



June 26, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 412  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: California Citizens Redistricting Commission Support for  
Assembly Bill 1761

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

On behalf of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission), we write this letter of support for Assembly Bill 1761, which would clarify the existing definition of a “day” under the Commission’s statutory scheme. Specifically, it will provide that a calendar day is calculated as the period of elapsed time that begins at midnight and ends 24 hours later at the next midnight. Current law does not provide a calculation for defining a day. The clarification in AB 1761 will be especially helpful to the Commission in properly calculating and scheduling the number of necessary meetings to complete its work on time.

Additionally, this bill makes a further clarification in how the Commission utilizes Chairs and Vice Chairs during meetings. This bill makes clear that the Commission is free to rotate Chairs and Vice Chairs and is not held to appointing a single Chair and Vice Chair for the entire incumbent period of ten years. This clarification will assist future Commissions to run more collaborative meetings that will encourage multiple commissioners to share chair responsibilities during various meetings.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Ray Kennedy, Chair

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