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To: <VotersFIRSTAct@crc.ca.gov>

Commissioners,

I am writing on my behalf to update you on my continued interest in serving on the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, even at this phase of the commission's work to defend the maps as well as prepare for the selection of the next commission.

While I understand that filling the vacancy may not be certain as it is unprecedented and there is no explicit policy regarding it, it might still be important to add another member.

I remain qualified based on the original criteria - not having run for office, donated to a campaign, been paid by a political party, or served as a lobbyist. I also continued my civic duty of voting and have not changed my party registration.

Adding to my qualifications is that I continued to serve as an appointed volunteer for a City of West Sacramento commission. Also, my professional skills require that I digest information and adapt quickly, skills that will help me integrate into your team. Skills that could be useful at this stage include change management, process engineering, data analysis, and requirements gathering. Recently, as part of my professional development, I had the opportunity to shift gears significantly from supporting cybersecurity functions to student information systems functions, quickly learning new terms, new systems, policies and procedures, and new perspectives to contribute effectively. This included getting caught up on past documentation. In other words, I have practiced the skills to jump in and find ways to help.

I believe I can contribute to CRC's efforts and perhaps provide a unique perspective as someone who was not intimately involved in the years of work that has already been done.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available to answer any questions or to provide additional information or references if helpful.

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