

April 18, 2019

To: California Citizens Redistricting Commissioners

From: Connie Malloy, Chair
Angelo Ancheta, Vice Chair

Re: 2019-20 Commissioner Selection Process

In our capacity as CRC leadership, we met with representatives of the California State Auditor's Office – Chief Counsel Stephanie Ramirez-Ridgeway and Chief of Public Affairs Margarita Fernandez – earlier this month. Below are takeaways from that conversation.

There is significant public confusion regarding the respective roles of the CSA and the CRC. We committed Commissioners to do their part to clarify these roles, because we are out and about on behalf of the Commission:

- The CSA is solely responsible for the 2019-20 Commissioner selection process.
- The CSA does not control or influence the CRC (current or future) in its line-drawing work.
- The CRC (current or future) does not control or influence the CSA in its work selecting Commissioners.

Given the need to distinguish roles and responsibilities between the CRC and the CSA, they declined our invitation to present to the full Commission. However, they've shared a set of helpful materials publicly, available on the www.shapecaliforniasfuture.com website, which we've included as attachments to this memo and posted on the website. These include:

- General flowchart
- Selection process flowchart
- Fact sheet
- FAQs

We believe that the best roles for Commissioners to play in the coming months are to:

- Promote public awareness that it is time to select a new commission and that the initial application period will begin soon
- Share highlights of our experiences in drawing the maps
- Redirect inquiries regarding the selection process to the CSA
- Inspire potential applicants to complete the initial application
 - Initial application will be live June 10 – August 9
 - The initial app will be mobile-friendly and should take about 5 minutes to complete

- Those who pass the initial app screening will be invited to submit a full application over the August-September timeline.
- Although this process is earlier than many groups anticipated, the CSA shared their need to maintain these dates so they are able to conduct a thorough and diligent process once the applications are in.

Over the months ahead we will continue to touch base with the CSA to ensure a smooth launch for the next Commission. These activities may include some light coordination on staffing, budgets, training for the Applicant Review Panel (ARP) and/or incoming CRC, and infrastructure set-up.

Questions for Commissioners

Following any clarifications during our April 22nd meeting, please forward your answers to these questions to CRC staff individually by COB on April 26, 2019. Staff will compile your responses, and we will direct them to the CSA.

- After reviewing the provided application and selection materials, what questions do you have for the California State Auditor's Office?
 - *We will share back the CSA's responses with the group.*
- What personal skills and qualities were most beneficial to you over the course of your Commission service?
 - *These answers will inform the ARP's application review training.*
- What supplies or logistical issues should the CSA anticipate in their role of helping to launch the next CRC?
 - *These answers will inform the CSA's planning efforts underway.*
- Are there any additional issues or concerns that you believe should be addressed to the CSA?
 - *These answers will inform the CSA's planning efforts underway, and we will share back the CSA's responses with the group.*