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September 29, 2010

Gregory Schmidt, Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 400  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

As you know, the Voters FIRST Act (Act), approved by voters in November 2008 as Proposition 11, shifted responsibility for redrawing the State Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization district lines to a newly formed 14-member Commission—the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). The Act requires the State Auditor to implement the application and selection process for forming the Commission. To do so, the law requires the State Auditor to establish an Applicant Review Panel (Panel)—three CPAs employed by the Bureau of State Audits (BSA) with ten years of independent auditing experience—to review the applications and identify 60 of the most qualified applicants based on their relevant analytical skills, their ability to be impartial, and their appreciation for California’s diverse demographics and geography. On November 15, 2009, we were selected to serve on the Panel and, over the last five months, we have reviewed the applications, application materials, public comments, and reports from BSA staff. Further, we interviewed nearly 120 of the most qualified applicants and, in a series of public meetings, identified 60 of the most qualified applicants.

Pursuant to the Act and Section 60852 of Chapter 1 of Title 2 of the California Code Regulations, we present to you a list of the names of 60 of the most qualified applicants to the Citizens Redistricting Commission. The list of applicants is divided into three subpools: 20 who are registered as Democrats, 20 who are registered as Republicans, and 20 who are registered as either Decline-to-State or members of another party. The Act permits the President pro Tempore of the Senate, the Minority Floor Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and Minority Floor Leader of the Assembly (legislative leaders) to strike up to a total of 24 names from the list.

For the convenience of the legislative leaders, we are providing you with 2 sets of 60 compact discs (CDs)—one for each applicant—so that you may provide them to the legislative leaders. Each of the CDs contains the following information about each applicant:

- Recording and Transcript of Applicant Interview
- Initial and Supplemental Application and Amendment (if any)

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- Letters of Recommendation
- Form 700 and Amendment (if any)
- Public Comments and Applicant Responses (if any)
- BSA Information Report for the Applicant Review Panel and Applicant Responses (if any)

Additionally, we are providing you with a hard copy of the *BSA Report on Information Collected Concerning Applicant* for each applicant and a memorandum prepared by BSA Chief of Investigations, Steven B. Russo, dated September 21, 2010. The memorandum describes how the BSA gathered information about the applicants. The purpose of this information gathering process was to both confirm the information presented in the applicants' application materials and to acquire additional public information regarding the applicants that could be relevant to us in determining the 60 finalists.

Under the Act and the implementing regulations, the legislative leaders have the opportunity to strike up to two names each from each subpool of 20 for a total of eight possible strikes per subpool. Leadership may also decline to exercise the strikes. The Act and the implementing regulations further provide that, on or before November 15, 2010, after the legislative leaders have exercised their strikes, if any, the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly shall jointly present the pool of remaining names to the State Auditor. If the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the Assembly do not jointly present the pool of remaining names to the State Auditor, by November 15, 2010, the State Auditor must randomly draw from the list of 60 names.

The Act requires that, no later than November 20, 2010, the State Auditor must randomly draw eight names from the remaining pool of applicants—three Democrats, three Republicans, and two who are either Decline-to-State or members of another party—who will serve as the first eight commissioners. No later than December 31, 2010, those first eight commissioners must select the remaining six—two Democrats, two Republicans, and two who are either Decline-to-State or belong to another party—to form the 14-member Citizens Redistricting Commission.

In addition to interviewing nearly 120 applicants, we reviewed their applications, application materials, letters of recommendation, and public comments to evaluate their analytical skills, ability to be impartial and appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography. As detailed in the memorandum enclosed in this package, to the extent possible, BSA staff validated information provided by each applicant and confirmed that the applicants identified as 60 of the most qualified are eligible to serve on the commission, providing us with reports on its findings. As required by the Act, we conducted every interview and all of our deliberations during open public meetings that were live streamed to provide maximum public accessibility. Videos of all public meetings, transcripts of those meetings, BSA reports to the Panel, and all application materials are available on our Web site at [www.WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov](http://www.WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov).

Gregory Schmidt, Secretary of the Senate

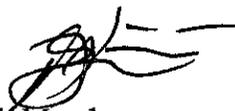
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If, during their reviews and deliberations on the enclosed list of applicants, the legislative leaders or their staff require additional information from the Panel, they may contact Sharon Reilly, Chief Counsel or Stephanie Ramirez-Ridgeway, Applicant Review Panel Counsel at (916) 445-0255 for assistance. If they would like more information from the applicants we are certainly willing to obtain the additional information for them.

