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2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Hires Anthony Pane as Chief Counsel

SACRAMENTO, CA—This week, the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) announced the hiring of Anthony Pane as Chief Counsel. Mr. Pane joins the Commission from the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), where he managed the day-to-day activities of attorneys and advised Board/Bureaus on Bagley-Keene requirements among other things.

“The Commission is fortunate to have Mr. Pane join our team,” stated Chair Alicia Fernández. “He brings a wealth of experience working for state agencies and advising on Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act adherence, the state law that ensures the Commission functions in a transparent manner. He will also advise the Commission on state and federal laws governing the redistricting process.”

“It is an honor to join a Commission whose work serves as a model for fair representation in the redistricting space,” stated Anthony Pane. “My work to uphold the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act mirrors the Commission’s goal to create a redistricting process that is fair and transparent. I look forward to getting started.”

Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Pane was employed by the DCA as an Assistant Chief Counsel where he has served since October of 2017. In that role, he supervised nine attorneys while also assisting various boards and bureaus with Open Meeting Act requirements and advice. Prior to joining DCA, Mr. Pane served as Deputy General Counsel at the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), where he also served as Assistant Chief Counsel beginning in 2015 and as an Attorney from 2009 to 2015. Prior to joining HCD, he was an attorney at the California Department of Human Resources from 2007 to 2009 and assisted departments with a variety of labor and employment issues. In his spare time, Mr. Pane was an adjunct instructor at the California State University, Sacramento from 2011 to 2015. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Boston College.

Every 10 years, after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its electoral districts so that the state’s population is evenly allocated among the new districts.

In 2008, California voters passed the Voters First Act, authorizing the creation of the independent California Citizens Redistricting Commission to draw new State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization district lines. In 2010, the Voters First Act for Congress gave the Commission the responsibility of drawing new Congressional districts following every census.

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