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to Commission

When redistricting the state of California as required by the results of the US Census, the boundaries should be considered to reflect the political climate here in the state.

As the State of California is in no jeopardy of becoming a "Red State", then there should be no issue in redistricting to be as accurate as possible to represent the population as it has chosen. The results of the 2020 Presidential Election showed that Joe Biden won the office with a margin of approximately 64% of the vote, with Donald Trump receiving approximately 35% of the vote and the remaining 1% being distributed to other independent groups. Given that the former President was not well-liked by many traditional Republicans, a small percentage of the population would potentially have voted differently had the candidate been more traditional.

Currently, the district boundaries within California have the legislators broken down as 42 Democrats and 11 Republicans. This percentage of only 26% Republican is not representative of what the political landscape looks like. In a time of political divisiveness and each side jockeying for position, and since California is a "Direct Democracy" state, this inequity should be taken into account when redistricting and use the opportunity to reset the districts to represent a more accurate depiction of the will of the people.

By reallocating the seats to more accurately reflect the political spectrum, the commission would show that they are truly independently approaching the task and it could reduce the fuel given to the movements such as "the State of Jefferson" and "Calexit".

Thank you for your time. I would appreciate a response to this message.

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