Please be assured that we have taken our responsibility to heart and selected each of the enclosed 60 applicants in accordance with the Act and the implementing regulations. In doing so, we determined that these 60 applicants have demonstrated that they possess the requisite relevant analytical skills, ability to be impartial, and appreciation for California's diverse demographics and geography. The BSA will continue to operate the Web site and the Voters FIRST Act email, FAX, and phone until the full Commission is selected and will forward you any public comments that we receive through November 14, 2010. Again, please do not hesitate to contact our legal counsel if the legislative leaders need any additional information as they contemplate each of the 60 applicants whose names we are presenting to you today.

Regards,



Nasir Ahmadi, Member  
Applicant Review Panel



Mary Camacho, Member  
Applicant Review Panel



Kerri Spano, Member  
Applicant Review Panel

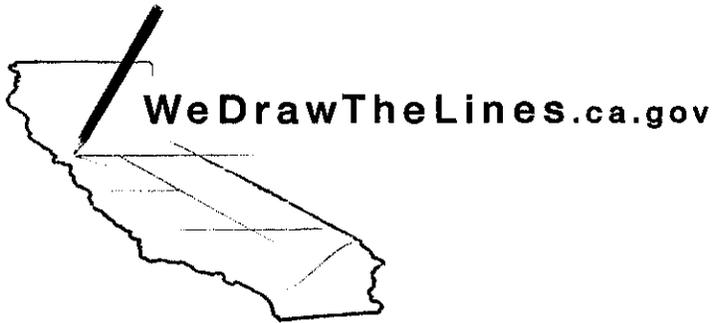
Cc: Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President pro Tempore  
Honorable Dennis Hollingsworth, Minority Leader of the Senate  
Elaine M. Howle, California State Auditor

Enclosures: Memorandum, List of Applicant Pool, and CD's

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**California Bureau of State Audits  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Applicant Review Panel Members Mary Camacho, Kerri Spano, and Nasir Ahmadi  
Applicant Review Panel Counsel Stephanie Ramirez-Ridgeway

**From:** Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations

**Subject:** Staff Report on the Bureau's activities in support of the panel, particularly, gathering information concerning applicants

**Date:** September 21, 2010

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**Introduction**

Since the meeting of the Applicant Review Panel on August 6, 2010, Bureau staff has been continuing to provide support to the Panel as outlined in my report of June 11, 2010. Most significantly during the period since the August 6 meeting, staff has been gathering information about the 120 applicants chosen to participate in an interview by the Panel and presenting that information in reports to the Panel that have been posted on the Wedrawthelines website along with the applicants' application materials. The purpose of the information-gathering process has been both to confirm the information presented in the applicants' application materials and to acquire additional information regarding the applicants – positive and negative – that may be significant to the Panel in determining who should be selected as the 60 finalists. In doing this, we attempted to be as thorough as possible, but obviously could only do as much as resources permitted.

The process we undertook to gather information consisted of four key components: (1) performing a routine search for information about every applicant from an established list of public and private sources; (2) contacting at least one of the persons who wrote a letter of recommendation concerning each applicant to confirm the information the person provided in the letter and obtain any additional information about the applicant that could be significant; (3) searching for information about the applicants from additional sources as seemed prudent in light of the content of each applicant's application materials; and (4) contacting each applicant to try to confirm the accuracy of the information contained in the materials and confirm the accuracy of any significant new information about the applicant that we discovered during the

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information-gathering process. We then distilled the information we gathered into what are obviously rather brief reports, as we were very conscious of the fact that with 120 applicants in the group being interviewed, the Panel's available time to read our reports was very limited.

Regarding the first component of the process – the routine search for information from public and private sources, I have attached to this memorandum a list of those sources. Our choice of these particular information sources was largely driven by our need to uncover information from sources that could best reveal to us whether an applicant has a conflict of interest as defined by the Voters FIRST Act, such as by having been a registered lobbyist within the past ten years. However, we also included sources that would be useful for obtaining general information about the applicants that could be significant to the Panel in evaluating their qualifications.

Concerning the second component of the fact-gathering process – contacting at least one letter of recommendation writer for each applicant, we felt this was important to do in order to make sure that applicants hadn't written letters on their own behalf, to test whether the letter writers really seemed to know what they were talking about in their letters, and just to make contact with a real, living, breathing person who could offer us insights into the applicant.

