

M E M O R A N D U M

From: CRC Legal Affairs Committee

Date: 4/14/21

Re: Two suggested RFI revisions for VRA and litigation counsel for the 2030 CRC

1. We recommend stipulating that, for each applicant firm or team, the lead attorney and all other attorneys who will advise the Commission must be admitted to the California Bar.
2. The disclosure requirements in our VRA counsel and litigation counsel Requests for Information included language that could be taken narrowly to only require disclosure of political contributions by an applicant firm, and not donations by individual personnel. We recommend revising the Conflicts of Interest section, replacing this:

Conflicts of Interest

a. Compliance with Government Code Section 8252

With respect to the attorneys who are expected to work in connection with this representation, please disclose any financial, business, professional, lobbying or other relationship that presents a potential conflict as described in California Government Code Section 8252. In addition: (1) identify any lobbying work the firm has performed in California during the past 10 years; and (2) identify any political contributions, including contributions made by a firm political action committee, to candidates as described in California Government Code Section 8252, during the past ten years.

with this:

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With respect to each of your proposed personnel, please report all items from the past ten years that fall under California Government Code Section 8252(a)(2)(A) and (B) for them and their family members, in relation to holding public office, serving in political party leadership, being a lobbyist, serving on or acting as a consultant to specified government staffs, or making specified political contributions. In addition: (1) identify any lobbying work the firm has performed in California during the past ten years; and (2) identify any political contributions by the firm and/or a firm political action committee to candidates as described in California Government Code Section 8252, during the past ten years.