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September 1, 2017 Meeting

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Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 1:00 PM

To: BRUCE RUSSELL [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Mr. Russell,

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 concern: 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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"Fair Representation - Democracy at Work!"

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 10:56 AM, BRUCE RUSSELL [REDACTED] wrote:

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Attention: Christine Shupe

Dear Ms Shupe:

I understand that in conjunction with your subject meeting you are having a conference calling center in Guanajuato, MX. Why on earth would you have a redistricting meeting in a foreign country? What can they contribute to the affairs of the California representative process? Why is there no conference calling center set up in far northern California? Mexico has a bigger voice than northern CA?

There is a terrible imbalance of representation between urban and rural areas of California. Rural areas of the North State are without a meaningful voice in California. The system needs to be overhauled dramatically. Smaller districts or splitting the State into more than one state must be accomplished so that the citizens are represented as the constitution specifies.

I would respectfully appreciate a response to my questions and concerns.

Regards,

Bruce Russell

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