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Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 12:51 PM

To: David Halen [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Mr. Halen,

Thank you for submitting your comments to the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

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

In regards to your inquiry about the noticed location in Mexico on September 1st: Our primary meeting location is in Sacramento, CA. One of our Commissioners will be on vacation in Mexico on September 1st. While she will not be able to travel to Sacramento, she has arranged to interrupt her vacation to participate in the meeting via teleconference. A second commissioner is unable to travel to Sacramento and will be calling in from Capitola. They have both arranged to participate from a publicly accessible location, as is required by California's Bagley Keene law and Citizens Redistricting Commission policy. All locations where Citizens Redistricting Commissioners participate must be publicly accessible and noticed in advance. This is in keeping with the Commission's commitment to transparency. You can learn more about the requirements of Bagley Keene here: http://ag.ca.gov/publications/bagleykeene2004_ada.pdf

While we would love to hold additional meeting locations open across the state, our budget does not allow for the staffing that would require. We hope you can join us in Sacramento.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 10:22 AM, David Halen [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Ms Shupe:

I was reviewing the agenda and information for your meeting on September 1, 2017 in Sacramento. I must admit I am completely SHOCKED that one of the satellite meeting locations is Guanajuato, MX!! What in the world justifies having a redistricting meeting with representation in a foreign country? What rights and say do citizens of MEXICO have in the affairs of the districts of California?

Secondly, the only other satellite location that I see listed is in Capitola. Where is the representation from the northern portion of our state.

Why is it that Mexican Citizens get a voice, but the northern 1/3 of Californians are kept silent? This confirms to me that there is a terrible imbalance of representation in California, and proves that smaller districts are required so the people are represented as the constitution specifies.

I look forward to a quick and logical answer to my questions and concerns.

Regards,

David Halen
