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Honorable Commissioners
California Redistricting Commission
1130 K Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Commissioners:

First, thank you for your dedication to this process over the past year. You have traveled from Redding to San Diego and everywhere in between.

The Institute submits this redistricting plan for your consideration. You will find equivalency files submitted as attachments to this letter. This plan is an improvement to the plan submitted to you previously.

As a group of people that individually supported Proposition 11 and Proposition 20, we knew that a process governed by citizens guided by public service would produce a better outcome than one governed by self-serving politicians.

The plans before you meet the legal requirements set out by the US Constitution, the Voting Rights Act, and Propositions 11 and 20. They also abide by the general good government principles of a fair redistricting.

Population Equality

The Assembly plan has a population deviation of 0.88%. The State Senate deviation is 0.68%. This is the lowest deviation of any plan submitted to the commission or produced by the commission so far and is well within the legal limit.

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Voting Rights Act Section 2

This plan provides compact Majority-Minority districts for Asian, African-American and Latino communities in our state as required by federal law. In fact, this plan and our first plan provided more Majority-Minority districts than your first drafts. This plan goes further.

Asian Communities

We believe that there are three areas of California that provide for compact districts that are right on the verge of being clear Majority-Minority Assembly districts.

AD 16	San Francisco/San Mateo	50.2% Asian Origin	46.1% CVAP
AD 26	Alameda/Santa Clara	51.2% Asian Origin	47.5% CVAP
AD 46	Los Angeles	53.0% Asian Origin	48.8% CVAP

There are no areas of the state that were large enough or compact enough to draw even a single Asian Majority-Minority Senate District.

African-American Communities

We believe that there is one area of the state that requires Section 2 districts be drawn for the African-American Community. That area is in Los Angeles and makes up two Assembly districts and one Senate district.

AD 55	Los Angeles	67.2% CVAP African American
AD 57	Los Angeles	55.6% CVAP African American
SD 29	Los Angeles	62.9% CVAP African American

It is unfortunate that the racially polarized voting analysis was only recently undertaken as so many parts of the state are impacted by Section 2 analysis; we believe it is legally risky to assume that racially polarized voting doesn't exist. These districts can be drawn compactly without harm to any other protected group.

Latino Communities

This plan provides 12 Assembly seats and 5 Senate seats that would be considered majority-minority Latino seats.

		Latino Origin	Latino CVAP
AD 31	Fresno	70.2%	54.2%
AD 32	Kern/Kings	69.2%	48.1%

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AD 48	San Bernardino	70.1%	53.1%
AD 49	Los Angeles	66.9%	53.8%
AD 52	Los Angeles/Covina	66.7%	55.5%
AD 53	Pomona/Ontario	67.3%	50.4%
AD 54	Whittier	83.8%	75.1%
AD 56	South Gate	92.9%	82.2%
AD 59	Norwalk	64.6%	51.8%
AD 69	Orange County	76.1%	51.9%
AD 79	San Diego	67.5%	49.6%
AD 80	Imperial/Riverside	71.8%	50.3%
SD 16	Kern/Fresno	69%	51.2%
SD 26	South Gate	79%	66.3%
SD 27	San Bernardino	69%	51.6%
SD 28	West Covina	75%	65.0%
SD 40	Riverside/San Diego	70%	50.0%

Voting Rights Act Section 5

This plan exceeds the requirement to not retrogress any Section 5 Voting Rights Act county. Yuba, Kings, and Merced counties remain whole in both the Assembly and Senate plans. The Latino CVAP numbers for all counties improve slightly in both the Senate and Assembly plan.

	Assembly		Senate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
Kings	46.81%	48.07%	50.88%	51.15%
Merced	34.98%	35.17%	37.64%	39.62%
Monterey (West)	12.49%	12.68%	15.98%	17.6%
Monterey (East)	44.25%	44.36%	37.64%	39.62%
Yuba	8.09%	10.09%	8.59%	10.75%

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City Splits

This plan improves upon our previous effort dramatically in the area of limiting the number of City splits. After viewing your draft maps, it was clear to us that the commission was attempting to keep even unpopulated remote parts of cities from being split. We made numerous adjustments to accommodate that view.

California has 481 incorporated cities. This plan keeps about 90% of them entirely within one Assembly district. Accommodation with Section 2 and Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act necessitates the majority of the city splits in this plan.

In addition, Los Angeles, Oakland, Long Beach, San Diego, Sacramento, Fresno, and Bakersfield are split because the total population in these cities exceed the ideal population for an Assembly district. The following 38 cities are split in this Assembly plan:

Altadena
Anaheim
Antioch
Arcadia
Bakersfield
Carson
Chula Vista
Colton
Corona
Fairfield
Fontana
Fountain Valley
Fowler
Fremont
Fullerton
Garden Grove
Gardena
Glendale
Hawthorne
Inglewood
Irvine
Kingsburg
Modesto
Monterey Park
National City
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San Bernardino
Santa Ana
South El Monte
South Pasadena
South San Francisco
Stockton
Turlock
Yorba Linda

The Senate Plan Splits 34 cities.

They are –

Altadena
Anaheim
Antioch
Bakersfield
Carson
Chula Vista
Colton
Corona
Fairfield
Fountain Valley
Fowler
Fremont
Fullerton
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Nesting and Numbering

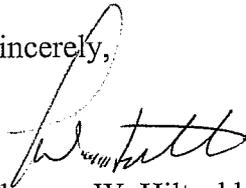
One of the criteria that was listed for the initial public submission of maps a few weeks ago was that districts be nested and numbered. Like our previous plan, this plan fully complies with the standard for population equality and the Voting Rights Act requirements while being fully nested.

This plan proves that nesting can be accomplished without jeopardizing any of the core principles in this process.

In terms of numbering districts, we adopted the Commission's policy to minimize deferrals by generally numbering districts odd or even based on what they were previously in the general geographic area of the state.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We consider it to be a realistic option for the commission or a court to consider as good policy for the people of California.

Sincerely,



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Economy and Education