

**Subject:** CRC consideration of AB 420 (Davis)

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Dear Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission:

The League of Women Voters of California would like to provide some information as you consider your stance on AB 420 (Davis). This bill would request the CRC to count an incarcerated person as residing at his or her last known place of residence, rather than at the institution of his or her incarceration, in drawing new district lines following the 2020 census and thereafter.

First, I would like to follow up on my comments to you today by offering the following links to information about the bill and its status. AB 420 has been passed by the legislature and sent to the Governor; he has until October 9 to decide whether to sign it. Information about the bill is available at [http://leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill\\_number=ab\\_420&sess=CUR&house=B&author=davis](http://leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_420&sess=CUR&house=B&author=davis).

The version of the bill that is awaiting the Governor's action is [http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab\\_0401-0450/ab\\_420\\_bill\\_20110909\\_enrolled.pdf](http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0401-0450/ab_420_bill_20110909_enrolled.pdf). The most recent legislative analysis is that prepared when the bill was on the Assembly floor, awaiting the Assembly's concurrence in amendments made in the Senate: [http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab\\_0401-0450/ab\\_420\\_cfa\\_20110831\\_202411\\_asm\\_floor.html](http://leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_0401-0450/ab_420_cfa_20110831_202411_asm_floor.html) and also attached as a Word document. Bill history and status records, useful earlier analyses, previous versions of the bill, and legislative vote tallies are also available at the [leginfo.ca.gov](http://leginfo.ca.gov) site.

The current practice of counting prisoners as residing in the locality where they are incarcerated means such localities receive more representatives, and the localities where prisoners came from and will return to receive fewer representatives, than is warranted. Since California's prison population is disproportionately comprised of people of color, AB 420 addresses an inequity that adversely affects political representation among California's Latino and African American populations.

We support AB 420 in order to end "prison-based gerrymandering" in California. Voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. Both the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 require that the redrawing of districts must not dilute the effective representation of minority citizens. "One person, one vote" means that districts that include or exclude people who don't or do live there, respectively, are wrong.

As I mentioned this afternoon, the bill on the Governor's desk takes into account the timing of completion of the Statewide Offender Management System (SOMS) in the provision of prisoners' address data by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. We recognize the concerns stated during your discussion about the accuracy of the data and the need for testing of the system before the next census and round of redistricting occurs. We would like to suggest that the reform represented by the bill is important enough that if you do not wish to endorse the bill, you consider remaining neutral on it and pointing out the needs for specific testing and possible follow-up legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,  
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**Subject:** town hall on redistricting

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Hello,

Our organization is hosting a town hall forum for the API community in San Mateo and hoping to get a Commissioner to come be our speaker about the redistricting process and how the decisions were made regarding San Mateo county.

The town hall is joint event between APAPA (Asian Pacific Americans for Public Affairs) and OCA (Organization of Chinese Americans).

The date of the town hall is Oct 13, 2011 at San Mateo City Council chambers starting at 6pm.

We would really appreciate it if a member of the commission was able to come and speak to us for a few minutes.

Afterwards, the audience will hear from some of the local Assembly members about the impact of the new districts on the APIA community.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Phong

APAPA Vice President