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Good afternoon Commissioners,

Attached you will find a letter on behalf of our coalition partners thanking you for your thoughtful deliberations and decision on the final six CRC members.

With gratitude,

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August 14, 2020

California Citizens Redistricting Commission
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Sent via electronic transmission

Dear Commissioners,

The Redistricting Alliance – a diverse coalition of fifteen statewide and regional organizations committed to racial and economic equity – commends the first eight commissioners for your thoughtful deliberations and responsiveness to community feedback in selecting the final six members of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC). We recognize the difficult position you were in to choose among numerous strong candidates and, in particular, to decide between regions and racial/ethnic representation for the Non-Affiliated sub-pool. This was a very challenging undertaking and we thank you for prioritizing racial equity in the CRC’s ultimate configuration.

People of color and low-income communities face disproportionate barriers to participation in our democracy’s various processes, including the redistricting process. Given the stronger racial and ethnic diversity within the CRC, we believe you will be more adept at identifying and removing barriers to participation for all residents, especially underrepresented communities of color.

We look forward to partnering with you to increase the participation of communities of color and low-income communities in the redistricting process. We hope that their participation will help you create fair district lines that reflect and respect the political voices of diverse communities of interests. We encourage you to draw on us as resource, particularly in regards to learning more about the barriers to participation and creating public participation processes that are inclusive of people of color and low-income communities. Please contact Alejandra Ponce de León with Advancement Project California at aponcedeleon@advanceproj.org if you need more information.



Sincerely,

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