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The Honorable Peter Yao, Commissioner
California Citizens Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 101
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Date of San Gabriel Commission Hearing, April 29th, 2011

Dear Commissioner Yao:

We write to urge you to reconsider the date of your commission meeting for the San Gabriel region. We are concerned that the participation of Asian Americans and Latinos, who make up the bulk of this region's population, may be depressed. We ask that you either move this date to a weekday or add an additional hearing date for this region.

As a Southern California resident, you are aware of how bad traffic is on a Friday evening. This time and day are possibly the worst time to host a meeting if the commission desires to have significant participation.

As an organization that promotes the civic engagement of Asian Americans, our experience has shown that turnout is poor for a Friday evening. Most people, after a full work week, want to get home and relax. Coupled with fighting Friday night traffic, attending a hearing is probably the least likely activity that people would want to participate in. For us, a Friday hearing goes counter to our efforts to promote the involvement of APIs in the civic process, especially in a public hearing that may have a huge impact on our community.

We respectfully ask that the date for this meeting be changed to another date or that another hearing date be added for this region.

If you have any question, please contact me at [REDACTED] or

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Thank you for your consideration.

Charlie Woo
Board Chair

cc: California Citizens Redistricting Commission Members
Stewart Kwoh, Asian Pacific American Legal Center
Kathay Feng, Common Cause of California