

January 14, 2022

Dear Chair Ahmad, Vice Chair Yee, and Commissioners,

Thank you for your tireless commitment to leading a highly public and highly participatory redistricting process and for the countless hours you are putting into the final stretch. Congratulations on what you have accomplished, from your appointment in Summer 2020 to the frenzied last few weeks during the holidays of 2021.

As you begin to think about your work over the coming eight or nine years, we write to request that you first ensure that all of the Commission's materials and documents from the last 18 months are archived, published, searchable, and fully accessible. The public needs a complete record of your work and why you made the choices that you did when drawing lines. This collecting, organizing, and posting may take significant staff time. It is particularly important, therefore, to make sure that this work is done before your current staff moves on to their next adventures.

Some specific requests:

- All handouts for Commission meetings and subcommittee meetings should be in a single section of the website, with associated meeting dates, indications of whether the document is final or a draft, and a brief description. This handouts section of the website should be searchable.
- All Commission policies should be in a single section of the website. This policies section of the website should be searchable.
- All the material that was posted on the California State Auditor's redistricting website should be included with your records on the Commission's website. That material has disappeared from public view.
- Transcripts and videos of all Commission and subcommittee meetings should be posted. Transcripts will enable members of the public to quickly search for discussions of their neighborhood, community, or city, without having to watch countless hours of video to find the relevant few minutes.
- Documents currently on the Commission's shared drive, including the Commission's policy manual, should be included on the public website.
- All material should be indexed and easily searchable to provide full access to the public.

Thank you again for your service. We look forward to continuing our work with you as you build your Lessons Learned document for the 2030 Commission.

Sincerely,

California Common Cause

League of Women Voters of California

California Black Census and Redistricting Hub

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus

NALEO Educational Fund