



May 4, 2020

Applicant Review Panel  
c/o California State Auditor  
621 Capitol Mall, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
*Sent via electronic transmission*

**Re: Potential Delay in Redistricting Timeline**

Dear Members of the Applicant Review Panel:

Thank you again for your work to complete the Citizens Redistricting Commission (CRC) selection process. As you know, the Census Bureau has proposed a significant adjustment to the timeline for the 2020 Census and release of data to the states. We write to suggest you let the remaining applicants know this delay could impact the CRC's timeline in case this affects applicants' ability to serve on the CRC.

If adopted by Congress, the adjusted timeline proposed by the Census Bureau means states may not receive census data until as late as July 31, 2021. Allowing for the time Statewide Database will need to clean up the data, the CRC may not have the data it needs to do line-drawing until as late as August 31, 2021, two weeks after the CRC's original deadline for the completion of its work. Assuming adjustments can be made to the CRC's deadline to allow for the months-long process for public input and mapping after the release of redistricting data, this means the CRC's most time-intensive period of work could be fall instead of summer 2021.

Applicants may not understand the impact the Census Bureau's delay could have on the CRC's timeline, and it is possible the original timeline factored into an applicant's decision to apply to the CRC. We therefore urge you to let applicants know, prior to sending the list of finalists to the Legislature, about the possibility of the CRC's labor-intensive period extending well into the fall of 2021 in case this could impact any applicant's ability to serve on the CRC.

Thank you again for your work to ensure a transparent, fair, and independent selection and redistricting process. If you have any questions or need any follow-up, please do not hesitate to contact Lori Shellenberger, Common Cause Redistricting Consultant, at 917.226.0514, or Helen Hutchison, Redistricting Program Director for League of Women Voters of California, at 510.654.2216.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Mehta Stein".

Jonathan Mehta Stein  
Executive Director  
California Common Cause

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Moon Goldberg".

Carol Moon Goldberg  
President  
League of Women Voters of California