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Link to the article, "African Communities Warn Language Issues Could Shut Them Out of Redistricting" by the Voice of San Diego.

<https://www.voiceofsandiego.org/topics/government/african-communities-warn-language-issues-could-shut-them-out-of-redistricting/>

Link to Bay Area Reporter article featuring Commissioners Turner, Kennedy and Le Mons.

https://www.ebar.com/news/latest_news//301965

Public Comment

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We thank the 2020 California Citizens' Redistricting Commission and the subcommittee for your work to roll out an effective outreach and engagement redistricting plan. We hope that you find these recommendations helpful to expand California's reach to all of our communities, especially those who have been historically disenfranchised due to the lack of language access. I am happy to answer any questions or further support your subcommittee to strengthen your language access outreach efforts to the Asian American and NHPI communities throughout California.

I copy and pasted the above from your agenda statement of meeting. I want to point out a problem that I believe is hamstringing the possibility of unity by the abandonment of unity. California DMV boasts you can take the drivers written test in 20 plus languages yet all of our roadway signs are in English?

"Those who have been historically disenfranchised due to the lack of language access?"

America's language is English, the disenfranchised are the citizens of America having to daily navigate around bodies that do not speak the same language. ESL has been grossly misunderstood in my opinion and the moniker is damaging as it suggests ESL and foreigners understand it as you have to learn their language that English is not important it's a second language. NO it's our countries 1st and only language, as China has Chinese, Korea has Korean, Japan has Japanese and America has English. Making a point here and not attacking the Asian communities as this applies to all communities not fully assimilated into speaking and comprehending the language of America, English. This sounds like an open checkbook when it says to supply funds to meet those needs as needed. My suggestion would be to appropriate funds to learn our language of English and help the Asian communities along with other communities to unite in America's language together. To communicate in the same language clearly is our unity, the rest is divisive.

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