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To: Rod Jones [REDACTED]

Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 12:55 PM

Good afternoon Mr. Jones,

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.

With regards to your second question: The Citizens Redistricting Commission does not have the authority to change the number of districts drawn in California. Any change to the number of districts would have to occur through either the legislative process or through the courts. You can learn more about the Commission and its responsibilities by visiting our Laws and Regulations page (http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/regulation_archive.html) or by reading the Voter's First Act, the constitutional language creating and governing the Commission: http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/downloads/voters_first_act.pdf

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 10:34 AM, Rod Jones [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Ms Shupe:

I understand that you are holding a meeting on Sep. 1st of this year in Sacramento, with satellite meetings in Capitola, CA and a calling center in Guanajuato, Mexico. I have a few questions, the first of which is why would you have a calling center in a foreign country? What can that country contribute to the affairs of the State of California?

My second question, and concern, is that I see no representation from the northern third of our state. Why may that be? This is confirming my belief that there is a great imbalance of representation in our state of California. I suggest that to fix this issue, we redraw smaller districts where the people are represented as the Constitution specifies.

I await hearing your response to my questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Rod Jones