As for the third component of the fact-gathering process – contacting additional sources of information not contacted as part of our routine search for information -- this was the most creative part of the process for us, and the part that was entirely directed by where we were led by the other two components of the process. For some applicants whose stated qualifications were pretty straight-forward and could be confirmed through the routine sources, there was very little searching of additional sources of information that needed to be done. However, for certain applicants, particularly those who we suspected of having a conflict of interest arising from an activity that occurred several years ago, or who had a more colorful background that might indicate a lack of impartiality or appreciation for diversity, this "customized" search for information was rather extensive.

The fourth component of the process – speaking with each of the applicants – was an essential part of trying to ensure the accuracy of the application materials and of the information that we uncovered through our information gathering. We reviewed with the applicants the content of their application materials to try to ensure that all of the required information was included and that we correctly understood what was stated in the materials. We also asked additional questions of applicants to help us follow up on what was stated in their application materials and to try to get a better sense of them as people. Most importantly, if we discovered through our information gathering some particularly significant piece of information about an applicant that might indicate a conflict of interest or doubtful qualifications to serve as a member of the Commission, we confronted the applicant with the information and asked him or her to provide a response and/or direct us to some source of further information.

We believe that our fact-gathering process has been a successful process, and we hope that you have found our reports helpful.

### **Sources Consulted During Routine Information Search**

Google for information about applicants and their family members (using names [including variations {e.g., Robert, Bob, etc.} and known nicknames], addresses, educational institutions, current employer, former employers, organizations of involvement, authors of letters of recommendation and authors of public comments, etc.).

Cal-Access for information about electoral candidates, campaign contributions, and lobbying.

The website for the Federal Elections Commission for information about campaign contributions and lobbying.

Opensecrets.org, Huffingtonpost.com, newsmeat.com, and/or campaignmoney.com for campaign contributions.

Lexis-Nexis for legal information (e.g., liens, court- or case-related activity, etc.).

Political Parties for committee memberships.

Local agencies for lobbyists.

As necessary, the State Controller's Office to search for state employees.

As necessary, Pipl.com and /or websites for local newspapers for general information.

As necessary, Guidestar.com for information about charitable organizations.

As necessary, State Bar website for attorneys.

As necessary, websites for other professional licensees (e.g., Consumer Affairs for contractors, architects, CPA's, etc.; medical board; etc.).

As necessary, documents from the state library and/or state archives (e.g., information regarding appointments to state offices or positions).

As necessary, county websites for court- or case-related information.

As necessary, smartvoter.org for electoral candidates.



As necessary, websites for local governments to research local ordinances for information on elected or appointed local positions.

As necessary, UC Davis website (MELVYL), Amazon.com, and/or Googlebooks.com for publication information.

As necessary, blockshopper.com for addresses.

As necessary, Facebook, Twitter, and/or LinkedIn for social network information.



## 20 of The Most Qualified Democrat Applicants Selected By The Applicant Review Panel

Applicant ID	Last Name	First Name	Race/Ethnicity	Gender	Economic Status	Region	County
5047	Aguayo Schupbach	Victoria	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles
3622	Aguirre	Gabino	Hispanic or Latino	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Southern Coastal	Ventura
34353	Ancheta	Angelo	Asian	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Bay Area	San Francisco
9960	Black	Kathryn	White	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Southern Central Valley and Mountain	Tulare
8543	Blanco	Maria	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Bay Area	Contra Costa
15208	Brigham	Tangerine	Black	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Bay Area	Alameda
29267	Dai	Cynthia	Asian - \$124,999	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Bay Area	San Francisco
12093	Ford	Richard	Black	Male	Over \$250,000	Bay Area	San Francisco
6388	Freeland	Gregory	Black	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Central Coastal	Santa Barbara
6584	Gamboia	John	Hispanic or Latino	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Bay Area	Contra Costa
5780	Harris	Maria	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles
8063	Judd	Lillian	White	Female	\$35,000 - \$74,999	Central Coastal	San Luis Obispo
8222	Kuo	Elaine	Asian	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Bay Area	Santa Clara
18565	Machamer	Ann Marie (Amber)	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Bay Area	Santa Clara
30928	Mason	Fay	Black	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Inland Empire	San Bernardino
7266	Michelson	Melissa	White	Female	Over \$250,000	Bay Area	Santa Clara
33039	Ohlson	Brightstar	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Bay Area	Alameda
12283	Raya	Jeanne	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles
1476	Saito	Leland	Asian	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles
2106	Turner	Charles	White	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	North Central Valley and Mountain	Butte

