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Sept 1 meeting

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To: Kathy Eckard [REDACTED]

Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 10:35 AM

Good Morning Ms. Eckard,

Your comment has been forwarded to the Commissioners and will be posted on our website under the public comments section.

Our September 1st meeting is being held in Sacramento, California. One of our Commissioners will be on vacation in Mexico on September 1st. While she will not be able to travel to Sacramento to attend in person, she has arranged to interrupt her vacation to participate in the meeting via teleconference. She has arranged to participate from a publicly accessible location, as is required by California's Bagley Keene law and Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) policy. All locations where Citizens Redistricting Commissioners participate from are publicly accessible and noticed in advance.

Sincerely,

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"Fair Representation - Democracy at Work!"

On Sun, Aug 27, 2017 at 3:48 PM, Kathy Eckard <[REDACTED]> wrote:

When the number of state legislators was capped at 40 senators and 80 assemblymen in 1879, the number of California citizens was little more than 400,000. At that time each senator represented approximately 10,000 citizens and each assemblyman represented about 5,000. Now, with the state population approaching 4,000,000, each senator represents nearly one million people and each assembly member represents approximately 500,000.

California citizens suffer from a lack of representation. Legislators cannot possibly represent this many people adequately. Redistricting will make no difference if the same number of legislators represent the same number of citizens. **Representation must be increased!** In addition to adding substantially more assembly members, we need to return to the republican form of government in the state of California (i.e.: one or two senators per county and the assembly apportionment based on population).

Another issue is the fact that there are no teleconference locations north of Sacramento, but there is a location in Mexico. Is this even legal? Between the fact that the September 1st meeting is set the day before a three-day weekend and the obscure teleconference locations, it has the appearance that the commission is avoiding input from California citizens. If not, what possible reason could there be for this arrangement?

The California Citizens Redistricting Commission needs to push for better representation for California citizens.

Sincerely,

Kathryn B. Eckard