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Redistricting Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

As the founder and President of a pan-Asian organization, I was alerted that there are certain diversity issues with the current makeup of the Citizens' Redistricting Commission, specifically with the lack of adequate Asian representation in this group.

As the President of both my pan Asian organization and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance in Orange County, I deal daily with the diverse interests and concerns of different groups. Even within the Chinese population, a huge portion of Southern California, there are distinctions between the Mainland Chinese and Taiwanese. Asians overall are also the fastest growing group in California.

While it is understandable to classify the two Indians as "Asian" and maybe satisfying a broader checkbox, this bigger "Asian" category merely scratches the surface of the many subgroups of the Asian continent's immigrants and large communities in California, such as the Chinese in San Gabriel Valley and Irvine, Filipinos in Glendale and Cerritos, or the Koreans and Vietnamese in Orange County. And this is just in Southern California. The same ethnic groups just referenced are all over the state with heavy pockets in Northern California as well.

It would be in the Commission's best interest to consider fairly representing these groups, as having only Indians represent the overall Asian category, does not adequately capture the Asian mosaic.

Considering the facts that both selected Commissioners are Indian would be equivalent of having two Hispanic Commissioners that were from Spain or Cuba. Although they may share the Hispanic culture of those from Mexico or other Latin American countries, their backgrounds and experiences are very different. As are Indians and Vietnamese, for example.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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