen, Secretary of State
c/o Mr. Evan Goldberg, Chief Deputy Secretary of State

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