## 20 of The Most Qualified Republican Applicants Selected By The Applicant Review Panel

Applicant ID	Last Name	First Name	Race/Ethnicity	Gender	Economic Status	Region	County
3353	Barabba	Vincent	White	Male	Over \$250,000	Central Coastal	Santa Cruz
22713	Beasley	Kathleen	White	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	North Central Valley and Mountain	Sacramento
21387	Briggs	Michael	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Southern Coastal	San Diego
21683	Filkins Webber	Jodie	Asian	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Inland Empire	Riverside
31432	Hussey	Wesley	White	Male	\$35,000 - \$74,999	North Central Valley and Mountain	Sacramento
3368	Ikari	David	Asian	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	North Central Valley and Mountain	Sacramento
1915	Jorgensen	Alan "Skip"	White	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	North Coastal	Humboldt
6467	Kwong	Jeffrey	Asian	Male	Under \$35,000	Bay Area	San Francisco
8216	Lee	Gene	Asian	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Bay Area	Santa Clara
30538	McAndrews	Davin	White	Male	Over \$250,000	Bay Area	San Francisco
7578	Miller	Susan	White	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles
3051	Morales	Gabriel	Hispanic or Latino	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Central Coastal	Santa Barbara
342	Ontai	Lilbert "Gil"	Pacific Islanders	Male	\$35,000 - \$74,999	Southern Coastal	San Diego
32975	Salume	Roy	Hispanic or Latino	Male	\$35,000 - \$74,999	Bay Area	San Mateo
4157	Shipman	Christine (Chris)	Black	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	North Central Valley and Mountain	Sacramento
6276	Simas	Gina	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles
9056	Vidal	James	Hispanic or Latino	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Inland Empire	Riverside
24641	Volpa	Evelyn	White	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Central Coastal	Santa Cruz
33384	Ward	Michael	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Male	\$35,000 - \$74,999	Southern Coastal	Orange
16250	Yao	Peter	Asian	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles

## 20 Of The Most Qualified Applicants Not Affiliated with Either Party Selected By The Applicant Review Panel

Applicant ID	Last Name	First Name	Race/Ethnicity	Gender	Economic Status	Region	County	Party Affiliation
8438	Armenta	Thais	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	North Central Valley and Mountain	Sacramento	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
8242	DiGuilio-Matz	Michelle	White	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Mountain	San Joaquin	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
1633	Espana	Teresa	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$35,000 - \$74,999	Mountain	Fresno	Green Party
057	Flashman	Stuart	White	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Bay Area	Alameda	Green Party
926	Forbes	Stanley	White	Male	\$35,000 - \$74,999	North Central Valley and Mountain	Yolo	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
7483	Galambos Malloy	Connie	Black	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Bay Area	Alameda	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
4453	Gee	Sherman	Asian	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Bay Area	Alameda	Other
167	Hamm	William	White	Male	Over \$250,000	Bay Area	Contra Costa	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
5313	Hernlund	Christine	American Indian or Alaskan Native	Female	\$35,000 - \$74,999	North Central Valley and Mountain	Sacramento	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
5120	Jefferson	Patrick	Black	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
4657	Lochte	Byrd	White	Female	\$35,000 - \$74,999	North Coastal	Humboldt	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
8475	Luna	Carl	White	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Southern Coastal	San Diego	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
423	McKaskle	Paul	White	Male	Over \$250,000	Bay Area	Alameda	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
0225	Parvenu	M.	Black	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
2729	Perez	Patrick	Hispanic or Latino	Male	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Bay Area	San Mateo	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
049	Salinas	Josefa	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$75,000 - \$124,999	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
576	Scheidegger	Edward	White	Male	\$125,000 - \$250,000	North Central Valley and Mountain	Sacramento	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
2003	Schmitz	Velveth	Hispanic or Latino	Female	Over \$250,000	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
737	SOVIERO	D. J. (Donna Jo)	White	Female	Over \$250,000	Bay Area	San Francisco	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party
99	Stewart	Maria	Hispanic or Latino	Female	\$125,000 - \$250,000	Southern Coastal	Los Angeles	Decline to State/Not Registered with a Political Party