



January 22, 2021

Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair  
Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee

Honorable Phil Ting, Chair  
Assembly Budget Committee

Honorable Anthony Portantino, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee

Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee

**Citizens Redistricting Commission—Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget Augmentation**

Pursuant to Provision 6 of Item 0911-001-0001, 2019 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received a request, pursuant to Provision 6, Item 0911-001-0001 from the Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) to authorize use of \$2,065,000 already appropriated by the Legislature. This funding will be used for the Commission’s statewide outreach efforts, as required by the Voters FIRST Act of 2008 and the Voters FIRST Act for Congress of 2010.

Section 8253, subdivision (a)(7) of the Government Code indicates the Commission shall establish and implement an open hearing process for public input and deliberation that shall be subject to public notice and promoted through a thorough outreach program to solicit broad public participation in the redistricting public review process. The Commission intends to utilize a portion of the funding to promote direct events, including virtual events and public hearings. The funding will also be used to provide grants to established organizations and community groups for the distribution of educational and public hearing materials to hard-to-serve communities.

We concur with the necessity of this request and will be approving the request not sooner than 30 days from the submission to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call John Fitzpatrick, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

KEELY MARTIN BOSLER

Director

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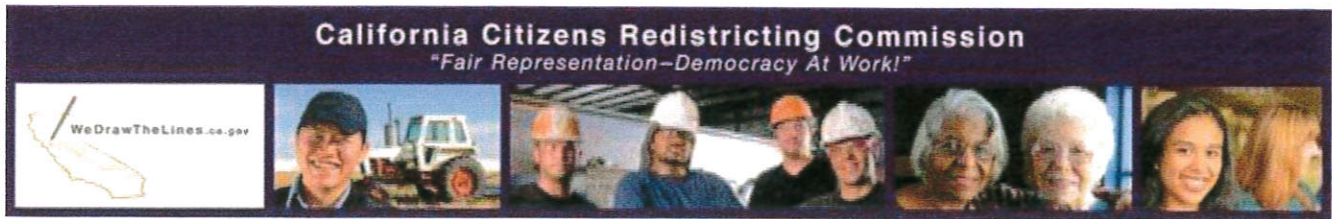


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Attachment

cc: Honorable Wendy Carrillo, Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4  
Honorable Anna M. Caballero, Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review  
Subcommittee No. 4  
Honorable Jim Nielsen, Vice Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee  
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Jay Dickenson, Chief Consultant, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
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Kary Marshall, Chief Counsel, Citizens Redistricting Commission



January 5, 2021

Ms. Keely Bosler  
Finance Director  
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Subject: Request for the Release of the Provisional Funds for the Outreach Efforts of the Citizens Redistricting Commission. 0911-001-0001, Provision 6.

Dear Director Bosler,

Pursuant to the 2019 - 2020 Governor's Budget at 0911-001-0001, Provision 6, and statutory provisions therein, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) requests the release of government appropriated funds, in the amount of \$2,065,000 for its statewide outreach program. In pertinent part, Government Code section 8253.6 (a), states [the Commission] will be provided funding that is sufficient to meet the estimated expenses for implementing the redistricting process for a three-year period (starting in fiscal year 2019-20 and ending in fiscal year 2021-22). A portion of that funding is for a statewide outreach program to solicit broad public participation in the redistricting process, as required by the Voters FIRST Act of 2008 and the Voters FIRST Act for Congress of 2010.

As referenced above in Provision 6 and pursuant to Government Code section 8253(a)(7), the funds shall be used as follow:

The commission shall establish and implement an open hearing process for public input and deliberation that shall be subject to public notice and promoted through a thorough outreach program to solicit broad public participation in the redistricting public review process. The hearing process shall include hearings to receive public input before the commission draws any maps and hearings following the drawing and display of any commission maps. In addition, hearings shall be supplemented with other activities as appropriate to further increase opportunities for the public to observe and participate in the review process.

It is the Commission's intention to use the entire amount for outreach efforts that include education and civic engagement opportunities to increase the public's knowledge of the redistricting process and how to participate; to increase public participation in hearings designed to receive public input prior the drawing of any district maps; and, to increase public input after the Commission has displayed any draft maps and final maps. A portion of the funds will be utilized by the Commission's staff to promote direct events by commissioners including virtual education and engagement events throughout the state and virtual or in-person public hearings required by the Constitution. (Any in-person hearings or meetings will be governed by the Governor's Covid-19 instructions and/or restrictions.) In addition, a portion of the funds will be utilized to provide grants to established organizations and community groups who can push-out the Commission's educational materials and hearing schedules to hard-to-serve communities throughout the state and thus maximize the use of the funding. As part of both efforts, the Commission will endeavor to provide the fullest amount of access possible for all Californians including language access and access from remote or underserved locations.

The requirements of the provisional language state that the amount provided in Schedule (1), \$2,065,000, is available no earlier than August 15, 2020, and upon notification to the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for outreach efforts pursuant to Government Code section 8253(a)(7). The language further states that the Department of Finance will provide the amount in Schedule (1) no sooner than 30 days after the notification in writing to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, or any lesser time determined by the chairperson of the joint committee.

If you or any members of your staff wish to discuss this request, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate your time and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director  
California Citizens Redistricting Commission

Cc: Ms. Erika Li, Chief Deputy Director, Budgets, Department of Finance  
Ms. Amy Jarvis, Program Budget Manager, Department of Finance  
Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Principal Program Budget Analyst, Department of Finance  
Ms. Tamara Johnson, Finance Budget Analyst, Department of Finance  
Mr. Antonio Le Mons, Chairperson, Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Mr. Derric Taylor, Vice-Chairperson, Citizens Redistricting Commission  
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