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Subject: California Citizens Redistricting Commission Support for Assembly Bill 1848

Dear Governor Newsom and Legislative Leaders:

On behalf of the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, we write this letter of support for Assembly Bill 1848 (Bryan). As you may know, this bill would make permanent, necessary changes to the Elections Code specifically as to how incarcerated persons are counted for purposes of redistricting.

Current law “requests” the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) count these individuals at their last known address, rather than at the institution where they currently reside. The 2020 Commission counted them at their last known address, but believes it makes sense for this to be automatic rather than a request for each future Commission to decide every ten years.





Counting each incarcerated person at the last known address makes far more sense than the place of incarceration. Doing the latter artificially drives up numbers in a county and a city with the correctional facility. Additionally, incarcerated persons do not intend to remain in a correctional facility - an important consideration when determining “resident” status. As the last known incarcerated person’s address is known, it is a far fairer determination to count incarcerated persons at their last known address rather than at the correctional facility.

For these reasons, we support this legislation and urge its speedy passage and enactment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission

