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2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Highlights National Voter Registration Day

SACRAMENTO, CA — On the occasion of National Voter Registration Day, September 19, the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) takes the opportunity to encourage eligible Californians to ensure that they are registered to vote in next year's elections and to spread the word to their friends and families on the importance of voter registration and participating in the political process.

The Commission also wishes to remind all Californians that in order to be eligible to serve on the 2030 Citizens Redistricting Commission, applicants must be continuously registered in California with the same political party or unaffiliated with a political party for five or more years immediately preceding the date of their appointment. In addition, each commissioner must have voted in at least two of the three most recent statewide general elections prior to applying to serve on the Commission.

Since the timeline for the recruitment and selection of the 2030 Commissioners has not yet been established, the 2020 Commissioners encourage eligible Californians interested in serving on the 2030 Commission to vote at every opportunity and to maintain a consistent voter registration from January 2025.

Every 10 years, after the federal government publishes updated census information, California must redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts so that the state's population is evenly allocated among the new districts.

California's 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission was created via citizen initiative in 2008 with a mandate to draw new districts for State Senate, State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization; a mandate to draw new districts for California's seats in the U.S. House of Representatives was added via another citizen initiative in 2010.

The state's first citizen redistricting commissioners served 2010-2020 and concluded their term in July 2020 when the first eight members of the 2020 Commission were selected via random draw; those first eight then selected the remaining six commissioners to ensure that the full Commission broadly reflected the diversity of the state.

For more information about the Commission, please visit www.WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov.

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