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Subject: No provision for public to draw maps in line-drawer RFP?
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(Mr. Villanueva. I just submitted this to the Commission via the "Contact Us" form on the Commission website, but given the direction in the email and RFP I am also sending this to you directly. At this time, I do not, however, have any plans to submit a proposal.)

I have reviewed the Commission's RFP for line-drawer services, and I was surprised to see that it includes no mention of facilitating or even allowing California residents to draw and submit proposed district maps. California's Fair Maps Act, incorporated into California elections code sections 21508(e), 21608(e) and 21628(e), requires counties and cities to "allow the public to submit testimony or draft maps in writing and electronically." Granted, this provision does not technically apply to the state commission, but I find it hard to believe the state is making no provision for empowering residents to draw and submit maps of proposed Assembly, State Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization districts. Many states provided this capability in 2011, so I find it shocking that California in 2021 is not planning to provide this capability to California residents. Obviously providing this capability and processing and analyzing the maps received is a significant undertaking that would heavily involve the line-drawing team.

Question 1: Is the lack of any mention in the line-drawer RFP confirmation that the Commission will not be providing any such capability?

Question 2: If so, will the Commission also refuse to significantly consider any such maps drawn using platforms that might be provided by others?

Question 3: Does the Commission have some plan for generating, receiving, processing and analyzing public district map submissions that does not involve the line-drawer? Or was this simply an oversight?

Question 4: If the latter, will the Commission update its RFP to add in providing such a district-mapping tool, or at least requiring the line-drawer to accept, process and present to the Commission any such maps drawn by Californians?

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11:34 AM (3
minutes ago)

to Douglas, Daniel, Kary

Good day, Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your questions. The Commission takes seriously its duty to collect and receive community input in the redistricting process, including community maps.

In regards to your email, the Line Drawer RFP addresses your questions throughout the Statement of Work:

B.1.c specifically notes:

All GIS-compatible files submitted to the Community of Interest(COI) Tool as developed by the Statewide Database, and other GIS-compatible files of Communities of Interest (COIs) submitted to the Commission's office must be processed for retrieval and use in compiling maps both before and during the line drawing process.

If requested by the Commission, the Proposer will participate in the development of the data coding used to pair the public testimony with the respective geographic data (neighborhoods, economic districts, etc.) collected by the Commission's tools and/or other consultants. This data coding will be used to pair public testimony and any related maps drawn by the line drawer during the Commission's meetings.

B.1.3.d further states:

Before the district line drawing begins, the Proposer, if requested by the Commission, may be required to create an initial visual representation for public viewing of the Communities of Interest (COI) maps (as submitted to the Statewide Database COI Tool, or otherwise as submitted to the Commission); and thereafter, an all-encompassing map that may include, but is not limited to, all COI's from public testimony or submittal, non-testimonial geographical data (such as official city-designated neighborhoods, transportation corridors, etc.), and VRA-compliant areas.

B.1.3.d is strictly about the Line Drawer's responsibilities during Public Meetings

B.1.3.d.ii.

Document the public testimony related to any map drawn as a result of the testimony, sufficient to allow the line drawer to synthesize all maps related to a given area (city, county, etc.) and for the Commission to track the comments related to the map iterations of the same location.

B.1.3.d.iv.

Provide the map file(s), and PDFs of the maps, and the related Commissioner instructions and/or public testimony leading to the drawing of the map, for the Commission to be able to print the map and its corresponding instructions and/or public testimony.

B.1.3.f discusses the requirements for remote attendance during public meetings:

B.1.3.f.iii. The requirements include the ability to reliably hear and document the Commission's instructions and public testimony related to any resulting map, and the ability to transmit the line drawing occurring at the Proposer's worksite with sufficient clarity to allow the Commission and the public to view the effects of changes on their personal viewing devices, in real time, via the Commission's webcasting consultant.

There are also instructions related to inclusion of the public testimony in regards to the Final Report.

The work of the Data Management Team is not included as part of the Line Drawer RFP except to note that the Line Drawer is required to work with the team (see B.1.c, for example). The intent is that the Line

Drawer will work with the commission on integrating the results of the data analysis into the maps as appropriate and required (again, see B.1.c and B.1.d.ii).

Thank you for your interest.

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