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I urge the commission to seriously consider Linda Akutagawa (ID #22971) for the vacant positions of the CA Redistricting Commission. I had written a recommendation in her initial application for the Commission and will emphasize the fact that she will be an asset to the Commission and the work needed for a fair & equitable redistricting work. Most especially at this time since the first 8 Commissioners have been chosen, Ms. Akutagawa will bring a rounded balance to the Commission as a whole. I believe it is imperative to bring representation from 1) Southern California- especially from Orange County; 2) the Asian Pacific Islander Community; 3) women; and 4) a Commissioner who truly knows and understands community engagement. Ms. Akutagawa will bring all of those characteristics to the Commission. We have worked on a Board of Directors together where she advocates for the rights and needs of underrepresented communities, she encourages differing opinions to ensure that she is considering as many possibilities before making a decision, and she is committed to fairness and equality. Please include Ms. Linda Akutagawa on your slate of recommendation for the CA Redistricting Commission.

Sincerely,
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Mayor Pro Tem, City of Sierra Madre
Board President, Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council